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### **Ohio EPA Awards Recycling Market Development Grants**

Ohio EPA has awarded \$1.7 million in grants to 11 projects across Ohio for a variety of recycling projects including organics composting, electronic waste processing, plastics manufacturing and processing and projects that address other recyclables. The projects are expected to create 44 permanent jobs.

“These grants will support the companies in Ohio that rely on recycled materials for their feedstock,” said Ohio EPA Director Craig W. Butler said. “Using recovered materials saves energy, water, natural resources, landfill space and often creates jobs. From an environmental perspective, everyone wins.”

Business and nonprofit groups are eligible for funding but must be sponsored by a public entity, such as a municipality, county, township or solid waste management district.

Projects approved for funding include:

- Erie County Solid Waste District, Barnes Nursery Inc., organics recycling, \$250,000;
- Defiance Fulton Paulding & Williams Solid Waste District, Andre Farms LLC, organics recycling, \$250,000;
- Hamilton County Solid Waste District, Cleanlites Recycling Inc., manufacturing and processing, \$250,000;
- Lorain County Solid Waste District, Quality Blow Molding Inc., manufacturing and processing, \$154,500,
- North Central Solid Waste District (Allen County), RTH Processing, materials recovery facility, \$35,000;
- Montgomery County Solid Waste District, Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, glass recycling, \$54,575;
- Butler County Solid Waste District, Cohen, manufacturing and processing, \$250,000;
- North Central Solid Waste District (Allen County), Marimor Industries Inc., manufacturing and processing, \$82,218;
- Village of North Perry, RES Polyflow LLC, manufacturing and processing, \$250,000;

- Summit Akron Solid Waste District, Regency Seating Inc., manufacturing and processing, \$13,850; and
- Summit Akron Solid Waste District, Acroa, Neoshred, manufacturing and processing, \$125,000.

Grants were awarded based on financial need of the applicant, demonstration of positive economic and environmental impact regionally and statewide, assurances that the project will accomplish stated goals and the availability of grant funds.

Ohio EPA is responsible for implementing statewide waste reduction, recycling, recycling market development and litter prevention programs. All Ohioans are encouraged to reduce waste, recycling materials and buy recycled content products.

For additional information about the grant program, contact Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2873 or visit [www.recycleohio.gov](http://www.recycleohio.gov).

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*The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was created in 1972 to consolidate efforts to protect and improve air quality, water quality and waste management in Ohio. Since then, air pollutants dropped by as much as 90 percent; large rivers meeting standards improved from 21 percent to 89 percent; and hundreds of polluting, open dumps were replaced with engineered landfills and an increased emphasis on waste reduction and recycling.*