

Appendix F

Financial Requirements for Private Sector DERG Applicants

Private sector applicants must be able to demonstrate the ability to provide non-federal funding to cover expenses as they are incurred during projects under the DERG program. Because information submitted to Ohio EPA as part of a DERG application becomes a public record, some companies have expressed concern about confidentiality of these records.

Ohio EPA, the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, and the Ohio Rail Development Commission will consider serving as the Public Sponsor for Public Private Partnerships with companies that can provide current documentation of any one of the following credit ratings:

| Credit Agency | Rating |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Standard & Poor's | AAA, AA, A or BBB |
| Dun & Bradstreet Viability | 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 |
| Moody's | Aaa, Aa, A, or Baa |
| Fitch | AAA, AA, A, or BBB |

If this demonstration cannot be made, a private sector applicant may submit the most recent three years of audited annual financial reports, including balance sheets, income statements, statements of retained earnings, statements of cash flow and all notes related to the financial reports so that the proposed Public Sponsor agency can make a determination of financial viability.

The state agencies above reserve the right to decline to serve as Public Sponsor for companies that cannot provide satisfactory evidence of financial viability.

Private sector applicants may form Public Private Partnerships with local governments and other public agencies. These applications must also demonstrate the financial viability of the private sector partner.