

Appendix M. Clean Ohio Fund

FUNDING BREAKDOWN		TYPE OF FUNDING	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	USE OF FUNDS	PROCESS AND SELECTION CRITERIA	OVERSEEING AGENCY
Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund \$200 million	Brownfield Revitalization Grant Program	<p>Grants</p> <p>\$3 million maximum grant to any one project. 25% match required</p> <p>Matches may include cost for acquisition, assessment. In line services, remediation and loans, costs that were incurred within two years of when application is submitted are eligible. Loans will also be available for brownfield cleanup or remediation projects.</p>	County, township, municipal, port authority or conservancy district or park district, other similar park authority, nonprofit organization or organization for profit that enters into an agreement with a county, township municipal cooperation, port authority or conservancy district.	<p>Funds will be used for cleanup and remediation at brownfield properties. Will fund residential, commercial, and industrial cleanup. Will fund any action to contain, remove or dispose of hazardous substance or petroleum at a brownfield; acquisition; demolition; closure or corrective action of landfills and minimal amount of infrastructure improvement at brownfields. Cannot be used for administrative cost, except to employ a Certified Professional</p>	<p>Clean Ohio Council will be created to review application and award grants. Application will be screened by Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) district integrating committees. Up to six applications per OPWC district per year will be forwarded to council. Recipients must enter into agreements with the council. Recipients must employ a Certified Professional to determine if applicable cleanup standards are met per Ohio's Voluntary Action Program, where applicable, and meet certain public notification and meeting requirements. Must file certain records with county and the council.</p> <p>ODOD will establish policies and requirements for selecting and prioritizing projects. Policies and requirements must emphasize potential economic benefit that will result from cleanup, potential environmental improvements; amount and nature of match; funding priorities recommended by integrating committee; and other factors deemed appropriate. Projects that incorporate green space activities will receive priority consideration.</p>	Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) (614) 995-2292
	Clean Ohio Assistance Fund	<p>Grants</p> <p>\$10 million annually will be transferred from the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund to provide grants for public health emergencies and brownfield redevelopment in select communities.</p>	Local communities that are economically distressed or meet other economic development criteria.	Grants can assist communities with brownfield assessment, cleanup or certain public health emergencies related to water supply contamination. Cannot be used for administrative cost.	<p>Applications are submitted directly to ODOD. Applicant must enter into agreement with ODOD to receive funds.</p> <p>ODOD will establish policies and requirements for selecting and prioritizing projects.</p>	Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) (614) 995-2292

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Clean Ohio Conservation Fund \$200 million	Natural Resource Protection and Improvement (75% of Clean Ohio Conservation Fund)	<p>Grants Each OPWC District will receive moneys to distribute as grants on a modified per capita basis. 25% match required.</p> <p>Grants will be awarded annually and on a competitive basis. No maximum award limitations, but must be within District allocation.</p> <p>Match may include cash and in-land contributions, including purchase/donation of equipment, land, easements, interest in land, labor or materials.</p>	Local political subdivisions (counties, municipal corporations, townships, conservancy districts, soil and water conservation districts, joint recreation districts, park, districts or either similar park authorities and other non-profit corporations.	Funds will be used for the acquisition and development of open space; protection and enhancement of riparian corridors or watersheds; and construction or enhancement of trails. Each must meet certain criteria and money may be used for certain incidental costs, including planning, design, engineering, appraisals, environmental assessments and archeological surveys.	<p>Applications are submitted to newly established Natural Resource Assistance Councils (NRAC) appointed by the OPWC local integrating communities. NRAC will review and recommend funding of projects. OPWC determines final grant awards.</p> <p>Successful applicants will have to demonstrate community involvement and provide a copy of resolutions supporting the project from the county, municipal corporation or township in which project will be conducted.</p> <p>Each NRAC will establish prioritization and selection procedures (must be approved by OPWC Director). Considerations will include the level of coordination among community, government agencies, business groups; economic, social and environmental benefits and public access.</p>	Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) (614) 466-0880
	Trail Development (12.5% of Clean Ohio Conservation Fund)	<p>Grants There are no maximum award limitations. 25% match required. Grants will be awarded annually and on a competitive basis.</p> <p>Match may include contributions of land, easements or other interest in land, labor or materials for recreational trails.</p>	Local political subdivisions (counties, municipal corporations, townships, conservancy districts, soil and water conservation districts, joint recreation districts, park, districts or other similar park authorities and non-profit corporations.	Grants will be used to purchase land or interests in land for recreational trails and for the construction of trails. This fund cannot be used for the appropriation of land rights, rights-of-way; franchises, easements or other property through the exercise of the right of eminent domain.	<p>The director of ODNR will establish policies and procedures and will develop and manage the application and program. The director will appoint an Ohio Trail Advisory Board consisting of 9 voting members. This Board will advise the director on project selection.</p> <p>Successful applicants will have to provide resolution/s supporting the project from the county, municipal corporation or township in which the project will be conducted.</p> <p>Selection considerations will include the project's synchronization with the statewide trail plan; ability to complete trail linkages; other agency contributions; Linkage of population centers to support access and/or connect with public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, purchase of rail lines linked to the statewide trail plans; and the preservation of natural corridors.</p>	Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) (614) 265-6395
	Farmland Preservation (12.5% of Clean Ohio Conservation Fund)	<p>Grants Grants not to exceed \$1 million. 25% match required. May include donation of land.</p>	Municipal corporations, counties, townships and charitable organizations.	Grants will be used to purchase perpetual agricultural easements.	ODA will establish selection criteria, which will consider prime soils, land adjacent or close to other agricultural land that is being permanently protected, use of best management practices, development pressure, local comprehensive land use plans.	Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) (614) 728-6211