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Ohio EPA Awards Environmental Education Mini Grant to Fund Clean Air Education Campaign

The Greater Cleveland Clean Air Campaign (GCCAC) has received a \$5,000 Ohio EPA environmental education mini grant to increase public awareness of air pollution concerns in Northeast Ohio. The organization's proposal to produce public service announcements (PSAs) was one of 11 projects to be awarded Ohio EPA environmental education mini grants totaling \$50,000.

GCCAC will produce and air PSAs focusing on seasonal air quality issues and the region's non attainment of national clean air standards. Specifically, the PSAs will address potential health impacts associated with indoor fireplaces, backyard fire pits, wood-fired boilers and vehicle engine idling.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund gives out approximately \$1 million each year for environmental education projects targeting kindergarten through university students, the general public and the regulated community. General grants are given for projects lasting up to 30 months and costing up to \$50,000.

Mini grants are available for projects lasting up to 12 months and costing between \$500 and \$5,000. Proposals for classroom projects, conference speakers and other activities that are eligible under the general grant program are eligible under the mini grant program, but the application process is streamlined. Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education reserves up to \$50,000 each grant round to fund projects submitted under this program. Just like the general grant program, there are two mini grant rounds each year, with the next application deadline on July 15, 2011. An electronic letter of intent to apply is due by July 8.

For more information, contact Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education at (614) 644-2873. Staff is available to assist potential grant applicants who contact the office before the submission deadline. Information also is available [online](#).

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