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### **Ohio EPA Awards \$50,000 Environmental Education Grants to Statewide Organizations**

Ohio Energy Project and Efficiency Smart will each receive a \$50,000 grant to help teach elementary school children about energy. Eleven grants were awarded statewide for \$304,136.

Ohio Energy Project's Energy FUNDamentals project will prepare 150 third and fourth grade teachers to cover new energy topics in the science curriculum for these grades. Teachers will cover such forms of energy as heat, electrical light, sound and magnetic energy; sources of energy; states of matter – solids, liquids and gases; renewable and non-renewable energy resources in Ohio; electricity; energy efficiency and conservation.

Efficiency Smart's Super Energy Heroes Summer Camps will support 10 week-long camps that focus on energy resources and efficiency for 300 students entering fourth through sixth grades in northeast and northwest Ohio during the summers of 2014 and 2015. Topics include energy resources, forms and transformations, efficiency, environmental and economic impacts, technologic advancements and careers in the energy industry. Students will build a solar oven, ride an energy bike to understand the amount of electricity needed to light incandescent, compact fluorescent and LED light bulbs and take field trips to the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland or Imagination Station in Toledo.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund is administered by Ohio EPA. Eligible grant recipients include environmental groups, public and private schools, colleges and universities, trade or professional organizations, businesses and state and local governments. For additional information, contact the [Ohio Environmental Education Fund](#) on the web or at (614) 644-2873.

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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.*