

Funding Sources for Environmental Restoration

American Electric Power corporate giving provides contributions in the areas of education, the environment, and human services, to benefit communities within AEP's service territory. <http://www.aep.com/about/community>

Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection, from US EPA's Watershed Academy. An easy to use, searchable website providing information for watershed practitioners and others on 84 federal funding sources that may be available to help fund various watershed related projects. <http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/>

Clean Ohio Fund provides state bond issue funds for four competitive grant programs: Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program helps fund preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors
Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program supports permanent preservation of Ohio's most valuable farmland through the purchase of development rights
Clean Ohio Trails Fund works to improve outdoor recreational opportunities for Ohioans by funding trails for outdoor pursuits of all kinds.
Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund supports the cleanup of polluted properties so that they can be restored to productive uses. <http://www.clean.ohio.gov/>

Duke Energy Foundation offers grants to support arts and culture, healthy communities, and lifelong learning in communities in the Duke Energy service area covering all or portions of ten southwestern Ohio counties.
<http://www.duke-energy.com/community/foundation/giving-guidelines.asp>

Lake Erie Protection Fund awards small grants (up to \$10,000) quarterly for research, monitoring, demonstration and education projects concerning Lake Erie, its shoreline and watershed, with funding from the Lake Erie License Plate program. Larger grants are also awarded annually for specific priorities.
<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo/Grant/grants.htm>

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program award grants between \$5,000 and \$20,000 for wetland, riparian, or coastal habitat restoration projects that include education and community stewardship components. Deadline February 15.
<http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Search&template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentFileID=2131>

NatureWorks and **Land and Water Conservation Fund** grants from ODNR to local governments for up to 75 percent reimbursement of costs for acquisition, development, or rehabilitation of public park and recreation areas, or 50 percent reimbursement for outdoor recreation projects. <http://ohiodnr.com/default/tabid/11089/Default.aspx>

NiSource Environmental Challenge Fund supports natural resource and wildlife enhancement projects in communities within the Columbia Gas of Ohio service area, <http://www.nisource.com/enviro/ecf.asp> See also Nisource Charitable Foundation grants for education and environment in local communities in their service area, <http://www.nisource.com/about/corpcit/index.asp>

Ohio EPA 319 Grant Program provides federal funds to correct water quality impairments to Ohio's surface and groundwater resources that are caused by nonpoint source pollution. <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/nps/319Program.html>

Wetland Restoration Assistance grants from ODNR, Eligible landowners can receive 50% cost-share for wetland restoration or a maximum of \$500 for each acre of wetland restored if they agree to a 10-year maintenance agreement. <http://ohiodnr.com/wildlife/Home/resources/mgtplans/wetlandrestoration/tabid/5810/Default.aspx>

Other Environmental Grants

Advanced Energy Program administers grants and low-interest loans as incentives to businesses for installing energy efficient and renewable energy technologies, through the Ohio Energy Office, <http://www.odod.state.oh.us/cdd/oe/ELFGrant.htm>

Alternative Fuel Transportation Grant Program The Ohio Energy Office provides funding to retail businesses for the purchase and installation of alternative fuel refueling facilities. <http://www.odod.state.oh.us/cdd/oe/transportation.htm>

Diesel Emission Reduction Grants available through the Ohio Department of Development, with federal highway funding <http://www.odod.state.oh.us/diesel-emissions/>

Home Weatherization Assistance Program is a federally funded low-income residential energy efficiency program. The program reduces low-income households' energy use, thus creating more affordable housing for those in most need. Services include attic, wall and basement insulation; blower-door-guided air leakage reduction; heating system repairs or replacements; and health and safety testing and inspections. http://www.odod.state.oh.us/cdd/oe/res_hwap.htm

Ohio Air Quality Development Authority Small Business Grant Assistance Program Helps small businesses having difficulty complying with the Clean Air Act, <http://www.ohioairquality.org/>

Ohio Clean Diesel School Bus Fund gives grants up to \$100,000 to public school districts in Ohio to retrofit buses with pollution control equipment to reduce student exposure to diesel exhaust.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources offers a number of grant programs, including recycling and pollution abatement programs, described at <http://ohiodnr.com/?TabId=10762>

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