

# Funding Nutrient Reduction Options for Nonpoint Source Pollution

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## Nonpoint Source Funding Options

- Federal Funding
  - Nearly 100 Programs
  - Searchable database
    - [www.epa.gov/watershedfunding](http://www.epa.gov/watershedfunding)
    - CRP, EQIP, 319
- State Funding
  - Public Works Commission
  - Ohio Department of Natural Resources
  - Ohio EPA
    - SWIF, WRRSP

## Federal Funding

### USDA/FSA – Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

- **Agreement Type** – Grant & rental payment
  - General & Continuous signups ( includes watershed specific CREP)
- **Description** – Remove Cropland from production by converting to native vegetation
- **Eligibility** – Farmers & Ranchers
- **Funding Range** – Rental: general \$400 - \$8000, continuous \$100 - \$500, plus incentive payment
- **Match Requirement** – 50% - practice cost share
- **Agreement Length** – 15 years
- **Funding Level** – FY 12 - \$2.1 billion, Ohio \$30 million

## Federal Funding

### USDA/NRCS – Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- **Agreement Type** – Grant
- **Description** – Implement eligible conservation practices at livestock facilities, pasture & cropland
- **Eligibility** – Farmers & Ranchers
- **Funding Range** – Up to \$300,000
- **Match Requirement** – 50% to 25%
- **Agreement Length** – 1 - 10 years
- **Funding Level** – \$1.4 billion, Ohio \$19.4 million

## Federal Funding

### US EPA/OEPA – Nonpoint Source Implementation (319)

- Agreement Type – Grant
- Description – Implement projects and programs to reduce nonpoint source pollution
- Eligibility – Community/Watershed Groups, Nonprofit, Conservation Districts, Local Government, State Agency
- Funding Range – up to \$250,000
- Match Requirement – 40%
- Agreement Length – 2 - 3 years
- Funding Level – FY 12 - \$164 million, Ohio \$3 million

## State Funding

### OEPA – Surface Water Improvements Fund (SWIF)

- Agreement Type – Grant
- Description – Implement water quality improvement projects
- Eligibility – Community/Watershed Groups, Nonprofit, Conservation Districts, Local Government, State Agency
- Funding Range – up to \$100,000 statewide
- Match Requirement – No match
- Agreement Length – 2 years
- Funding Level – FY 12 - \$1 million statewide

## State Funding

### OEPA – Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP)

- **Agreement Type** – Grant associated with sponsoring WPCLF project loan
- **Description** – Funds to preserve and restore aquatic habitat to counter the loss of ecological function and biological diversity
- **Eligibility** – Community/Watershed Groups, Nonprofit, Conservation Districts, Local Government, State Agency
- **Funding Range** – No cap
- **Match Requirement** – No match
- **Agreement Length** – No cap
- **Funding Level** – FY 13 - \$15 million