
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

- Establishes a District Administration Costs Program for natural resource assistance councils representing public works districts.

District Administration Costs Program

(Section 365.10)

The bill authorizes the Director of the Public Works Commission to create a District Administration Costs Program for public works districts that are represented by natural resource assistance councils. The Program is to be used by the councils to pay the direct costs of council administration. Participating councils may be eligible for as much as \$15,000 per fiscal year from the allocation to the corresponding public works district from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund (a fund consisting of proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds of the state issued to pay the costs of conservation projects). Under the Program, the Director must define allowable and nonallowable administration costs. The bill provides that nonallowable costs include indirect costs, elected official salaries and benefits, and project-specific costs.

Under continuing law, there are 19 public works districts, each with a district public works integrating committee.¹²⁹ Each district committee is required to appoint a natural resource assistance council.¹³⁰ Councils have the job of reviewing and either approving or disapproving applications for grants (of the district's allocation of Clean Ohio Conservation Fund money) for open space acquisition and related projects and to protect and enhance riparian corridors and watersheds.¹³¹

¹²⁹ R.C. 164.03 and 164.04, not in the bill.

¹³⁰ R.C. 164.21, not in the bill.

¹³¹ R.C. 164.22, not in the bill.

