

Lake Erie Commission

State Special Revenue Fund Group

4C0 780-601 Lake Erie Protection

1998 Actual	1999 Actual	2000 Actual	2001 Actual	2002 Appropriation	2003 Appropriation
\$ 894,876	\$ 810,978	\$ 889,835	\$ 998,298	\$ 1,044,854	\$ 1,070,975
	-9.4%	9.7%	12.2%	4.7%	2.5%

Source: State Special Revenue Fund Group: Revenues generated from the issuance of Lake Erie license plates; other donations, gifts, and bequests

Legal Basis: ORC 1506.23

Purpose: Moneys in this fund may be used to: (1) accelerate the pace of research into the economic, environmental, and human health effects of contamination of Lake Erie and its tributaries; (2) fund cooperative research and data collection regarding Lake Erie water quality and toxic contamination; (3) develop improved methods of measuring water quality and establishing a firm scientific base for implementing a basin-wide system of water quality management for Lake Erie and its tributaries; (4) support research to improve the scientific knowledge on which protection policies are based and devising new and innovative cleanup techniques for toxic contaminants; (5) supplement state commitments to policies and programs pertaining to Lake Erie water quality and resource protection in a stable and predictable manner; (6) encourage cooperation with and among leaders from state legislatures, state agencies, political subdivisions, business and industry, labor, institutions of higher education, environmental organizations, and conservation groups within the Lake Erie basin; (7) and award grants for the development and implementation of projects and programs that are designed to protect Lake Erie by reducing toxic contamination of or improving water quality in Lake Erie. Projects involving research and implementation in the priority areas of pollution prevention, habitat restoration, and exotic species prevention typically receive grant awards from the Lake Erie Protection Fund.

5D8 780-602 Lake Erie Resources

1998 Actual	1999 Actual	2000 Actual	2001 Actual	2002 Appropriation	2003 Appropriation
\$ 708,875	\$ 484,181	\$ 479,414	\$ 462,347	\$ 661,009	\$ 689,004
	-31.7%	-1.0%	-3.6%	43.0%	4.2%

Source: State Special Revenue Fund Group: Ohio's share of the earnings from the Great Lake Protection Fund (an interstate trust fund); other donations, gifts, and bequests

Legal Basis: ORC 1506.24

Purpose: The Great Lakes Protection Fund (this fund's main revenue source) is a regional trust fund established by the Great Lakes states to advance the principles, goals, and objectives of the Great Lakes Toxic Substances Control Agreement and the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Ohio receives a portion of the earnings from this fund, which is used to support the operating expenses of the Lake Erie Commission and the Lake Erie Office.