

Lake Erie Commission

State Special Revenue Fund Group

4C0 780-601 Lake Erie Protection Fund

2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Appropriation	2009 Appropriation
\$692,968	\$600,704	\$576,263	\$637,683	\$450,000	\$450,000
	-13.3%	-4.1%	10.7%	-29.4%	0.0%

Source: State Special Revenue Fund Group: Revenues generated from the sale of Lake Erie license plates and other donations, gifts, and bequests; and a Ohio Water Development Authority grant pass-through for Pilot Watershed Balanced Growth Plans, approximately \$200,000 per fiscal year

Legal Basis: ORC 1506.23; Section 315.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th G.A.

Purpose: Moneys in this fund may be used to: (1) accelerate the pace of research related to contamination of Lake Erie and its tributaries; (2) fund cooperative research and data collection regarding water quality and toxic contamination; (3) develop improved methods of measuring water quality and establish a basin-wide system of water quality management; (4) support research to devise 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; (6) encourage cooperation among political, business, labor, educational, environmental and conservation leaders within the Lake Erie basin; and (7) award grants for the development and implementation of projects and programs that are designed to protect Lake Erie.

5D8 780-602 Lake Erie Resources Fund

2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Appropriation	2009 Appropriation
\$426,692	\$349,894	\$266,362	\$285,267	\$387,000	\$388,000
	-18.0%	-23.9%	7.1%	35.7%	0.3%

Source: State Special Revenue Fund Group: Ohio's share of the annual earnings from the Great Lake Protection Fund (an interstate trust fund), contributions from Commission member agencies, and grants for specific work projects conducted by the LEC staff

Legal Basis: ORC 1506.24; Section 315.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th G.A.

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 deposited in the Lake Erie Resources Fund and used to support the operating expenses of the Lake Erie Commission and the Lake Erie Office.