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- Bonds issued by the Authority do not contribute to overall state debt.

Air Quality Development Authority

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ROLE

The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a nonregulatory government agency that was established in 1970 in response to environmental mandates established by the federal government in the first Clean Air Act. A seven-member board governs the Authority. The Governor appoints five of the members. The remaining two members are the directors of the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The Authority assists Ohio businesses in complying with air quality regulations by providing technical and financial assistance.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
4	\$658,000	\$689,000	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H. B. 94

OVERVIEW

Appropriations for FY 2002 are \$658,436. This amount is \$199,492 greater than FY 2001 actual expenditures, a 43.5 percent increase. Appropriations for FY 2003 are \$689,328. This amount is \$30,892 greater than FY 2002 appropriations, a 4.7 percent increase. In FY 2002 and FY 2003, the appropriations are used for Small Business Ombudsman and Small Business Assistance, 29 percent and 34 percent respectively, and the rest for the agency's operating expenses.

The OAQDA provides small business assistance by providing financing assistance, through the Clean Air Resource Center, and by providing customer education.

BUDGET ISSUES

FINANCING ASSISTANCE

The OAQDA assists Ohio businesses in complying with environmental standards by financing the purchase, construction, or installation of air pollution control equipment. Since beginning operations, the Authority has issued more than 225 revenue bonds totaling over \$3.8 billion to finance or refinance air pollution control equipment. In the FY 1998-1999 biennium, the Authority issued over \$328 million in bonds and managed outstanding bonds or refinanced debt totaling more than \$1.5 billion. According to the Authority, the amount for the FY 2000-2001 biennium was not available at the time this analysis was written.

The bonds issued by the OAQDA are air quality revenue bonds. The repayment stream and funding for the Authority come from rentals and lease payments paid by the business, agency, or utility for which the bonds were issued. Because state revenues are not used, these bonds do not contribute to overall state debt. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
AIR Air Quality Development Authority									
570	898-601	Operating Expenses	\$ 166,202	\$ 192,738	\$203,769	\$ 243,070	19.29%	\$ 258,383	6.30%
4Z9	898-602	Small Business Ombudsman	\$ 182,280	\$ 122,799	\$224,734	\$ 222,719	-0.90%	\$ 233,482	4.83%
5A0	898-603	Small Business Assistance	\$ 4,311	\$ 4,655	\$30,441	\$ 192,647	532.85%	\$ 197,463	2.50%
Agency Fund Group Total			\$ 352,793	\$ 320,192	\$ 458,944	\$ 658,436	43.47%	\$ 689,328	4.69%
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