

Greenbook

LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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Appropriation Spreadsheet

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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Quick look...

- The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is generally charged with protecting the state's environment and public health by ensuring compliance with environmental laws.
- Total budget recommendations: \$255.0 million in FY 2026 and \$259.2 million in FY 2027.
- Revenue sources: state non-GRF (74.6%), federal (20.2%), and GRF (5.2%).
- \$7.5 million appropriated for H2Ohio in each FY 2026 and FY 2027.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
General Revenue (GRF)	\$12,158,956	\$13,485,806	\$13,232,534	\$13,265,775
Dedicated Purpose (DPF)	\$197,062,213	\$202,335,666	\$177,835,570	\$181,391,307
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$10,602,134	\$10,613,703	\$12,249,300	\$12,274,300
Federal (FED)	\$66,452,606	\$50,968,277	\$51,674,302	\$52,250,985
Total	\$286,275,909	\$277,403,452	\$254,991,706	\$259,182,367
% change	--	-3.1%	-8.1%	1.6%
GRF % change	--	10.9%	-1.9%	0.3%

Overview

Agency overview

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is charged with protecting the state's environment and public health by ensuring compliance with environmental laws. Ohio EPA has regulatory operations, each of which issues permits to regulate industries that pollute in a specific area, for example, air emissions or wastewater discharges to bodies of water. It also has nonregulatory operations that provide financial assistance to businesses and communities, site cleanup and spill response, environmental education, pollution prevention assistance, laboratory analysis, and criminal environmental investigations.

Appropriation summary

The budget provides Ohio EPA a total appropriation of \$255.0 million in FY 2026 and \$259.2 million in FY 2027.

Budget highlights

Agency fees

Fee sunset extension

The budget extends fees set to expire by two years (through January 30, 2027). These fees include the following:

- Annual emissions fees for synthetic minor facilities;
- Annual discharge fees for holders of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued under the Water Pollution Control Law and the surcharge paid by permit holders that are major dischargers;
- Application fees for an NPDES permit;
- Application fees for plan approvals for wastewater treatment works under the Water Pollution Control Law;
- Fees for the initial and renewal licenses for public water system licenses issued under the Safe Drinking Water Law;
- Fee for plan approvals for public water supply systems under the Safe Drinking Water Law;
- Fees for state certification of laboratories and laboratory personnel for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Law;
- Fees for applications and examinations for certification as operators of water supply systems or wastewater systems under the Safe Drinking Water Law and the Water Pollution Control Law;
- Application fees for permits, variances, and plan approvals under the Water Pollution Control Law and the Safe Drinking Water Law;
- Fees applicable to the transfer or disposal of solid waste; and
- The \$1.00 fee on the sale of tires.

The practical fiscal effect of extending the sunset date is that those provisions “preserve” existing revenue streams. Impacted funds include the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund (Fund 5050), Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030), Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30), Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), National Priority List Remedial Support Fund (Fund 5YY0), Soil and Water Conservation District Fund (Fund 5BVO within the Department of Agriculture), Surface Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K40), Drinking Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K50), the Clean Air – Non Title V Fund (Fund 4K20), and Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50).

Wastewater treatment works plan approval fee

The budget extends a fee of \$100 + 0.65% of the estimated project cost for a person applying for a wastewater treatment works plan approval which is set expire on June 30, 2026, through June 30, 2028. Under continuing law, upon expiration, the fee will be replaced with a fee

of \$100 + 0.2% of the estimated project cost (also known as a tier-two fee). Plan approval fee revenue is deposited to Fund 4K40.

Air pollution control fees

The budget (1) establishes an annual fee of \$5,000 charged to Title V air pollution control permit holders and synthetic minor air facility permit holders in addition to existing emission-based annual fees, and (2) increases fees related to Ohio EPA's air pollution control program, including fees for facility permits to install and annual fees that are based on total air pollution emissions or emission capacity by 50%.

Fee elimination

The budget eliminates the following fees:

- The application fee of 0.5% of the total exempt facility project costs, not to exceed \$2,000, for an industrial water pollution control facility that files for a certificate to exempt the facility from certain taxes (Fund 4K40);
- The application fee for an industrial water pollution control certificate submitted prior to June 26, 2003, to exempt the facility from certain taxes (Fund 4K40);
- \$140 infectious waste generator registration application and renewal fee (Fund 5320).

E-Check

Program review

The budget requires the Ohio EPA Director to conduct a review to assess whether the current E-Check Program is necessary and to evaluate the impact of weather patterns over northeast Ohio on emissions and air quality. Within 18 months of the effective date of the bill, the Director is required to compile the findings of the annual review into a report, submit the report to the General Assembly, and make the report available to the public on Ohio EPA's website.

If the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) determines that the E-Check Program is not necessary for Ohio or any area of Ohio to comply with the federal Clean Air Act, the budget requires the Ohio EPA Director to immediately discontinue the E-Check Program and take any actions necessary to effectuate its termination.

E-Check Ease Act (transportation budget)

H.B. 54 of the 136th General Assembly, the transportation budget, establishes an alternative, parallel system by which an owner of a motor vehicle may comply with the E-Check Program without submitting to an E-Check emissions test. Under this system, the Ohio EPA Director must issue an alternative emissions certificate (AEC) in lieu of an inspection certificate, as currently required. The bill requires the Ohio EPA Director to submit the program to U.S. EPA for approval under the federal Clean Air Act. If approved, the program becomes part of Ohio's implementation plan under the federal Clean Air Act, and the Ohio EPA Director must begin to modify rules to implement the program. However, until U.S. EPA gives its approval, the bill postpones the requirement to implement the alternative emissions certification program. The

bill may result in a potential increase in administrative costs for Ohio EPA to implement an alternative program to meet E-Check standards, which will be offset to some degree by a decrease in state costs to pay for emissions testing under E-Check.

H2Ohio

The budget includes a \$7.5 million appropriation from the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027. This is a reduction of \$36.4 million, or 70.8%, compared to FY 2024-FY 2025 actual expenditures of \$51.4 million. Ohio EPA generally uses the funds to improve water infrastructure, replace home sewage treatment systems, improve stream monitoring, and replace lead service lines and fixtures.

Over the next biennium, the budget appropriates \$164.9 million to Fund 6H20, H2Ohio, for the following agencies: Department of Agriculture (\$107.2 million), Department of Natural Resources (\$42.4 million), Ohio EPA (\$15.0 million), and the Lake Erie Commission (\$264,000).

A temporary law provision in the budget permits the Director of Budget and Management to transfer \$165.0 million to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) from the GRF.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

Introduction

This section provides an analysis of the funding for each appropriation line item (ALI) in the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (Ohio EPA) budget. For organizational purposes, these ALIs are grouped into ten major categories that generally correspond to the Agency's divisions and administrative functions. The analysis for an ALI with a lower category or subcategory designation will appear before that for an ALI with a higher category or subcategory designation. That is, the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:8 will appear before the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C2:1 and the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:3 will appear before the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:8.

To aid the reader in locating each ALI in the analysis, the following table shows the category in which each ALI has been placed, listing the ALIs in order within their respective fund groups and funds.

In the analysis, each appropriation item's expenditures for FY 2025 and appropriations for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are listed in a table. Following the table, a narrative describes the revenue source and purpose of the appropriation. The narrative is divided into ten categories: (1) Air Pollution Control, (2) Environmental Response and Revitalization, (3) Materials and Waste Management, (4) Drinking and Ground Waters, (5) Surface Water Protection, (6) Environmental Education, (7) Environmental and Financial Assistance, (8) Emergency Response, Investigations and Enforcement, (9) Environmental Laboratory Services, and (10) Program Management. The categories below generally align with Ohio EPA operational divisions, however, some ALIs may be used by more than one division.

Categorization of Ohio EPA's ALIs for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget				
Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
General Revenue Fund Group				
GRF	715502	Auto Emissions E-Check Program	1:1	Air Pollution Control
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
4D50	715618	Recycled State Materials	7:1	Environmental and Financial Assistance
4J00	715638	Underground Injection Control	4:1	Drinking and Ground Waters
4K20	715648	Clean Air – Non Title V	1:5	Air Pollution Control
4K30	715649	Solid Waste	3:1	Materials and Waste Management
4K40	715650	Surface Water Protection	5:3	Surface Water Protection
4K50	715651	Drinking Water Protection	4:2	Drinking and Ground Waters
4P50	715654	Cozart Landfill	2:3	Environmental Response and Revitalization
4R50	715656	Scrap Tire Management	3:2	Materials and Waste Management
4R90	715658	Voluntary Action Program	2:4	Environmental Response and Revitalization
4T30	715659	Clean Air – Title V Permit Program	1:6	Air Pollution Control

Categorization of Ohio EPA's ALIs for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget				
Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
5000	715608	Immediate Removal Special Account	8:1	Emergency Response, Investigations and Enforcement
5030	715621	Hazardous Waste Facility Management	2:1	Environmental Response and Revitalization
5050	715623	Hazardous Waste Cleanup	2:2	Environmental Response and Revitalization
5050	715698	Response and Investigations	8:2	Emergency Response, Investigations and Enforcement
5320	715646	Recycling and Litter Control	7:4	Environmental and Financial Assistance
5410	715670	Site Specific Cleanup	3:3	Materials and Waste Management
5420	715671	Risk Management Reporting	1:7	Air Pollution Control
5860	715637	Scrap Tire Market Development	7:2	Environmental and Financial Assistance
5BC0	715622	Local Air Pollution Control	1:2	Air Pollution Control
5BC0	715624	Surface Water	5:1	Surface Water Protection
5BC0	715672	Air Pollution Control	1:8	Air Pollution Control
5BC0	715673	Drinking and Ground Water	4:3	Drinking and Ground Waters
5BC0	715676	Assistance and Prevention	7:5	Environmental and Financial Assistance
5BC0	715677	Laboratory	9:1	Environmental Laboratory Services
5BC0	715678	Corrective Actions	2:5	Environmental Response and Revitalization
5BC0	715687	Areawide Planning Agencies	5:5	Surface Water Protection
5BC0	715692	Administration	10:1	Program Management
5BC0	715694	Environmental Resource Coordination	6:2	Environmental Education
5BT0	715679	C&DD Groundwater Monitoring	3:4	Materials and Waste Management
5PZ0	715696	Drinking Water Loan Fee	7:6	Environmental and Financial Assistance
5Y30	715685	Surface Water Improvement	5:4	Surface Water Protection
5YY0	715405	National Priorities List Remedial Support Fund	3:5	Materials and Waste Management
6440	715631	Emergency Response Radiological Safety	2:6	Environmental Response and Revitalization
6760	715642	Water Pollution Control Loan Administration	7:3	Environmental and Financial Assistance
6760	715699	Water Quality Administration	5:6	Surface Water Protection
6790	715636	Emergency Planning	1:3	Air Pollution Control
6960	715643	Air Pollution Control Administration	1:4	Air Pollution Control
6990	715644	Water Pollution Control Administration	5:2	Surface Water Protection
6A10	715645	Environmental Education	6:1	Environmental Education
6H20	715695	H2Ohio	10:4	Program Management

Categorization of Ohio EPA's ALIs for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget				
Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
Internal Service Activity Fund Group				
1990	715602	Laboratory Services	9:2	Environmental Laboratory Services
2190	715604	Central Support Indirect	10:2	Program Management
4A10	715640	Operating Expenses	10:3	Program Management
Federal Fund Group				
3530	715612	Public Water Supply	4:4	Drinking and Ground Waters
3570	715619	Air Pollution Control – Federal	1:9	Air Pollution Control
3620	715605	Underground Injection Control – Federal	4:1	Drinking and Ground Waters
3BU0	715684	Water Quality Protection	5:7	Surface Water Protection
3CS0	715688	Federal NRD Settlements	2:7	Environmental Response and Revitalization
3F30	715632	Federally Supported Cleanup and Response	2:8	Environmental Response and Revitalization
3HE0	715697	Volkswagen Clean Air Act Settlement	6:3	Environmental Education
3T30	715669	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	4:5	Drinking and Ground Waters
3V70	715606	Agencywide Grants	6:4	Environmental Education

Category 1: Air Pollution Control

This category of line items supports the Division of Air Pollution Control, which maintains air quality levels and performs all functions necessary to comply with the federal Clean Air Act. The Division reviews, issues, and enforces permits for installation and operation of sources of air pollution and operates an extensive outdoor air monitoring network. The Division also oversees an automobile emission testing program to minimize emissions from mobile sources.

C1:1: Auto Emission E-Check Program (ALI 715502)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
GRF ALI 715502, Auto Emission E-Check Program	\$13,485,806	\$13,232,534	\$13,265,775
% change	--	-1.9%	0.3%

This line item pays for the implementation, supervision, administration, operation, and enforcement of the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program known as E-Check.

Typically, between 85% and 90% of this line item is dedicated to purchased personal services, specifically to contract with Envirotest Systems, the contractor that operates the program. The remainder of the appropriation item is allocated to personal services (payroll), and supplies and maintenance.

The budget extends the E-Check Program in counties where this program is federally mandated. Continuing law authorizes Ohio EPA to request the Department of Administrative

Services to extend the contract with the contractor that conducts the program (Envirotest Systems) through June 30, 2027, but the budget removes a provision which allowed an option for the state to renew the contract through June 3, 2029.

Temporary law in the budget:

1. Requires GRF ALI 715502, Auto Emissions E-Check Program, to be used to support the automobile emission testing program;
2. Permits the Director of Ohio EPA, on July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, to request that the Director of Administrative Services extend the contract with the vendor for not longer than 12 months;¹ and
3. Permits the Director of Administrative Services to enter into a contract extension utilizing GRF ALI 715502, Auto Emissions E-Check Program if certain conditions are met in the event that the contractor cannot complete the required work prior to July 1, 2025.

C1:2: Local Air Pollution Control (ALI 715622)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715622, Local Air Pollution Control	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item's appropriation is distributed to local air pollution control agencies under contract to monitor air quality, issue permits, and investigate complaints. The amount awarded to a local air pollution control agency is based upon the projected amount of local funds available for the program, the number of pollution sources, the size of the population exposed to pollutants, and the geographical area within the jurisdiction of the local agency. The award amounts are used in conjunction with Title V and Non Title V money available for distribution to these local agencies.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton solid waste transfer and disposal fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C1:3: Emergency Planning (ALI 715636)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 6790 ALI 715636, Emergency Planning	\$2,989,510	\$2,917,000	\$2,917,000
% change	--	-2.4%	0.0%

¹ According to Ohio EPA, this provision is intended to allow for continuous operation of the E-Check Program between June 30, 2025, and the start date of a new or extended contract as described in the preceding paragraph.

This line item is used to implement, administer, and enforce emergency planning and community right-to-know programs mandated by Title III of the federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA).

The line item's appropriation is supported with money credited to the Emergency Planning Fund (Fund 6790), which consists of annual filing fees charged to facilities for reporting inventories of hazardous substances and chemicals, as well as civil penalties.

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) administers this program. Grants are made to state agencies, LEPCs, and fire departments. Each LEPC is required to have a hazardous chemical plan that is created and exercised annually and may use the funds received from this line item for those purposes among others.

C1:4: Air Pollution Control Administration (ALI 715643)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 6960 ALI 715643, Air Pollution Control Administration	\$139,445	\$150,000	\$150,000
% change	--	7.6%	0.0%

This line item is used to supplement other funding sources available for the administration and enforcement of the state's air pollution control laws.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Air Pollution Control Administration Fund (Fund 6960), which consists of money received from enforcement actions and civil penalties imposed for violations of state air pollution control regulations.

C1:5: Clean Air – Non Title V (ALI 715648)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4K20 ALI 715648, Clean Air – Non Title V	\$5,303,765	\$4,516,349	\$4,593,901
% change	--	-14.8%	1.7%

This line item pays administrative and enforcement expenses of the Division of Air Pollution Control generally related to minor emitting source permitting, state implementation plan development, operation and testing of ambient air monitoring systems, and regulating asbestos emissions from demolition and renovation projects.

The money supporting the line item's appropriation largely is: (1) certain air pollution control permit and registration fees, (2) annual emissions fees assessed on synthetic minor Title V and Non Title V facilities, and (3) civil and criminal penalties, fees, and other money collected under the law governing asbestos abatement. The revenue is credited to the Clean Air – Non Title V Fund (Fund 4K20).

C1:6: Clean Air – Title V Permit Program (ALI 715659)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4T30 ALI 715659, Clean Air – Title V Permit Program	\$10,340,969	\$10,942,818	\$11,148,464
% change	--	5.8%	1.9%

This line item is funded with money collected as annual emissions fees assessed on Title V facilities and credited to the Clean Air Title V Permit Fund (Fund 4T30). The fund and related line item are used by the Division of Air Pollution Control for costs to administer and enforce the federal Clean Air Title V Program, including assistance provided by local air pollution control agencies.

The budget establishes an annual fee of \$5,000 charged to Title V air pollution control permit holders and synthetic minor air facility permit holders in addition to existing emission-based annual fees.

C1:7: Risk Management Reporting (ALI 715671)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5420 ALI 715671, Risk Management Reporting	\$87,928	\$144,047	\$147,307
% change	--	63.8%	2.3%

This line item is used exclusively for the administration and enforcement costs of the state's Risk Management Planning Program, which implements federal air chemical emergency preparedness and protection requirements of the Clean Air Act.

This line item is supported with money appropriated from the Risk Management Plan Reporting Fund (Fund 5420), which consists of annual registration and regulated substances fees, and civil penalties for violations of the Risk Management Program Law.

C1:8: Air Pollution Control (ALI 715672)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715672, Air Pollution Control	\$8,853,659	\$9,354,059	\$9,354,059
% change	--	5.7%	0.0%

This line item pays for expenses of the Division of Air Pollution Control.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton solid waste transfer and disposal fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C1:9: Air Pollution Control – Federal (ALI 715619)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
FED Fund 3570 ALI 715619, Air Pollution Control – Federal	\$7,005,834	\$6,806,147	\$6,929,318
% change	--	-2.9%	1.8%

This line item consists of federal money used to assist Ohio EPA in complying with federal air pollution laws, most specifically permitting, air toxic regulation, and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) enforcement.

The line item draws its appropriation from the Air Pollution Control Fund (Fund 3570), which consists of various federal air pollution control grants. Federal funding has remained relatively stable in these grants over the last few years.

Category 2: Environmental Response and Revitalization

This category of line items supports the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization, which oversees investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites, regulates hazardous waste sites (permitting, inspection, compliance, and reporting), and provides assistance and guidance for the voluntary cleanup and reuse of brownfield sites.

C2:1: Hazardous Waste Facility Management (ALI 715621)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5030 ALI 715621, Hazardous Waste Facility Management	\$4,796,680	\$2,788,523	\$2,842,749
% change	--	-41.9%	1.9%

This line item is generally used to pay the operating costs of the Hazardous Waste Permitting and Compliance sections which regulate facilities that generate, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste and used oil, and provide technical assistance and outreach to the regulated community and the public. The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030), which consists of hazardous waste disposal and treatment fees, hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit fees, and a portion of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee assessed to every ton of solid waste disposed of in the state.

C2:2: Hazardous Waste Cleanup (ALI 715623)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5050 ALI 715623, Hazardous Waste Cleanup	\$15,229,867	\$9,334,680	\$9,559,074
% change	--	-38.7%	2.4%

This line item largely is used for the costs of four programs: (1) remedial response assessment and cleanup of pre-regulation contaminated sites and federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) sites that managed hazardous waste, (2) hazardous waste management, (3) voluntary action cleanups, and (4) brownfields and site assessment. This line item also provides the state match for two grants that flow through federal line item 715632, Federally Supported Cleanup and Response (Superfund CORE grant and U.S. EPA Hazardous Waste grant).

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund (Fund 5050), which collects revenue from a variety of sources including a portion of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee assessed to solid waste disposal, civil penalties assessed for violations of hazardous waste law, proceeds from the sale of cleaned sites, and hazardous waste site remediation cost recoveries.

C2:3: Cozart Landfill (ALI 715654)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4P50 ALI 715654, Cozart Landfill	\$8,262	\$7,500	\$7,500
% change	--	-9.2%	0.0%

This line item pays for oversight care, security, and other post-closure maintenance activities necessary in maintaining the closed Cozart Sanitary Landfill, a nonpermitted solid waste landfill in Athens County, Ohio.

The line item is funded through a \$3.9 million award in settlement moneys placed in a trust fund, with cash transferred as necessary to Fund 4P50. Money is transferred on an as-needed basis in order to support the Division's activities for remediation and post-closure oversight. The court-ordered settlement requires that Ohio EPA provide post-closure remediation services. The money in the trust fund, and this line item, cannot be used for any other purposes.

C2:4: Voluntary Action Program (ALI 715658)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4R90 ALI 715658, Voluntary Action Program	\$1,134,369	\$1,188,026	\$1,217,345
% change	--	4.7%	2.5%

This line item pays the costs to implement, administer, and enforce the Voluntary Action Program (VAP). Under the program, companies are permitted to investigate possible environmental contamination, perform clean up if necessary, and receive a promise from the state of Ohio not to sue and that no more cleanup is needed. The program certifies environmental professionals who conduct voluntary cleanups, and certifies laboratories that analyze samples from the dirty sites. The Division also issues "No Further Action" (NFA) letters after cleanup is completed and issues covenants not to sue.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Voluntary Action Fund (Fund 4R90), which collects revenues from varying sources, including, but not limited to, fees for certification, permits, technical assistance, review of NFA letters, and variances from applicable standards.

C2:5: Corrective Actions (ALI 715678)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715678, Corrective Actions	\$1,207,772	\$1,271,429	\$1,271,429
% change	--	5.3%	0.0%

This line item pays for voluntary action cleanup programs. The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton solid waste transfer and disposal fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C2:6: Emergency Response Radiological Safety (ALI 715631)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 6440 ALI 715631, Emergency Response Radiological Safety	\$260,002	\$274,997	\$280,510
% change	--	5.8%	2.0%

This line item pays the costs to administer a radiation safety program relating to nuclear power plants, including training, drilling, and equipment for a radiation assessment team.

Ohio EPA is one of six state agencies on the Utility Radiological Safety Board. The Board levies assessments against nuclear electric utilities in an amount no greater than the appropriation specified in the applicable main operating appropriations act to fund emergency response planning and preparedness. The revenue received in this fund is a one-time annual payment from Energy Harbor Nuclear Corporation (formerly FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company) and is based on a negotiated budget in the grant agreement.

C2:7: Federal NRD Settlements (ALI 715688)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
FED Fund 3CS0 ALI 715688, Federal NRD Settlements	\$5,747,136	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
% change	--	-73.9%	0.0%

The source of this federal line item's appropriation is money drawn from the Natural Resource Damages Fund (Fund 3CS0), which consists of natural resource damages settlements stemming from any release, or threatened release, of hazardous substances, pollutants, or

contaminants that could endanger human health and/or the environment. These funds are then used for cleanup and remediation of the damaged area as part of the Agency's federal facilities oversight program.

The initial revenue stream resulted from a settlement between the state of Ohio and the U.S. Department of Energy for natural resource damages surrounding the Fernald site, a former uranium processing facility in southwest Ohio. Specifically, the money was used to purchase land and property easements within the watershed where Fernald is located for the purpose of protecting and remediating the ground water resource. In September 2010, the state received its first deposit of \$13.8 million. Annual revenues are variable and depend on the frequency and amount of settlements received. In FY 2022, \$31.7 million was deposited to the fund from a settlement with Monsanto Company stemming from allegations that the company knowingly created products with harmful levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). In FY 2023, \$880,000 was deposited from a settlement with Dover Chemical to address natural resource injuries near their chemical production site in Tuscarawas County.

C2:8: Federally Supported Cleanup and Response (ALI 715632)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
FED Fund 3F30 ALI 715632, Federally Supported Cleanup and Response	\$7,817,680	\$13,779,323	\$14,061,350
% change	--	76.3%	2.0%

This federal line item largely is used by the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization's investigation and remediation of contaminated property, including oversight of cleanups at federal facilities, site investigations at federal sites, and promotion of brownfield revitalization.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Federally Supported Cleanup and Response Fund (Fund 3F30), which consists of federal emergency and remedial grants.

Category 3: Materials and Waste Management

This category of line items supports the Division of Materials and Waste Management, which administers and enforces solid waste, infectious waste, and construction and demolition debris (C&DD) laws; ensures solid waste, infectious waste, scrap tires, and C&DD are managed in accordance with applicable regulations; and also manages the solid waste planning, recycling, and grants program.

C3:1: Solid Waste (ALI 715649)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4K30 ALI 715649, Solid Waste	\$15,597,183	\$14,791,311	\$15,098,763
% change	--	-5.2%	2.1%

This line item pays for operating expenses associated with the administration and enforcement of solid waste, infectious waste, and C&DD laws.

The line item's appropriation is supported with solid waste disposal, infectious waste, and C&DD fees appropriated from the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30). Fees on the disposal of construction and demolition debris are the second major revenue source.

C3:2: Scrap Tire Management (ALI 715656)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4R50 ALI 715656, Scrap Tire Management	\$2,582,051	\$3,558,044	\$3,581,336
% change	--	37.8%	0.7%

This line item pays the costs to administer and enforce the state's Scrap Tire Management Law, which includes regulating the generation, transportation, storage, collection, and recovery of scrap tires.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50), which consists of a 50¢ per tire fee placed on the sale of new tires, scrap tire facility fees, scrap tire transporter registration fees, and cost recoveries.

A temporary law provision allows the Office of Budget and Management, at the request of Ohio EPA and with Controlling Board approval, to transfer up to \$1.4 million in each fiscal year to the Auto Emissions Test Fund (Fund 5BY0) from the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50).

Scrap tires are considered solid waste and are generally regulated under the solid waste initiatives discussed above. However, additional requirements exist for scrap tire transporters, landfills, storage facilities, processing facilities, and recovery facilities. All facilities are required to be licensed and/or registered, depending on the type of facility. Transporters are also required to be registered. The tire fee first became effective December 1, 1993.

C3:3: Site Specific Cleanup (ALI 715670)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5410 ALI 715670, Site Specific Cleanup	\$13,559,338	\$17,744,091	\$17,746,631
% change	--	30.9%	0.0%

This line item is allocated for use by the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization and the Division of Materials and Waste Management.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Environmental Protection Remediation Fund (Fund 5410), which consists of enforcement settlement actions, and unreimbursed cleanup costs recovered through a civil action. Revenue is dependent on settlements and is variable. The money, which is often a small fraction of the cleanup cost, is held until other money or partners are identified. Funds are not available for any other purpose as stipulated by the courts.

C3:4: C&DD Groundwater Monitoring (ALI 715679)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BT0 ALI 715679, C&DD Groundwater Monitoring	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	--	--	0.0%

This line item is used solely for the purpose of funding and conducting ground water monitoring at C&DD facilities (installing wells, sampling, laboratory analysis, and field equipment).

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Construction and Demolition Debris Facility Ground Water Monitoring Fund (Fund 5BT0), which consists of revenues previously collected through an additional fee of not more than 5¢ per cubic yard or 10¢ per ton on the disposal of construction and demolition debris at a licensed construction and demolition debris facility. Effective April 2016, the administrative rule authorizing the collection of the fee was rescinded, thus the fund will not collect any more money. As of August 2025, the fund had a cash balance of approximately \$1.9 million.

C3:5: National Priorities List Remedial Support Fund (ALI 715405)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5YY0 ALI 715405, National Priorities List Remedial Support Fund	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	--	-33.3%

This line item is used solely for removal and remedial actions and long-term operation and maintenance costs for actions taken under the federal "Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act" (CERCLA). Such sites are known as Superfund sites and this line supports Superfund sites on U.S. EPA's National Priority List (NPL). There are currently 34 Ohio sites listed on the National Priority List and an additional 18 sites in the federal Superfund Program not including federal facility sites. Ohio will contribute funding to eight of those sites.

Fund 5YY0 ALI 715405, National Priorities List Remedial Support Fund is supported by a deposit of 8¢ from the \$4.75 per ton fee on solid waste disposal and transfer.

Category 4: Drinking and Ground Waters

This category of line items supports the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, which protects ground water quality and ensures safe drinking water. This includes all line items funding drinking water protection and ground water protection programs, technical support provided to other Ohio EPA divisions, services to ensure compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the evaluation of threats to water sources that supply public drinking water systems, and the regulation of underground injection wells.

C4:1: Underground Injection Control (ALIs 715638 and 715605)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4J00 ALI 715638, Underground Injection Control	\$412,018	\$514,242	\$530,276
% change	--	24.8%	3.1%
FED Fund 3620 ALI 715605, Underground Injection Control – Federal	\$153,549	\$165,382	\$169,516
% change	--	7.7%	2.5%

The Division uses these two line items collectively for costs to administer the Underground Injection Well Program to prevent contamination of underground sources of drinking water. The Division is specifically charged with the duty of adopting and enforcing rules governing the injection of sewage, industrial waste, hazardous waste, and other waste into wells. Additionally, the Division has primary enforcement authority for the regulation of Class I, Class IV, and Class V wells as required by the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act.

Line item 715638, Underground Injection Control, is supported with money appropriated from the Underground Injection Control Fund (Fund 4J00), which collects Class I injection well permit and disposal fees. The permit fee is generally \$12,500 per well and the disposal fee is \$1 per ton on the disposal of nonhazardous waste up to a maximum of \$25,000. Fifteen percent (15%) of the money in the fund each year is required to be transferred to the Geological Mapping Fund (Fund 5110), which is administered by the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of paying expenses incurred in its duty to review and monitor injection wells.

Line item 715605, Underground Injection Control – Federal, is supported by a federal grant from U.S. EPA awarded annually for the support of the Underground Injection Control Program activities.

C4:2: Drinking Water Protection (ALI 715651)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4K50 ALI 715651, Drinking Water Protection	\$7,925,659	\$8,774,797	\$9,027,993
% change	--	10.7%	2.9%

This line item pays for costs of drinking and ground water protection programs administered by the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, including public drinking water supply supervision, public drinking water systems plan review, drinking and wastewater operator certification, public drinking water laboratory certification, and drinking water source protection.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Drinking Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K50), which consists of fees for operator certification, laboratory certification, plan reviews, and licenses to operate public water system fees.

C4:3: Drinking and Ground Water (ALI 715673)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715673, Drinking and Ground Water	\$3,648,618	\$4,024,215	\$4,133,956
% change	--	10.3%	2.7%

This line item funds activities and services performed by the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters to ensure compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and to evaluate potential threats to sources of water that supply Ohio's public drinking water systems. This line item currently provides the state match portion to the federal grants received in appropriation items 715612 (Federal Public Water System Supervision Grant), 715669 (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund set-aside fund), and 715605 (Underground Injection Control – Federal).

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton solid waste transfer and disposal fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C4:4: Public Water Supply (ALI 715612)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
FED Fund 3530 ALI 715612, Public Water Supply	\$1,966,526	\$2,564,882	\$2,626,504
% change	--	30.4%	2.4%

This line item is used by the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters for costs of managing the federally delegated drinking water program and implementing both state and federal Safe Drinking statutes and rules.

The money for this line item is appropriated from federal Public Water System Supervision grants credited to Fund 3530.

C4:5: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (ALI 715669)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
FED Fund 3T30 ALI 715669, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	\$3,255,035	\$3,054,165	\$3,145,894
% change	--	-6.2%	3.0%

This line item pays for operating expenses incurred in the assessment and protection of drinking water sources from contamination, and administration of the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program.

The money for this line item is appropriated from federal money credited to Fund 3T30, which consists of capitalization grants for drinking water state revolving loan funds.

Category 5: Surface Water Protection

This category includes funding for the Division of Surface Water, which is responsible for restoring and maintaining the quality of rivers and streams for human and industrial uses. This includes all line items funding activities supporting compliance with the federal Clean Water Act, the administration and enforcement of water pollution control laws, programs required under the federal Water Pollution Control Act, grants for water quality management, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting, Lake Erie restoration and resource management, wetlands permitting, and storm water pollution prevention.

C5:1: Surface Water (ALI 715624)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715624, Surface Water	\$6,621,142	\$6,936,269	\$6,936,269
% change	--	4.8%	0.0%

This line item pays for the costs of services and activities of the Division of Surface Water provided to ensure compliance with the federal Clean Water Act. The majority of the line item's appropriation is allocated for personal services (payroll).

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton solid waste transfer and disposal fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C5:2: Water Pollution Control Administration (ALI 715644)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 6990 ALI 715644, Water Pollution Control Administration	\$362,663	\$307,859	\$307,858
% change	--	-15.1%	0.0%

This line item is used by the Division of Surface Water for costs of administering and enforcing water pollution control laws.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Water Pollution Control Administration Fund (Fund 6990), which consists of 50% of the civil penalties collected for certain water pollution control law violations.

C5:3: Surface Water Protection (ALI 715650)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4K40 ALI 715650, Surface Water Protection	\$13,254,593	\$11,864,197	\$12,101,940
% change	--	-10.5%	2.0%

This line item is used for the Division of Surface Water's costs of programs required under the federal Water Pollution Control Act, including the development of water quality standards, water quality monitoring, surface water discharge permitting, permit enforcement, technical assistance, and operator certification.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Surface Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K40), which consists of certain water pollution control fees.

C5:4: Surface Water Improvement (ALI 715685)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5Y30 ALI 715685, Surface Water Improvement	\$161,173	\$520,000	\$520,000
% change	--	222.6%	0.0%

This line item is used to grant money to environmental groups, nonprofits, or federal or state agencies for water quality planning, restoration, and protection.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Surface Water Improvement Fund (Fund 5Y30), which consists of payments, contributions, and donations made for water quality restoration and protection, including civil enforcement penalties for required mitigation projects.

C5:5: Areawide Planning Agencies (ALI 715687)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715687, Areawide Planning Agencies	\$411,019	\$450,000	\$450,000
% change	--	9.5%	0.0%

This line item funds grants to areawide planning agencies that are engaged in areawide water quality management activities. An areawide planning agency is designated by the Governor under authority of Section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act and has responsibilities for areawide waste treatment management planning within a specified area of the state.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton solid waste transfer and disposal fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C5:6: Water Quality Administration (ALI 715699)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 6760 ALI 715699, Water Quality Administration	\$4,222,657	\$5,123,741	\$5,250,489
% change	--	21.3%	2.5%

This line item is used by the Division of Surface Water for operating expenses incurred in support of the Water Pollution Control Fund, including the provision of financial and technical assistance to applicants for the planning, design, and improvement of water quality protection projects.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Water Pollution Control Loan Administration Fund (Fund 6760), which consists of a portion of repaid loans made through the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA).

Cash is requested from OWDA on an as-needed basis. This fund's cash flow is similar to a federal fund: cash is drawn in advance from an outside source to match projected expenses. The cash stays in the fund and is drawn down over a time, usually each quarter.

C5:7: Water Quality Protection (ALI 715684)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
FED Fund 3BU0 ALI 715684, Water Quality Protection	\$14,249,528	\$16,230,503	\$16,230,503
% change	--	13.9%	0.0%

This line item primarily is used by the Division of Surface Water, and secondarily by the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters. The Division of Surface Water uses its allocation to perform services and activities necessary for the state to comply with the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act, including water quality management, NPDES permitting, Lake Erie restoration and resource management, wetlands permitting, and storm water pollution prevention.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Water Quality Protection Fund (Fund 3BU0), which consists of various federal water quality grants from the Clean Water Act: Sections 106, 319(h) Nonpoint Source Implementation 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning; 104(b)(3) Wetlands Program Development Grants; and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

Category 6: Environmental Education

This category consists of funding for the Office of Environmental Education, which administers six different grant programs: (1) Alternative Fuel Vehicles Conversion grants,

(2) Clean Diesel School Bus Fund, (3) Ohio Environmental Education Fund, (4) Diesel Emission Reduction grants, (5) Ohio Environmental Science and Engineering scholarships, and (6) Volkswagen Mitigation grants.

C6:1: Environmental Education (ALI 715645)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 6A10 ALI 715645, Environmental Education	\$537,715	\$550,316	\$550,427
% change	--	2.3%	0.0%

This line item pays for costs of the Office of Environmental Education to administer environmental education and public awareness programs, including making project grants for that purpose. The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Education Fund (Fund 6A10), which consists of one-half of the amount collected for certain civil penalties. Competitive grants of between \$500 and \$50,000 are awarded to schools, community colleges and universities, state agencies, townships, cities, counties, park districts, soil and water conservation districts, solid waste management districts, and regional entities such as metropolitan planning organizations as well as nonprofits, trade associations, and private companies. Ohio EPA adjusts the number of grants awarded per year based on the amount of revenue available.

C6:2: Environmental Resource Coordination (ALI 715694)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715694, Environmental Resource Coordination	\$912,696	\$814,339	\$832,027
% change	--	-10.8%	2.2%

This line item pays for operating expenses the Office of Environmental Education (OEE) incurs in administering various grant programs.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton solid waste transfer and disposal fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C6:3: Volkswagen Clean Air Act Settlement (ALI 715697)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
FED Fund 3HE0 ALI 715697, Volkswagen Clean Air Act Settlement	\$9,046,267	\$6,827,000	\$6,841,000
% change	--	-24.5%	0.2%

The source of this line item's appropriation is money drawn from the Volkswagen Clean Air Act Settlement Fund (Fund 3HE0), which consists of Ohio's share of \$2.7 billion from the Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries to pay for projects that reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides.

The revenue stream resulted from a settlement between U.S. EPA, the state of California, and Volkswagen (VW) and its subsidiaries resolving allegations that the latter violated the federal Clean Air Act by selling approximately 590,000 model year 2009 to 2016 diesel motor vehicles in the U.S. that were equipped with computer software designed to make vehicles appear compliant during emissions testing. Ohio expects to receive \$75.3 million from the Trust, an amount based on more than 16,000 such vehicles registered within the state. Through the end of FY 2025, Fund 3HE0 received \$61.5 million.

The funding is allocated for specific project categories as follows: (1) on-road fleets (school buses, transit buses, class 4-8 local freight and port drayage trucks and shuttle buses), (2) nonroad fleets and equipment (tugboats and ferries, switcher locomotives, airport ground support and cargo handling equipment), and (3) charging stations for electric passenger cars (light duty zero-emission vehicles or ZEVs). Competitive grants are awarded by Ohio EPA to local governments, nonprofit entities, and other state agencies for purposes allowed by the court settlement, specifically to offset illegal diesel emissions in Ohio.

C6:4: Agencywide Grants (ALI 715606)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
FED Fund 3V70 ALI 715606, Agencywide Grants	\$399,812	\$746,900	\$746,900
% change	--	86.8%	0.0%

This line item is shared by Program Management and the Office of Environmental Education.

The line item's appropriation is supported with federal grant money appropriated from the Agencywide Grants Fund (Fund 3V70). The fund receives grant money from U.S. EPA to replace aging diesel school and transit buses and plow trucks under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA). Each state receives an annual allocation from U.S. EPA, and the amount varies according to the amount authorized by Congress and the number of states participating each year. Ohio's annual allocation varies between \$350,000 and \$500,000. The targeted cash balance of the fund is zero, as revenues should optimally track with expenditures as federal grants are awarded and spent down.

Category 7: Environmental and Financial Assistance

The Environmental and Financial Assistance category provides funding for technical, administrative, and financial assistance to communities and businesses in Ohio, low-interest loans for wastewater and drinking water treatment system improvements, and nonpoint source water pollution control projects.

C7:1: Recycled State Materials (ALI 715618)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4D50 ALI 715618, Recycled State Materials	\$9,578	\$11,500	\$11,500
% change	--	20.1%	0.0%

This line item pays for costs of recycling services and activities.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Recycled Materials Fund (Fund 4D50), which consists of the proceeds from the sale of recycled goods and materials by state agencies. Revenues and expenditures are highly variable from year to year.

C7:2: Scrap Tire Market Development (ALI 715637)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5860 ALI 715637, Scrap Tire Market Development	\$1,574,652	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	-36.5%	0.0%

This line item funds grants for: (1) market development activities for scrap tires and synthetic rubber from tire manufacturing processes and tire recycling processes, and (2) scrap tire amnesty and cleanup events sponsored by solid waste management districts. Market development grants are available for up to \$200,000; scrap tire grants have a maximum of \$300,000.

C7:3: Water Pollution Control Loan Administration (ALI 715642)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 6760 ALI 715642, Water Pollution Control Loan Administration	\$4,805,677	\$5,120,000	\$5,282,500
% change	--	6.5%	3.2%

This line item funds expenses incurred in administering the state's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF), which is used to provide financial and technical assistance for wastewater treatment projects, storm water projects, and nonpoint source water pollution activities. The WPCLF provides more than \$600 million in financial assistance each year to Ohio communities. The program also aligns with the H2Ohio Initiative.

This line item appropriates money credited to the Water Pollution Control Loan Administration Fund (Fund 6760), which consists of a portion of repaid loans made through the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance and the Ohio Water Development Authority.

C7:4: Recycling and Litter Control (ALI 715646)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5320 ALI 715646, Recycling and Litter Control	\$8,578,369	\$4,888,354	\$5,146,276
% change	--	-43.0%	5.3%

This line item pays for three grant programs: (1) Community and Litter Grant which provides financial assistance to Ohio's local governments that propose, design, and establish projects involved in the collection and processing of recyclable material, (2) Academic Institution Grants which provide funding to K-12 schools, and universities for recycling efforts, outreach and education, recycling equipment, and conference sponsorships, and (3) the Market Development Grant Program which offers funds to Ohio businesses that propose to create the infrastructure necessary for successful recyclable material markets.

The program is supported by the Litter Prevention and Recycling Fund (Fund 5320), which collects fees levied on the disposal of construction and demolition debris.

C7:5: Assistance and Prevention (ALI 715676)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715676, Assistance and Prevention	\$1,867,997	\$4,204,000	\$4,359,000
% change	--	125.1%	3.7%

This line item pays for the costs of providing free and confidential assistance that helps small businesses comply with environmental regulations.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton solid waste transfer and disposal fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C7:6: Drinking Water Loan Fee (ALI 715696)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5PZ0 ALI 715696, Drinking Water Loan Fee	\$4,036,218	\$4,109,640	\$4,388,600
% change	--	1.8%	6.8%

This line item is allocated primarily for use by the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, and secondarily for use by the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters to support the drinking water loan program and other activities related to the oversight of public water systems.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Drinking Water Loan Fee Fund (Fund 5PZ0), which consists of proceeds from drinking water loan application fees. The Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF) provides more than \$200 million in financial assistance per year to Ohio communities. Like the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF), the DWAF also helps to support the H2Ohio Initiative.

Category 8: Emergency Response, Investigations and Enforcement

The Emergency Response, Investigations and Enforcement funding category supports response to emergency incidents, and the providing of technical and investigative support for resolving environmental crimes.

C8:1: Immediate Removal Special Account (ALI 715608)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5000 ALI 715608, Immediate Removal Special Account	\$749,280	\$747,051	\$769,463
% change	--	-0.3%	3.0%

This line item pays the costs of investigating, mitigating, removing, or abating any unauthorized spill, release, or discharge of material that requires emergency action.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Immediate Removal Fund (Fund 5000), which consists of remedial action cost recoveries and certain civil fines and criminal penalties. In recent years, expenditures have exceeded revenues, effectively dipping into the fund's cash balance. Expenditures are tied to emergent situations, and recovery costs are unpredictable.

C8:2: Response and Investigations (ALI 715698)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5050 ALI 715698, Response and Investigations	\$3,467,209	\$3,822,060	\$4,211,500
% change	--	10.2%	10.2%

This line item funds administrative costs of the Emergency Response, Investigations and Enforcement Program.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund (Fund 5050), which collects revenue from a variety of sources, a portion of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee assessed to solid waste disposal, civil penalties assessed for violations of hazardous waste law, proceeds from the sale of cleaned sites, and hazardous waste site remediation cost recoveries.

Category 9: Environmental Laboratory Services

The Environmental Laboratory Services funding category provides analytical laboratory services to other Ohio EPA divisions, state and local agencies, and private entities.

C9:1: Laboratory (ALI 715677)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715677, Laboratory	\$3,630,791	\$4,235,216	\$4,360,265
% change	--	16.6%	3.0%

This line item pays costs to provide laboratory services to Ohio EPA divisions, state and local agencies, and private entities. The line item supports personal, laboratory chemicals, supplies, equipment, maintenance, and utilities. The Division of Environmental Services (DES) analyzes samples submitted by several Ohio EPA divisions (i.e., Surface Water, Drinking and Ground Waters, Air Pollution Control, Environmental Response and Revitalization, and Materials and Waste Management). The Division also provides laboratory services to the Ohio Department of Health (DOH), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and several other state, local, and federal government entities.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton solid waste transfer and disposal fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C9:2: Laboratory Services (ALI 715602)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
ISA Fund 1990 ALI 715602, Laboratory Services	\$496,072	\$500,000	\$500,000
% change	--	0.8%	0.0%

This line item pays for the costs of analytical laboratory services and laboratory certification and assistance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Laboratory Services Fund (Fund 1990), which consists of laboratory services payments from other Ohio EPA divisions and other public agencies.

Category 10: Program Management

This category includes funding for the activities and services responsible for directing, coordinating, assisting, and guiding all of Ohio EPA's divisions and specialized offices. Included herein are the Director's office, employee services, a public interest center, fiscal administration, technology services, legal services, employee safety and health programs, and the H2Ohio Initiative.

C10:1: Administration (ALI 715692)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715692, Administration	\$16,953,238	\$19,684,900	\$20,654,900
% change	--	16.1%	4.9%

This line item pays for operating costs of Ohio EPA administration, including district and central support offices providing services to agency environmental programs and external stakeholders. Expenses may include information technology maintenance and upgrades, legal services, fiscal, human resources, public information, and support at district offices.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton solid waste transfer and disposal fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C10:2: Central Support Indirect (ALI 715604)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
ISA Fund 2190 ALI 715604, Central Support Indirect	\$9,211,464	\$10,657,300	\$10,657,300
% change	--	15.7%	0.0%

This line item pays for operating costs of Ohio EPA, including five district offices and one central office that house administrative, legal services, information technology, fiscal services, human resources, and facilities management staff. Services provided include program oversight, public records reviews, local area network (LAN) administration, fiscal processing and human resources, and public information.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money appropriated from the Central Support Indirect Fund (Fund 2190), which consists of administrative charges assessed to certain Ohio EPA funds.

C10:3: Operating Expenses (ALI 715640)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
ISA Fund 4A10 ALI 715640, Operating Expenses	\$906,168	\$1,092,000	\$1,117,000
% change	--	20.5%	2.3%

This line item primarily pays for the costs of the Agency's motor pool.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money appropriated from the Goods and Services Fund (Fund 4A10), which consists of money generated by service agreements between

programs or activities with Ohio EPA, and service agreements between Ohio and other state agencies. Most of the revenue is tied to motor pool charges and credit card convenience fees.

C10:4: H2Ohio (ALI 715695)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 6H20 ALI 715695, H2Ohio	\$25,308,916	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
% change	--	-70.4%	0.0%

This line item is required to support watershed planning, scientific research, and data collection, and is permitted to be used to fund waterway improvement and protection of all state waterways in support of water quality priorities and management in accordance with R.C. 126.60.

H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly created the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) in the state treasury and directed a portion of FY 2019 GRF surplus revenue (up to \$172 million) to the fund. At that time, funding was used by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, and Ohio EPA, and the Lake Erie Commission received funding for the first time in FY 2022. The fund is to be used for water quality purposes, including awarding grants, issuing loans, funding cooperative research, and encouraging cooperation with governmental and private entities.

As stated in the “**Budget highlights**” section, the budget appropriates \$164.9 million to Fund 6H20, H2Ohio, for the following agencies: Department of Agriculture (\$107.2 million), Department of Natural Resources (\$42.4 million), Ohio EPA (\$15.0 million), and the Lake Erie Commission (\$264,000). A temporary law provision in the budget permits the Director of Budget and Management to transfer \$165.0 million to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) from the GRF on or about July 1, 2025.

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EPA Ohio Environmental Protection Agency								
GRF	715502	Auto Emissions E-Check Program	\$12,158,956	\$13,485,806	\$13,232,534	\$13,265,775	-1.88%	0.25%
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$12,158,956	\$13,485,806	\$13,232,534	\$13,265,775	-1.88%	0.25%
4D50	715618	Recycled State Materials	\$11,517	\$9,578	\$11,500	\$11,500	20.07%	0.00%
4J00	715638	Underground Injection Control	\$482,566	\$412,018	\$514,242	\$530,276	24.81%	3.12%
4K20	715648	Clean Air - Non Title V	\$4,171,857	\$5,303,765	\$4,516,349	\$4,593,901	-14.85%	1.72%
4K30	715649	Solid Waste	\$14,031,101	\$15,597,183	\$14,791,311	\$15,098,763	-5.17%	2.08%
4K40	715650	Surface Water Protection	\$10,606,449	\$13,254,593	\$11,864,197	\$12,101,940	-10.49%	2.00%
4K50	715651	Drinking Water Protection	\$8,075,911	\$7,925,659	\$8,774,797	\$9,027,993	10.71%	2.89%
4P50	715654	Cozart Landfill	\$5,234	\$8,262	\$7,500	\$7,500	-9.22%	0.00%
4R50	715656	Scrap Tire Management	\$2,923,261	\$2,582,051	\$3,558,044	\$3,581,336	37.80%	0.65%
4R90	715658	Voluntary Action Program	\$1,092,846	\$1,134,369	\$1,188,026	\$1,217,345	4.73%	2.47%
4T30	715659	Clean Air - Title V Permit Program	\$10,199,156	\$10,340,969	\$10,942,818	\$11,148,464	5.82%	1.88%
5000	715608	Immediate Removal Special Account	\$680,839	\$749,280	\$747,051	\$769,463	-0.30%	3.00%
5030	715621	Hazardous Waste Facility Management	\$2,500,023	\$4,796,680	\$2,788,523	\$2,842,749	-41.87%	1.94%
5050	715623	Hazardous Waste Cleanup	\$8,235,570	\$15,229,867	\$9,334,680	\$9,559,074	-38.71%	2.40%
5050	715698	Response and Investigations	\$3,443,188	\$3,467,209	\$3,822,060	\$4,211,500	10.23%	10.19%
5320	715646	Recycling and Litter Control	\$9,493,228	\$8,578,369	\$4,888,354	\$5,146,276	-43.02%	5.28%
5410	715670	Site Specific Cleanup	\$9,884,524	\$13,559,338	\$17,744,091	\$17,746,631	30.86%	0.01%
5420	715671	Risk Management Reporting	\$119,416	\$87,928	\$144,047	\$147,307	63.82%	2.26%
5860	715637	Scrap Tire Market Development	\$879,531	\$1,574,652	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	-36.49%	0.00%
5BC0	715622	Local Air Pollution Control	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	0.00%	0.00%
5BC0	715624	Surface Water	\$6,580,252	\$6,621,142	\$6,936,269	\$6,936,269	4.76%	0.00%
5BC0	715672	Air Pollution Control	\$8,862,445	\$8,853,659	\$9,354,059	\$9,354,059	5.65%	0.00%
5BC0	715673	Drinking and Ground Water	\$3,696,830	\$3,648,618	\$4,024,215	\$4,133,956	10.29%	2.73%

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EPA Ohio Environmental Protection Agency								
5BC0	715676	Assistance and Prevention	\$1,471,882	\$1,867,997	\$4,204,000	\$4,359,000	125.05%	3.69%
5BC0	715677	Laboratory	\$3,629,798	\$3,630,791	\$4,235,216	\$4,360,265	16.65%	2.95%
5BC0	715678	Corrective Actions	\$1,211,000	\$1,207,772	\$1,271,429	\$1,271,429	5.27%	0.00%
5BC0	715687	Areawide Planning Agencies	\$382,380	\$411,019	\$450,000	\$450,000	9.48%	0.00%
5BC0	715692	Administration	\$16,926,252	\$16,953,238	\$19,684,900	\$20,654,900	16.11%	4.93%
5BC0	715694	Environmental Resource Coordination	\$683,384	\$912,696	\$814,339	\$832,027	-10.78%	2.17%
5BT0	715679	C&DD Groundwater Monitoring	\$9,877	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	N/A	0.00%
5BY0	715681	Auto Emissions Test	\$1,695,119	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
5CV3	715615	Dredge Material Processing Facilities ARPA	\$20,712,523	\$8,692,989	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	N/A
5H40	715664	Groundwater Support	\$199	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
5PZ0	715696	Drinking Water Loan Fee	\$2,845,343	\$4,036,218	\$4,109,640	\$4,388,600	1.82%	6.79%
5VA0	715601	Marsh Restoration	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
5Y30	715685	Surface Water Improvement	\$134,419	\$161,173	\$520,000	\$520,000	222.63%	0.00%
5YY0	715405	National Priorities List Remedial Support Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	N/A	-33.33%
6440	715631	Emergency Response Radiological Safety	\$258,456	\$260,002	\$274,997	\$280,510	5.77%	2.00%
6760	715642	Water Pollution Control Loan Administration	\$5,017,749	\$4,805,677	\$5,120,000	\$5,282,500	6.54%	3.17%
6760	715699	Water Quality Administration	\$4,223,000	\$4,222,657	\$5,123,741	\$5,250,489	21.34%	2.47%
6790	715636	Emergency Planning	\$2,786,406	\$2,989,510	\$2,917,000	\$2,917,000	-2.43%	0.00%
6960	715643	Air Pollution Control Administration	\$175,376	\$139,445	\$150,000	\$150,000	7.57%	0.00%
6990	715644	Water Pollution Control Administration	\$236,232	\$362,663	\$307,859	\$307,858	-15.11%	0.00%
6A10	715645	Environmental Education	\$537,251	\$537,715	\$550,316	\$550,427	2.34%	0.02%
6H20	715695	H2Ohio	\$26,049,818	\$25,308,916	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	-70.37%	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$197,062,213	\$202,335,666	\$177,835,570	\$181,391,307	-12.11%	2.00%
1990	715602	Laboratory Services	\$509,805	\$496,072	\$500,000	\$500,000	0.79%	0.00%
2190	715604	Central Support Indirect	\$9,290,945	\$9,211,464	\$10,657,300	\$10,657,300	15.70%	0.00%

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EPA Ohio Environmental Protection Agency						
4A10 715640 Operating Expenses	\$801,384	\$906,168	\$1,092,000	\$1,117,000	20.51%	2.29%
Internal Service Activity Fund Group Subtotal	\$10,602,134	\$10,613,703	\$12,249,300	\$12,274,300	15.41%	0.20%
3530 715612 Public Water Supply	\$2,337,896	\$1,966,526	\$2,564,882	\$2,626,504	30.43%	2.40%
3570 715619 Air Pollution Control - Federal	\$6,368,349	\$7,005,834	\$6,806,147	\$6,929,318	-2.85%	1.81%
3620 715605 Underground Injection Control - Federal	\$73,107	\$153,549	\$165,382	\$169,516	7.71%	2.50%
3BU0 715684 Water Quality Protection	\$14,833,012	\$14,249,528	\$16,230,503	\$16,230,503	13.90%	0.00%
3CS0 715688 Federal NRD Settlements	\$21,969,047	\$5,747,136	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	-73.90%	0.00%
3F30 715632 Federally Supported Cleanup and Response	\$11,821,153	\$7,817,680	\$13,779,323	\$14,061,350	76.26%	2.05%
3HE0 715603 Charging Station Grants	\$749,506	\$1,326,910	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	N/A
3HE0 715697 Volkswagen Clean Air Act Settlement	\$5,257,321	\$9,046,267	\$6,827,000	\$6,841,000	-24.53%	0.21%
3T30 715669 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	\$2,792,251	\$3,255,035	\$3,054,165	\$3,145,894	-6.17%	3.00%
3V70 715606 Agencywide Grants	\$250,966	\$399,812	\$746,900	\$746,900	86.81%	0.00%
Federal Fund Group Subtotal	\$66,452,606	\$50,968,277	\$51,674,302	\$52,250,985	1.39%	1.12%
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Total	\$286,275,909	\$277,403,452	\$254,991,706	\$259,182,367	-8.08%	1.64%