

State Special Revenue Fund Group

4C0 780-601 Lake Erie Protection Fund

2002 Actual	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Appropriation	2007 Appropriation
\$987,520	\$631,529	\$692,968	\$600,704	\$875,000	\$875,000
	-36.0%	9.7%	-13.3%	45.7%	0.0%

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

Legal Basis: ORC 1506.23; Section 206.78 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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 leaders from state legislatures, agencies, political subdivisions, business and industry, labor, educational institutions, 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. 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 Fund

2002 Actual	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Appropriation	2007 Appropriation
\$452,039	\$371,312	\$426,692	\$349,894	\$486,072	\$492,794
	-17.9%	14.9%	-18.0%	38.9%	1.4%

Source: State Special Revenue Fund Group: Ohio's share of the earnings from the Great Lake Protection Fund (Fund 4CO), an interstate trust fund, and other donations, and gifts

Legal Basis: ORC 1506.24; Section 206.78 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th 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.