

## Air Quality Development Authority

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 4290 898602 Small Business Ombudsman

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriations	FY 2025 Appropriations
\$148,589	\$91,883	\$119,035	\$137,690	\$216,000	\$219,000
% change	-38.2%	29.6%	15.7%	56.9%	1.4%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Title V permit fees administered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3706.19; Section 213.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item supports the operating costs of the Office of Ombudsman, commonly referred to as the Clean Air Resource Center. The Center informs small businesses about requirements of Clean Air Act regulations at the state and federal levels, provides technical advice on compliance, and offers financing guidance and assistance to small businesses wishing to install technologies that reduce emissions.

#### 5700 898601 Operating Expenses

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriations	FY 2025 Appropriations
\$463,162	\$613,624	\$729,471	\$827,325	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000
% change	32.5%	18.9%	13.4%	20.9%	10.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees paid by firms for which the OAQDA issues tax-exempt or taxable bonds

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3706.03; Section 213.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item provides funding for the administrative costs of the Authority's air quality financing assistance programs. The Authority assists large scale manufacturing and public utility companies by offering low-cost financing alternatives for investment in pollution control and prevention measures. The Authority also provides assistance through the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds, which help public entities, such as local governments or universities, to install heating and lighting systems to conserve energy. This line item may pay some costs of administering payments from the Solar Generation Fund established by H.B. 6 of the 133rd G.A., but up to \$300,000 of funding per year for that purpose comes from that custodial fund, and is not subject to appropriation under this (or any) line item.

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**5A00      898603      Small Business Assistance**

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriations	FY 2025 Appropriations
\$490,618	\$178,533	\$161,775	\$140,267	\$100,000	\$100,000
% change	-63.6%	-9.4%	-13.3%	-28.7%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Title V permit fees administered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3706.19; Section 213.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item provides grants to small businesses to purchase clean air equipment. To qualify, the business must have 100 or fewer employees and comply with the federal Clean Air Act requirements. Once a small business moves forward with a project, the grant awards can either be used to (1) cover closing costs, or (2) support principal payments on equipment after the equipment has been installed and operational for at least six months. Grants may support up to 20% of the total project cost, but are capped at \$20,000 per project.