

Lake Erie Commission

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4C00 780601 Lake Erie Protection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$491,781	\$656,766	\$1,195,415	\$829,253	\$900,000	\$940,000
% change	33.5%	82.0%	-30.6%	8.5%	4.4%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) \$15 contribution paid by Ohio motorists for the issuance of Lake Erie license plates, (2) annual earnings from the regional endowment of the Great Lakes Protection Fund, a private not-for-profit corporation created in 1989 by one-time contributions of the seven Great Lakes states, (3) cash transfers from state agencies that are participating members of the Commission, and (4) donations, gifts, bequests, or other money received for Lake Erie protection and restoration

Legal Basis: R.C. 1506.23; Sections 319.10 and 319.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used to pay for the Commission's ongoing annual operating expenses, and to fund grants of up to \$50,000 for research and projects aimed at protecting, preserving, and restoring Lake Erie and its watershed.

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FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$125,000	\$125,000	\$0	\$163,050	\$132,000	\$132,000
% change	0.0%	-100.0%	N/A	-19.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Cash transfers from the surplus balance of the GRF

Legal Basis: R.C. 126.60; Sections 319.10 and 512.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 166 of the 133rd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used to support the Commission's role in the H2Ohio Initiative to provide coordination and to ensure transparency and accountability.

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Federal Fund Group

3EP0 780603 LEC Federal Grants

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$612,814	\$137,783	\$156,223	\$439,278	\$1,140,000	\$1,140,000
% change	-77.5%	13.4%	181.2%	159.5%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 66.469, Great Lakes Program

Legal Basis: Section 319.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on December 13, 2010)

Purpose: This line item is used to disburse federal grants awarded for the purpose of undertaking Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) projects. Since FY 2023, it is primarily being used to disburse the following awards: (1) effective FY 2023, a \$880,088 pass-through grant partnering with The Ohio State University and the University of Toledo improve the understanding of cyanotoxins in Lake Erie, (2) effective FY 2024, \$1.4 million grant to develop and implement the Lake Erie Environmental Justice Grant Program for historically overburdened and underserved communities in Ohio's Lake Erie watershed (3) effective FY 2025, \$86,000 grant to host the 2025 U.S. Great Lakes Areas of Concern conference in Toledo (Lucas County), and (4) various grants for stream restoration.