

Air Quality Development Authority

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- Ohio Coal Development Office was transferred to the OAQDA from the Department of Development

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a nonregulatory state government agency that was established in 1970 in response to environmental mandates handed down by the federal government in the first Clean Air Act. A seven-member board governs the Authority. The Governor appoints five of the members and the remaining two members are the directors of the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The Authority assists Ohio businesses, government agencies, not-for-profit agencies, and individuals in complying with air quality regulations by providing technical and financial assistance. The OAQDA is also the home agency for the Ohio Coal Development Office (OCDO), which provides grants to support research and development of clean coal technology.

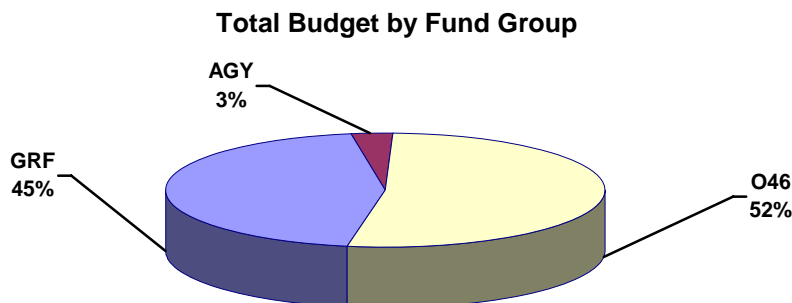
Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
13	\$18.23 million	\$20.15 million	\$7.64 million	\$9.55 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

* Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2005.

Appropriations

The enacted budget appropriates total funding of \$18,231,041 in FY 2006, a decrease of 3.1% from the FY 2005 expenditure level. The total funding level for FY 2007 is \$20,153,590, a 10.5% increase over FY 2005 levels. GRF funding is \$7,639,914 for FY 2006 and \$9,554,614 for FY 2007. The following chart shows the Air Quality Development Authority's state biennial budget by fund group. As can be seen in the chart, 45% of the Air Quality Development Authority's funding comes from the GRF, 52% of funding comes from the Coal Research & Development Fund, and 3% of funding comes from the Agency Fund Group.



ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the Air Quality Development Authority is considered a single program series agency and its activities are not subdivided into separate programs.

Program Series 1

Air Quality Development Authority

Purpose: All Ohio Air Quality Development Authority funds and activities are in a single program series. There are three components to this series: Air Quality Facility Development and Financing, the Clean Air Resource Center, and the Ohio Coal Development Office.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this agency, as well as the enacted budget funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	898-402	Coal Development Office	\$568,814	\$573,814
GRF	898-901	Coal R&D General Obligation Debt Service	\$7,071,100	\$8,980,800
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$7,639,914	\$9,554,614
Agency Fund Group				
570	898-601	Operating Expenses	\$256,875	\$263,693
4Z9	898-602	Small Business Ombudsman	\$263,165	\$264,196
5A0	898-603	Small Business Assistance	\$71,087	\$71,087
Agency Fund Group Subtotal			\$591,127	\$598,976
Coal Research & Development Fund				
046	898-604	Coal Research & Development	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Coal Research & Development Fund Subtotal			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Total Funding: Air Quality Development Authority			\$18,231,041	\$20,153,590

This analysis focuses on the following specific programs within the agency:

- **Air Quality Facility Development and Financing**
- **Clean Air Resource Center**
- **Ohio Coal Development Office**

Air Quality Facility Development and Financing

Program Description: The Air Quality Facility Development and Financing program supports the primary activities of the OAQDA. The program's primary focus is providing financing assistance for investment in: air pollution control, air pollution prevention, energy efficiency and conservation, and ethanol and other biofuel production facilities.

Funding Source: Administrative fees generated from the issuance of bonds

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The enacted budget will provide enough funding to support the Air Quality Facility Development and Financing program's primary activities.

Clean Air Resource Center

Program Description: The Clean Air Resource Center fulfills the federal requirement to provide specific assistance to small businesses that must comply with the Clean Air Act of 1990. The program provides information to small businesses, and helps them determine if they must comply with Clean Air Act requirements and what they must do to be in compliance. The program also assists in determining how to finance any changes that must be made in order to comply with regulations.

Funding Source: Transfers of Title V permit fees from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The enacted budget provides adequate funding to support the activities of the Clean Air Resource Center. If additional funding is needed for the Small Business Assistance Program it may be requested through the Controlling Board.

Ohio Coal Development Office

Program Description: The Ohio Coal Development Office co-funds the development and implementation of technologies that can use Ohio's high-sulfur coal reserves in an economical and environmentally sound manner. The Office oversees ongoing grants providing technical, administrative, and management assistance. The Office monitors the progress of these projects to insure that funding is being properly used and substantial progress is being made. The Office also supports the Ohio Coal Research Consortium, a network of Ohio universities conducting research in the clean coal technologies.

Funding Sources: General Revenue Fund and Ohio coal research and development GO bonds

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The enacted budget will allow the Coal Development Office to fund the activities of the Coal Research and Development program.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions: Temporary law grants the Ohio Public Facilities Commission authorization to issue and sell bonds and other obligations of the state to provide moneys to the credit of the Coal Research and Development Fund.