

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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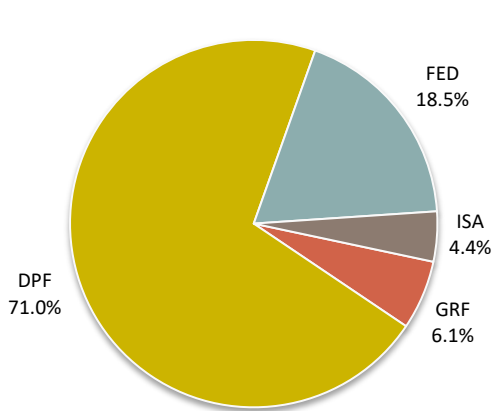
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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: \$277.0 million in FY 2026 and \$285.2 million in FY 2027.
 - Revenue sources: state non-GRF (75.4%), federal (18.5%), and GRF (6.1%).
 - Largest expenses: personal services (52.9%), followed by subsidies (22.2%).
- Executive budget supports maintaining Agency’s existing service delivery levels, including paying the costs of 1,134 full-time equivalent staff.
- \$27.5 million appropriated for H2Ohio in each FY 2026 and FY 2027.

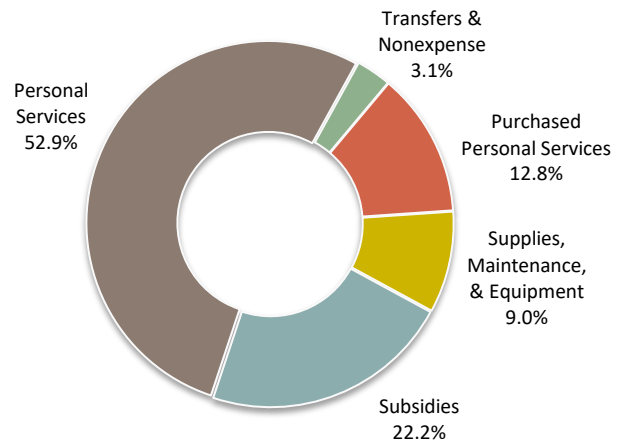
Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
General Revenue (GRF)	\$12,158,956	\$13,908,000	\$15,232,534	\$19,265,775
Dedicated Purpose (DPF)	\$197,062,213	\$203,364,927	\$197,872,585	\$201,428,322
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$10,602,134	\$11,985,764	\$12,249,300	\$12,274,300
Federal (FED)	\$66,452,606	\$63,053,822	\$51,674,302	\$52,250,985
Total	\$286,275,909	\$292,312,513	\$277,028,721	\$285,219,382
% change	--	2.1%	-5.2%	3.0%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	<i>14.4%</i>	<i>9.5%</i>	<i>26.5%</i>

**Chart 1: Ohio EPA Budget by Fund Group
FY 2026-FY 2027 Biennium**



Biennial total: \$562.2 million

**Chart 2: Ohio EPA Budget by Expense Category
FY 2026-FY 2027 Biennium**



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 executive budget provides Ohio EPA a total appropriation of \$277.0 million in FY 2026 and \$285.2 million in FY 2027.

Chart 1 and the table shown in the “**Quick look**” section present the executive recommended appropriations by fund group. As shown in Chart 1, in paying for the cost of its operations, Ohio EPA will continue to rely very heavily on money appropriated from the Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group. Under the executive budget, more than 89.5% of the Agency's money will be appropriated from two sources: (1) fees and fines deposited into funds within the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group (71.0%), and (2) grants deposited into funds within the Federal (FED) Fund Group (18.5%).

Chart 2 in the “**Quick look**” section displays Ohio EPA's biennial executive budget recommendation in terms of the manner in which this funding is allocated for operating expenses and subsidy programs. These allocations may change over the course of the biennium, but historically, these percentages have remained relatively consistent from year to year.

At 52.9% of the total biennial recommendation, personal services dominate all other expense categories. Personal services expenses represent Ohio EPA's payroll costs (wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and payroll check off charges).

Subsidies and shared revenue is the second largest category at 22.2%. This category consists of: (1) grants given to political subdivisions and private groups to perform certain remediation or improvement projects, and (2) fees that are partially remitted to local governments for providing some services, such as supervision of construction and demolition debris facilities.

Purchased personal services are the third largest category of expenses, making up 12.8% of the total biennial recommendation. This includes Ohio EPA payments for various contracts, including sample gathering and testing, or consulting services.

The fourth largest expense category is supplies, maintenance, and equipment, accounting for 9.0% of the total biennial recommendation. This category includes materials needed for laboratory, field, and information technology (IT) operations.

The remainder, or 3.1%, of the total biennial recommendation will be allocated for money that is moved between various state entities both inside and outside of Ohio EPA (transfers and nonexpense).

Staffing levels

Under the executive budget proposal, Ohio EPA's appropriations are estimated to support the full-time equivalent (FTE) of 1,134 staff. Table 1 below summarizes the number of FTEs by division. The total number of agency positions will remain at the same level as in FY 2025.

Table 1. Ohio EPA Employee FTEs* by Program, FY 2024-FY 2027**				
Division	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Estimate
Air Emission and Authorization	161	150.5	176.5	176.5
Right-to-Know	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Mobile Sources Control	8	8	8	8
Radiological Safety	1.5	2	2	2
Voluntary Action Program	34	35	38	38
Remedial Response	46	46	50	50
Federal Facilities Oversight	6	7	7	7
RCRA Hazardous Waste	77	78	82	82
Non Hazardous Waste Management	100	100	106	106
Public Drinking Water Supply Supervision	142	145	161	161
Water Quality	199	205	216	216
Environmental Education	6	7	7	7
Diesel Emissions Reduction	1	3	3	3
Mitigation	1	2	2	2
Environmental Financial Assistance	69	40	42	42
Environmental Innovation	0	20	21	21
Emergency Response	20	19	19	19
Investigations	5	5	5	5
Laboratory Services	19	18	21	21
Environmental Program Support	151	155	165	165
Total Vacant FTEs	82	86	0	0
Totals	1,131	1,134	1,134	1,134

*Some category FTEs include part-time and intermittent positions, which taken together may equal a single FTE. Numbers have been rounded for readability.

**FY 2025-FY 2027 are Ohio EPA estimates.

Budget highlights

Agency fees

Permanent fee extension

The executive budget makes permanent certain fees that are set to expire between June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2026. Previous budgets have extended these fees by two years, matching the biennium covered by the respective bills. 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 making the fees permanent 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). Not including solid waste transfer and disposal fees, discussed below, this would preserve about \$20.4 million in annual revenue for Ohio EPA as well as \$4.0 million deposited to the Oil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BVO) used by the Department of Agriculture (AGR) from a 50¢ portion of the fee on the sale of used tires.

Wastewater treatment works plan approval fee

In addition to making the fee permanent, the executive budget increases the fee for a person applying for a wastewater treatment works plan approval from \$100 +.65% of the estimated project cost to \$100 +.65% of the estimated project cost plus \$100 +.2% of the estimated project cost and retains the current law cap of \$15,000 for this fee. The fee change will increase annual revenues deposited to Fund 4K40 by \$3.0 million or less due to the fee cap in addition to retained fees for the fund listed above.

Solid Waste Transfer and Disposal fee modifications

The executive budget makes the \$4.75 fee per ton on solid waste transfer and disposal permanent, but modifies the fee as follows:

- Reduces, from 11¢ to 9¢, the deposit to the Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030), a reduction of about \$316,000 annually from \$1.7 million to \$1.4 million;
- Reduces, from 60¢ to 46¢, the deposit to the Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Fund (Fund 5050), a reduction of \$2.2 million annually from \$9.5 million to \$7.3 million;
- Reduces, from \$2.81 to \$2.15, the deposit to the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), a reduction of about \$10.4 million annually from \$44.4 million to \$34.0 million;
- Reduces, from 8¢ to 6¢, the deposit to the National Priority List Remedial Support Fund (Fund 5YY0), a reduction of about \$316,000 annually from \$1.3 million to \$950,000;
- Allocates 18¢ to the Recycling and Litter Prevention Fund (Fund 5320), a new deposit of \$2.8 million annually;
- Allocates 21¢ to the Environmental Protection Remediation Fund (Fund 5410), a new deposit of \$7.1 million annually;
- Retains (does not change) 90¢ deposit to the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30), or \$14.2 million annually;
- Retains (does not change) 25¢ deposit to the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0), or \$3.9 million annually; and
- Allocates the remaining 45¢, or \$7.1 million annually, to be transmitted to the approved board of health of the health district in which the facility that collects the fee is located.

Based on FY 2024 overall solid waste fee revenue of \$75.0 million, similar fee revenue will now be distributed as follows: \$63.9 million to Ohio EPA, \$7.1 million to local boards of health, and \$3.9 million to the Department of Agriculture.

The executive budget also imposes the revised and reallocated fee structure that applies to the transfer and disposal of solid waste to construction and demolition debris (C&DD) that is transferred or disposed of at a solid waste transfer facility or solid waste disposal facility. Consequently, it eliminates the requirement that solid waste facilities collect C&DD disposal fees on the disposal of C&DD at such facilities.

This will lead to a reduction in C&DD fees collected at solid waste facilities and distributed to local boards of health and the following state funds: Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30), Recycling and Litter Prevention Fund (Fund 5320) used by Ohio EPA, and Soil and Water Conservation

District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR while increasing the solid waste fees collected and distributed as described above.

Air Pollution Control fees

The executive 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%. Ohio EPA expects revenues to increase by about \$8.6 million annually: \$2.6 million to Fund 4T30 from new annual fees, and \$6.0 million to Fund 4K20 from new and increased fees.

Fee elimination

The executive 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).

The fee eliminations will reduce the amount of annual fee revenue deposited to Fund 4K40 by \$30,000, and the amount deposited to Fund 5320 by about \$25,000 annually.

H2Ohio

The executive proposed budget includes a \$27.5 million appropriation from the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027. Ohio EPA 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 executive budget appropriates \$269.9 million to Fund 6H20, H2Ohio, for the following agencies: Department of Agriculture (\$121.3 million), Department of Natural Resources (\$93.2 million), Environmental Protection Agency (\$55.1 million), and the Lake Erie Commission (\$264,000). In January 2025, Fund 6H20 had a cash balance of \$178.5 million. A temporary law provision in the executive budget permits the Director of Budget and Management to transfer \$270,276,066 to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) from the GRF.

H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly, the main appropriations act for FY 2020 and FY 2021, created the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20). The fund was originally seeded with a \$172 million transfer of cash from the GRF. Ohio EPA's portion is dedicated to support watershed planning, scientific research, and data collection. Fund 6H20 also provides funding to the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Lake Erie Commission. In FY 2024, Ohio EPA expended \$27.4 million in H2Ohio funding for water and wastewater infrastructure, equipment needed to maintain drinking water infrastructure, water reuse projects, salt reduction grants to reduce salt runoff from roadways, and river improvement projects.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget proposal

Introduction

This section provides an analysis of the Governor’s recommended 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 estimated expenditures for FY 2025 and recommended 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 Proposal

Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
General Revenue Fund Group				
GRF	715407	Water Systems Cybersecurity Grants	7:1	Environmental and Financial Assistance
GRF	715502	Auto Emissions E-Check Program	1:1	Air Pollution Control
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
4D50	715618	Recycled State Materials	7:2	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

Categorization of Ohio EPA's ALIs for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget Proposal

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Category
4T30	715659	Clean Air – Title V Permit Program	1:6 Air Pollution Control
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	7:5 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	7:3 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	7:6 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	7:7 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	7:4 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 Proposal				
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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 715502, Auto Emission E-Check Program	\$13,908,000	\$13,232,534	\$13,265,775
% change	--	-4.9%	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.

E-Check started in January 1996 to identify motor vehicles that emit excessive levels of pollutants into the air. Vehicle emission tests are performed in seven northeastern Ohio counties:

Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit. Ohio EPA routinely certifies the testing equipment and provides public assistance by responding to requests for information, complaints about the program, and issues exemptions and extensions when appropriate. In 2023, 880,830 vehicle emission tests were performed at 23 testing stations, 21 self-service testing kiosks, and 45 independent garages.

Temporary law in the executive 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; 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5BC0 from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, or by about \$10.4 million annually. 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 6790 ALI 715636, Emergency Planning	\$3,018,540	\$2,917,000	\$2,917,000
% change	--	-3.4%	0.0%

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).

Historically, around 80% of the line item’s recommended appropriation in each fiscal year is expended for subsidies to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the state’s 88 local emergency planning committees (LEPCs). The remaining 20% is allocated for operating expenses, primarily supplies and maintenance, and secondarily for personal services (payroll).

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 base filing fee is \$150 each year, with \$20 for each additional hazardous chemical reported, and \$150 for each extremely hazardous chemical reported, capped at \$2,500. The revised annual fee schedule for the oil and gas production and storage facilities has a base fee of \$50, with \$10 for each additional storage site in excess of 25, and a fee cap of \$900. In recent years, the fund’s annual revenues have averaged about \$2.9 million.

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 6960 ALI 715643, Air Pollution Control Administration	\$175,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
% change	--	-14.3%	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. Annual revenues vary depending on the number of recoveries issued and the size of the penalties.

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

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4K20 ALI 715648, Clean Air – Non Title V	\$5,086,300	\$4,516,349	\$4,593,901
% change	--	-11.2%	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.

Under the executive budget, around 77.2%, or \$7.0 million over the biennium, of the line item’s appropriation is allocated for operating expenses. Around 22.8%, or nearly \$2.1 million, over the biennium is allocated for subsidies distributed to local air pollution control agencies.

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) effective FY 2018, 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). Since FY 2019, the fund’s annual revenues have averaged \$4.3 million. The executive budget increases fees deposited to Fund 4K20, including fees for facility permits to install and annual fees that are based on total air pollution emissions or emission capacity, by 50%. Ohio EPA expects annual fee revenue to increase by \$6.0 million as a result.

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

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4T30 ALI 715659, Clean Air – Title V Permit Program	\$10,377,528	\$10,942,818	\$11,148,464
	% change	--	5.4%
			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.

Under the executive budget, around 77%, or \$17.0 million, of the line item’s appropriation in each fiscal year is allocated for operating expenses, primarily for personal services (payroll), and secondarily, supplies and maintenance. About 23%, or \$5.1 million, of the allocation is dedicated to subsidies. This line item is used by the Division of Air Pollution Control and the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance.

Since FY 2020, annual revenues for Fund 4T30 have averaged \$8.9 million. Revenues have steadily decreased over the last several years which Ohio EPA attributes to reduced emissions due to the closure of several power plants, enhancements in pollution control technologies, and increased efficiencies in manufacturing operations and energy usage. The executive 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 which Ohio EPA expects to result in an additional \$2.6 million annually. Fees are billed once per year.

C1:7: Risk Management Reporting (ALI 715671)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5420 ALI 715671, Risk Management Reporting	\$220,470	\$144,047	\$147,307
% change	--	-34.7%	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. Annual revenues are variable but have averaged just over \$130,000 annually from FY 2020 through FY 2024.

C1:8: Air Pollution Control (ALI 715672)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715672, Air Pollution Control	\$8,910,000	\$9,354,059	\$9,354,059
% change	--	5.0%	0.0%

This line item pays for expenses of the Division of Air Pollution Control. Under the executive budget, around 84%, or \$15.9 million of the line item's appropriation over the biennium is allocated for operating expenses, primarily personal services (payroll), and supplies and maintenance. Around 17%, or \$2.8 million, over the biennium is allocated for subsidies distributed to local air pollution control 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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5BC0 from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, or by about \$10.4 million annually. 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
FED Fund 3570 ALI 715619, Air Pollution Control – Federal	\$7,980,570	\$6,806,147	\$6,929,318
% change	--	-14.7%	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.

Under the executive budget, of the line item’s biennial appropriation, 74%, or \$10.1 million, is allocated for operating expenses, primarily personal services (payroll), equipment, and supplies and maintenance, and 26%, or \$3.6 million, is allocated for subsidies distributed to local air pollution control agencies.

The line item draws its appropriation from the Air Pollution Control Fund (Fund 3570), which consists of various federal air pollution control grants. Ohio EPA anticipates a slight increase in federal grant funding over the biennium. Federal funding has remained relatively stable in these grants over the last few years. Current grants include the following: (1) Section 105 Grant from U.S. EPA, (2) Particulate Matter 2.5 Grant from U.S. EPA, (3) BioWatch Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, (4) Multi-Purpose Grant from U.S. EPA, and (5) one-time funding through the Inflation Reduction Act in FYs 2024 and 2025.

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5030 ALI 715621, Hazardous Waste Facility Management	\$4,877,120	\$2,788,523	\$2,842,749
% change	--	-42.8%	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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5030 by 18.0%, from 11¢ per ton to 9¢ per ton, a decrease in revenue of about \$316,000 per year. Since FY 2020, fee revenue has averaged \$4.5 million annually.

C2:2: Hazardous Waste Cleanup (ALI 715623)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5050 ALI 715623, Hazardous Waste Cleanup	\$15,269,788	\$9,334,680	\$9,559,074
% change	--	-38.9%	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, 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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5050 by 23.3% from 60¢ per ton to 46¢ per ton, a decrease in total fee revenue of \$2.2 million per year. Between FY 2020 and FY 2023, fee revenue has averaged \$10.5 million annually. In FY 2024, fee revenues decreased to about \$9.9 million.

C2:3: Cozart Landfill (ALI 715654)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4P50 ALI 715654, Cozart Landfill	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$7,500
% change	--	-25.0%	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’s recommended appropriation is allocated for the necessary contract(s) to perform these services.

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. As the Division needs funds for remediation and post-closure oversight, money is transferred to support the line item’s appropriation. 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. The last transfer occurred in FY 2019 when a significant repair to the lagoon at the landfill required a cash request from the trust of about \$70,000.

C2:4: Voluntary Action Program (ALI 715658)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4R90 ALI 715658, Voluntary Action Program	\$1,143,598	\$1,188,026	\$1,217,345
% change	--	3.9%	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, clean it 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 majority of the expenses associated with this line item are dedicated to the operating costs of the VAP including personal services (payroll) and supplies and maintenance.

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. In recent years, the fund’s annual revenues have averaged about \$1.1 million or more.

C2:5: Corrective Actions (ALI 715678)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715678, Corrective Actions	\$1,211,000	\$1,271,429	\$1,271,429
% change	--	5.0%	0.0%

This line item pays for voluntary action cleanup programs. The primary expense is personal services (payroll) and secondarily, supplies and maintenance as they relate to the technical assistance provided under the program.

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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5BC0 from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, or by about \$10.4 million annually. 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 6440 ALI 715631, Emergency Response Radiological Safety	\$332,287	\$274,997	\$280,510
% change	--	-17.2%	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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
FED Fund 3CS0 ALI 715688, Federal NRD Settlements	\$201,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
% change	--	646.3%	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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
FED Fund 3F30 ALI 715632, Federally Supported Cleanup and Response	\$10,056,289	\$13,779,323	\$14,061,350
% change	--	37.0%	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. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged about \$8.5 million.

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4K30 ALI 715649, Solid Waste	\$16,698,529	\$14,791,311	\$15,098,763
% change	--	-11.4%	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). The amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 4K30 was increased from 75¢ to 90¢ per ton by H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly and is unchanged by the executive budget.

Fees on the disposal of construction and demolition debris are the second major revenue source, averaging \$859,000 per year. Since FY 2020, the fund's annual revenues have averaged \$12.7 million.

C3:2: Scrap Tire Management (ALI 715656)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4R50 ALI 715656, Scrap Tire Management	\$3,670,616	\$3,558,044	\$3,581,336
% change	--	-3.1%	0.7%

This line item pays 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. Between FY 2020 and FY 2024, \$3.86 million, or 97.8% of total average annual revenues of \$3.95 million, originated from these fees.

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5410 ALI 715670, Site Specific Cleanup	\$13,899,837	\$17,744,091	\$17,746,631
% change	--	27.7%	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. The executive budget proposes to deposit 21¢ from the \$4.75 per ton fee on solid waste disposal to Fund 5410 which could result in annual revenue of \$3.3 million.

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

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5BT0 ALI 715679, C&DD Groundwater Monitoring	\$101,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	--	-50.5%	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 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 February 2025, the fund balance totaled \$1.9 million.

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

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5YY0 ALI 715405, National Priorities List Remedial Support Fund	\$900,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	66.7%	-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 6¢ from the \$4.75 per ton fee on solid waste disposal and transfer, reduced from 8¢ under the executive budget.

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4J00 ALI 715638, Underground Injection Control	\$485,800	\$514,242	\$530,276
% change	--	5.9%	3.1%
FED Fund 3620 ALI 715605, Underground Injection Control – Federal	\$181,818	\$165,382	\$169,516
% change	--	-9.0%	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. Revenues for the fund are estimated to be approximately \$500,000 per year from FY 2025 through FY 2027.

Line item 715605, Underground Injection Control – Federal, is supported by a federal grant from U.S. EPA and is expected to be approximately \$165,400 in FY 2026 and \$169,500 in FY 2027. This grant is awarded annually for the support of the Underground Injection Control Program activities.

Class I well

A Class I well is used for the injection of fluids, either hazardous or nonhazardous, into geologic formations far below the underground source of drinking water. These wells are strictly regulated to prevent migration of injected fluids into an underground source of drinking water. There are 16 active permitted Class I wells and two proposed new wells located at five facilities in Ohio.

Class IV well

A Class IV well is used for the injection of hazardous or radioactive material into or above an underground source of drinking water. Class IV wells are prohibited unless approved for use in conjunction with a hazardous waste cleanup. When an unauthorized Class IV well is discovered, Ohio EPA ensures that the well is plugged appropriately and that any necessary corrective actions are taken at the site. There are currently 49 active Class IV wells in Ohio.

Class V well

A Class V well is typically a shallow disposal system used to place a variety of nonhazardous fluids below the ground surface into or above an underground source of drinking water. Examples are dry wells that collect surface water runoff, large capacity cesspools or septic systems, and industrial, commercial, and utility disposal wells.

C4:2: Drinking Water Protection (ALI 715651)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4K50 ALI 715651, Drinking Water Protection	\$10,492,257	\$8,774,797	\$9,027,993
% change	--	-16.4%	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. In recent years, the fund’s revenues have averaged \$7.4 million, skewed upwards somewhat by \$2.5 million in civil penalties collected in FY 2024.

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

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715673, Drinking and Ground Water	\$3,700,000	\$4,024,215	\$4,133,956
% change	--	8.8%	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 (UIC Federal Grant).

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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5BC0 from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, or by about \$10.4 million annually. 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
FED Fund 3530 ALI 715612, Public Water Supply	\$2,998,150	\$2,564,882	\$2,626,504
% change	--	-14.5%	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. Under the executive budget, 96.1% of the line item's appropriation in each fiscal year is allocated for personal services (payroll), with the remainder for supplies and maintenance.

The money for this line item is appropriated from federal Public Water System Supervision grants credited to Fund 3530. Annually, about \$2.9 million is awarded.

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

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
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 line item is allocated primarily to operating costs for administering the program; 91.1% for payroll and 8.9% for supplies and maintenance.

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715624, Surface Water	\$6,606,600	\$6,936,269	\$6,936,269
% change	--	5.0%	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. More than 87% 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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5BC0 from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, or by about \$10.4 million annually. 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 6990 ALI 715644, Water Pollution Control Administration	\$310,000	\$307,859	\$307,858
% change	--	-0.7%	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. The Agency expects the cash balance in the fund to be approximately \$1.9 million by the end of FY 2027, up 33.8% over the FY 2024 ending cash balance of \$1.4 million.

C5:3: Surface Water Protection (ALI 715650)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4K40 ALI 715650, Surface Water Protection	\$12,966,000	\$11,864,197	\$12,101,940
% change	--	-8.5%	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. Since 2020, revenue to the fund has averaged \$10.4 million annually.

C5:4: Surface Water Improvement (ALI 715685)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5Y30 ALI 715685, Surface Water Improvement	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$520,000
% change	--	0.0%	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. Under the executive budget, the entirety of the line item’s appropriation is allocated for subsidies.

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715687, Areawide Planning Agencies	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
% change	--	0.0%	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. Under the executive budget, the entirety of the line item's appropriation in each fiscal year is allocated for grants.

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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5BC0 from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, or by about \$10.4 million annually. 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 6760 ALI 715699, Water Quality Administration	\$4,223,000	\$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). In recent years the fund's annual revenue stream has been between \$8.0 million and \$9.5 million.

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 one quarter.

C5:7: Water Quality Protection (ALI 715684)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
FED Fund 3BU0 ALI 715684, Water Quality Protection	\$34,345,960	\$16,230,503	\$16,230,503
% change	--	-52.7%	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).

From FY 2020 through FY 2024, fund revenues from federal grants averaged \$12.7 million annually.

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 6A10 ALI 715645, Environmental Education	\$550,000	\$550,316	\$550,427
% change	--	0.1%	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 penalty revenue available.

C6:2: Environmental Resource Coordination (ALI 715694)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715694, Environmental Resource Coordination	\$875,000	\$814,339	\$832,027
% change	--	-6.9%	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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5BC0 from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, or by about \$10.4 million annually. 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
FED Fund 3HE0 ALI 715697, Volkswagen Clean Air Act Settlement	\$3,095,000	\$6,827,000	\$6,841,000
% change	--	120.6%	0.2%

The source of this federal 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 2024, Fund 3HE0 received \$56.2 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
FED Fund 3V70 ALI 715606, Agencywide Grants	\$940,000	\$746,900	\$746,900
% change	--	-20.5%	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: Water Systems Cybersecurity Grants (ALI 715407)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 715407, Water Systems Cybersecurity Grants	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$6,000,000
% change	--	--	200.0%

This new line item will be used to provide cybersecurity grants to public water systems. The grants will be open to both public drinking water and wastewater systems, but funding will be prioritized for drinking water systems. According to Ohio EPA, the short-term goals of the cybersecurity grant program are to identify water and wastewater systems with vulnerabilities and provide assistance and funding to address issues. The long-term goals are to reduce the number of water and wastewater systems vulnerable to cyberattack and to ensure there are no disruptions to the delivery of drinking water.

C7:2: Recycled State Materials (ALI 715618)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4D50 ALI 715618, Recycled State Materials	\$50,000	\$11,500	\$11,500
% change	--	-77.0%	0.0%

This line item pays for costs of recycling services and activities. Under the executive budget, the entirety of the line item’s appropriation in each fiscal year is allocated for supplies and maintenance.

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.

C7:3: Scrap Tire Market Development (ALI 715637)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5860 ALI 715637, Scrap Tire Market Development	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	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. Applications must meet a submittal deadline and are competitively scored by a multi-disciplinary team. Applications always exceed available funds, and thus the program is highly competitive. Market development grants are available for up to \$200,000; scrap tire grants have a maximum of \$300,000. Both grants require a 100% match.

C7:4: Water Pollution Control Loan Administration (ALI 715642)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 6760 ALI 715642, Water Pollution Control Loan Administration	\$5,830,000	\$5,120,000	\$5,282,500
% change	--	-12.2%	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.

C7:5: Recycling and Litter Control (ALI 715646)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5320 ALI 715646, Recycling and Litter Control	\$8,508,000	\$4,888,354	\$5,146,276
% change	--	-42.5%	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 and, under the executive budget, 18¢ from the \$4.75 per ton fee on solid waste disposal and transfer.

C7:6: Assistance and Prevention (ALI 715676)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715676, Assistance and Prevention	\$2,093,000	\$4,204,000	\$4,359,000
% change	--	100.9%	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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5BC0 from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, or by about \$10.4 million annually. This line item is one of ten line items used by Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund.

C7:7: Drinking Water Loan Fee (ALI 715696)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5PZ0 ALI 715696, Drinking Water Loan Fee	\$4,021,500	\$4,109,640	\$4,388,600
% change	--	2.2%	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 \$225 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5000 ALI 715608, Immediate Removal Special Account	\$750,000	\$747,051	\$769,463
% change	--	-0.4%	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. In FY 2024, the fund had an ending cash balance of \$1.8 million. It should be noted that expenditures are tied to emergent situations, and recovery costs are unpredictable.

C8:2: Response and Investigations (ALI 715698)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5050 ALI 715698, Response and Investigations	\$3,710,000	\$3,822,060	\$4,211,500
% change	--	3.0%	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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5050 by 23.3% from 60¢ per ton to 46¢ per ton. Since FY 2020, fee revenue has averaged \$10.4 million annually. Over the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium, at current fee volume, the fee change can be expected to result in a decrease of about \$2.2 million annually deposited to the fund.

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715677, Laboratory	\$3,684,000	\$4,235,216	\$4,360,265
% change	--	15.0%	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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5BC0 from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, or by about \$10.4 million annually. 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
ISA Fund 1990 ALI 715602, Laboratory Services	\$683,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
% change	--	-26.8%	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. According to the Agency, revenues are expected to be below expenditures for FY 2025 and the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium. The fund balance at the end of FY 2024 was \$1.9 million.

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5BC0 ALI 715692, Administration	\$17,000,000	\$19,684,900	\$20,654,900
% change	--	15.8%	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. The executive budget reduces the amount of the solid waste transfer and disposal fee deposited to Fund 5BC0 from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, or by about \$10.4 million annually. 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
ISA Fund 2190 ALI 715604, Central Support Indirect	\$10,294,764	\$10,657,300	\$10,657,300
% change	--	3.5%	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. Revenue estimates for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are \$8.1 million in each year and are based on the current and projected federal indirect rate.

C10:3: Operating Expenses (ALI 715640)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
ISA Fund 4A10 ALI 715640, Operating Expenses	\$1,008,000	\$1,092,000	\$1,117,000
% change	--	8.3%	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. Revenue estimates for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are \$881,500 in each year.

C10:4: H2Ohio (ALI 715695)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 6H20 ALI 715695, H2Ohio	\$27,538,157	\$27,537,015	\$27,537,015
% change	--	0.0%	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 executive budget appropriates \$269.9 million to Fund 6H20, H2Ohio, for the following agencies: Department of Agriculture (\$121.7 million), Department of Natural Resources (\$93.2 million), Environmental Protection Agency (\$55.1 million), and the Lake Erie Commission (\$264,000). A temporary law provision in the executive budget permits the Director of Budget and Management to transfer \$270,276,066 to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) from the GRF.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

General Revenue Fund

GRF 715404 Recycling Projects

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$60,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-83.3%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item was used for recycling expanded polystyrene for the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.

GRF 715407 Water Systems Cybersecurity Grants

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$6,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	200.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Proposed by the Executive Budget

Purpose: This new line is used to provide cybersecurity grants to public water systems. The grants will focus on identifying water and wastewater systems with vulnerabilities and then to provide assistance and funding to address those issues.

GRF 715502 Auto Emissions E-Check Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$9,923,506	\$9,128,454	\$12,158,956	\$13,908,000	\$13,232,534	\$13,265,775
% change	-8.0%	33.2%	14.4%	-4.9%	0.3%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 59 of the 130th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays for the implementation, supervision, administration, operation, and enforcement costs of the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program known as E-Check. The program is designed to identify motor vehicles that emit excessive levels of pollutants into the air and tests vehicles in the following seven northeastern Ohio counties: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4D50 715618 Recycled State Materials

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$260	\$0	\$11,517	\$50,000	\$11,500	\$11,500
% change	-100.0%	N/A	334.1%	-77.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Sale of recyclable goods and materials by state agencies

Legal Basis: R.C. 125.14; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 487 of the 129th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays for costs related to providing recycling services and activities in state agencies.

4J00 715638 Underground Injection Control

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$276,308	\$307,558	\$482,566	\$485,800	\$514,242	\$530,276
% change	11.3%	56.9%	0.7%	5.9%	3.1%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Annual Class I injection well permit fees (\$12,500/\$30,000 per well) and waste disposal tonnage fees (\$1.00/ton, \$25,000 annual maximum), and (2) as-needed, non-refundable permit fees to operate, drill, or modify a Class I or Class V injection well

Legal Basis: R.C. 6111.046; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 147 of the 119th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters for costs of administering the Underground Injection Control Program, which is responsible for the regulation of Class I, IV, and V injection wells. Annually, 15% of the available cash in the fund is 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.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K20 715648 Clean Air - Non Title V

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,533,179	\$4,266,832	\$4,171,857	\$5,086,300	\$4,516,349	\$4,593,901
% change	-5.9%	-2.2%	21.9%	-11.2%	1.7%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Certain air pollution control fees, including: 1) asbestos notification, removal, licensing, training and certification; 2) permits to install air pollution sources; 3) non-title V permit to operate biennial emission fees; 4) tax certification program for tax credits on air pollution control equipment; and 5) synthetic minor/federally enforceable state operating permits. Historically, the fund also receives periodic one-time transfers or deposits, most recently a one-time civil penalty deposit of \$1.7 million in FY 2022 from the Volkswagen settlement.

Legal Basis: R.C. 3704.035; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by S.B. 359 of the 119th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays for 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. A portion is also directed to local air pollution control agencies that perform primarily the same functions as the Ohio EPA District offices.

4K30 715649 Solid Waste

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$14,264,701	\$14,178,618	\$14,031,101	\$16,698,529	\$14,791,311	\$15,098,763
% change	-0.6%	-1.0%	19.0%	-11.4%	2.1%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) \$0.90 of the \$4.75 per ton fee on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026), (2) specified portion of construction and demolition debris disposal fees and inspection cost reimbursements, and (3) triennial infectious waste generator certificate fees

Legal Basis: R.C. 3734.061; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Division of Materials and Waste Management for operating expenses associated with the administration and enforcement of solid waste, infectious waste, and construction and demolition debris laws.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K40 715650 Surface Water Protection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$7,940,839	\$10,181,048	\$10,606,449	\$12,966,000	\$11,864,197	\$12,101,940
% change	28.2%	4.2%	22.2%	-8.5%	2.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Certain annual, one-time, and as-needed water pollution control/water quality fees, primarily: (1) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) application, permit issuance, permit modification, and average daily discharge flow fees, (2) Section 401 water quality certification application and review fees, (3) isolated wetland permit application and review fees, (4) wastewater treatment works application and plan review fees, (5) sewage sludge treatment or disposal fees, and (6) storm water general permit fees; certain fees sunset June 30, 2026

Legal Basis: R.C. 6111.038; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays 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, waste load allocations, effluent limits, water quality monitoring, surface water discharge permitting, permit enforcement, technical assistance, operator certification, and the administration of the state Isolated Wetlands Permit Program.

4K50 715651 Drinking Water Protection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$5,891,478	\$6,465,959	\$8,075,911	\$10,492,257	\$8,774,797	\$9,027,993
% change	9.8%	24.9%	29.9%	-16.4%	2.9%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) As needed annual and biennial public drinking water fees (wastewater system and water supply system operator certification, evaluation and certification of laboratories, public water supply system plan approval, license to operate), and (2) civil penalties for violations of the state's Safe Drinking Water Law; fees scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026

Legal Basis: R.C. 6109.30; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays costs of drinking and groundwater 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.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4P50 715654 Cozart Landfill

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$6,550	\$6,704	\$5,234	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$7,500
% change	2.4%	-21.9%	91.1%	-25.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Cash transferred as needed from \$3.9 million court-ordered trust fund for the Cozart Sanitary Landfill

Legal Basis: Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board in August 1993)

Purpose: 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.

4R50 715656 Scrap Tire Management

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,190,419	\$2,522,147	\$2,923,261	\$3,670,616	\$3,558,044	\$3,581,336
% change	15.1%	15.9%	25.6%	-3.1%	0.7%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) \$0.50 fee per tire on the sale of tires (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026), (2) scrap tire facility fees (annual license and application, and onetime registration certificate/permit), and (3) cost recoveries for enforcement and removal actions

Legal Basis: R.C. 3734.82; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by S.B. 165 of the 120th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays for the Division of Materials and Waste Management's costs to implement, administer, and enforce the state's Scrap Tire Management Law, which includes regulating the generation, transportation, storage, collection, and recovery of scrap tires. Permanent law describes the circumstances under which up to \$1.5 million in a fiscal year may be transferred from Fund 4R50 to the Scrap Tire Grant Fund (Fund 5860) for certain specified purposes.

Temporary law in the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennial budget permits the transfer of the remaining cash balance in the Auto Emissions Test Fund (Fund 5BY0) to Fund 4R50 in fiscal year 2024.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4R90 715658 Voluntary Action Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$847,907	\$1,019,069	\$1,092,846	\$1,143,598	\$1,188,026	\$1,217,345
% change	20.2%	7.2%	4.6%	3.9%	2.5%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Voluntary Action Program (VAP) fees, including those associated with "No Further Action" letters, professional or laboratory certification, and technical assistance recovery, and (2) civil penalties imposed for violations of VAP prohibitions

Legal Basis: R.C. 3746.16; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by S.B. 221 of the 120th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization for costs of implementing, administering, and enforcing the Voluntary Action Program. Under this program, individuals/companies are permitted to investigate possible environmental contamination, clean it up if necessary, and receive a promise from the state of Ohio (covenant not to sue or CNS) that no more cleanup is needed.

4T30 715659 Clean Air - Title V Permit Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$9,676,754	\$10,190,618	\$10,199,156	\$10,377,528	\$10,942,818	\$11,148,464
% change	5.3%	0.1%	1.7%	5.4%	1.9%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Annual emissions fees assessed Title V facilities

Legal Basis: R.C. 3704.035; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by S.B. 153 of the 120th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays for costs of the Division of Air Pollution Control to administer and enforce the federal Clean Air Title V Program, including assistance provided by local air pollution control agencies (LAAs). Annually, (1) not more than \$0.50 per ton for each type of Title V air pollution emissions fee is permitted to be transferred from this fund to the Small Business Assistance Fund (Fund 5A00) used by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, and (2) the amount necessary for the operation of the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority's Office of the Ombudsperson is required to be transferred to the Small Business Ombudsperson Fund (Fund 4Z90).

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5000 715608 Immediate Removal Special Account

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$756,843	\$722,000	\$680,839	\$750,000	\$747,051	\$769,463
% change	-4.6%	-5.7%	10.2%	-0.4%	3.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Cost recovery of emergency response activities charged to responsible parties, with the exception of costs paid from the Hazardous Waste Clean-up Fund (Fund 5050), and (2) civil and criminal penalties for violations of the Cessation of Regulated Operations Law (R.C. Chapter 3752.)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.12; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 238 of the 116th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Office of Emergency Response to pay for the costs of investigating, mitigating, removing, or abating any unauthorized spill, release, or discharge of material that requires emergency action.

5030 715621 Hazardous Waste Facility Management

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,151,382	\$3,551,008	\$2,500,023	\$4,877,120	\$2,788,523	\$2,842,749
% change	12.7%	-29.6%	95.1%	-42.8%	1.9%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Annual hazardous waste treatment and disposal fees, (2) hazardous waste facility onetime application and annual permit fees, (3) \$0.11 of the \$4.75 per ton state fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026), (4) cost recoveries for on-site inspection and monitoring personnel, and (5) state portion of court ordered cost reimbursements

Legal Basis: R.C. 3734.18; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 117 of the 121st G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization to pay for the costs of regulating facilities that generate, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste and used oil, and of providing technical assistance and outreach to the regulated community and the public.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5050 715623 Hazardous Waste Cleanup

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$8,558,513	\$8,847,841	\$8,235,570	\$15,269,788	\$9,334,680	\$9,559,074
% change	3.4%	-6.9%	85.4%	-38.9%	2.4%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) \$0.60 of the \$4.75 per ton state fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026), (2) certain civil penalties, (3) cost recoveries for investigation, cleanup, and remediation, (4) natural resource damage collections, and (5) sale of cleaned-up facilities and easement or lease payments

Legal Basis: R.C. 3734.28; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 530 of the 114th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization largely 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.

5050 715698 Response and Investigations

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,117,475	\$3,323,444	\$3,443,188	\$3,710,000	\$3,822,060	\$4,211,500
% change	6.6%	3.6%	7.7%	3.0%	10.2%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Shares sources of revenue noted in preceding entry for Ohio EPA's Fund 5050 line item 715623, Hazardous Waste Cleanup

Legal Basis: R.C. 3734.28; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 49 of the 132nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funds emergency response costs and supports criminal investigations.

5320 715646 Recycling and Litter Control

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,687,984	\$5,863,056	\$9,493,228	\$8,508,000	\$4,888,354	\$5,146,276
% change	59.0%	61.9%	-10.4%	-42.5%	5.3%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Fees levied on the disposal of construction and demolition debris (\$0.35 per cubic yard or \$0.70 per ton), (2) gifts, donations, grants, and reimbursements, and (3) investment earnings

Legal Basis: R.C. 3736.03; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 487 of the 129th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item primarily funds grants for community development, litter prevention, and recycling market development.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5410 715670 Site Specific Cleanup

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,797,013	\$13,453,817	\$9,884,524	\$13,899,837	\$17,744,091	\$17,746,631
% change	254.3%	-26.5%	40.6%	27.7%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Enforcement action settlements, (2) unreimbursed cleanup costs recovered through a civil action including portions of bankruptcy settlements, and (3) investment earnings

Legal Basis: R.C. 3734.281; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 283 of the 123rd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used for operating costs incurred by the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization and the Division of Materials and Waste Management.

5420 715671 Risk Management Reporting

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$164,009	\$72,301	\$119,416	\$220,470	\$144,047	\$147,307
% change	-55.9%	65.2%	84.6%	-34.7%	2.3%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Annual registration and regulated substances fees, and (2) civil penalties for violations of the Risk Management Program Law

Legal Basis: R.C. 3753.05; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by S.B. 219 of the 122th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays Division of Air Pollution Control costs to administer and enforce the state's Risk Management Planning Program, which implements air chemical emergency preparedness and protection requirements of the federal Clean Air Act.

5860 715637 Scrap Tire Market Development

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$305,838	\$972,335	\$879,531	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	217.9%	-9.5%	13.7%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Up to \$1.5 million permitted to be transferred each fiscal year from the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50) used by the Ohio EPA

Legal Basis: R.C. 3734.822; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 487 of the 129th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used for the purpose of grants to support: (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 hosted or sponsored by solid waste management districts, state agencies, or political subdivisions.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5BC0 715622 Local Air Pollution Control

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
% change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$2.81 of the \$4.75 per ton fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.015; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item's funds are distributed by the Division of Air Pollution Control to local air pollution control agencies under contract with the Ohio EPA 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.

5BC0 715624 Surface Water

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$6,606,599	\$6,606,600	\$6,580,252	\$6,606,600	\$6,936,269	\$6,936,269
% change	0.0%	-0.4%	0.4%	5.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$2.81 of the \$4.75 per ton fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.015; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays for services and activities of the Division of Surface Water designed to ensure compliance with the federal Clean Water Act and to make Ohio's water bodies suitable for recreational purposes (fishing and swimming).

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5BC0 715672 Air Pollution Control

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$8,632,292	\$8,630,550	\$8,862,445	\$8,910,000	\$9,354,059	\$9,354,059
% change	0.0%	2.7%	0.5%	5.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$2.81 of the \$4.75 per ton fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.015; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides funding for the Division of Air Pollution Control, which oversees the regulation and control of air pollution through surveillance of pollution sources, permit issuance and review, and long-range comprehensive planning.

5BC0 715673 Drinking and Ground Water

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,360,569	\$3,875,845	\$3,696,830	\$3,700,000	\$4,024,215	\$4,133,956
% change	-11.1%	-4.6%	0.1%	8.8%	2.7%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$2.81 of the \$4.75 per ton fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.015; Sections 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays for costs of services and activities performed by the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters in support of its responsibility to ensure compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and to evaluate potential threats to source waters that supply Ohio's public drinking water systems.

5BC0 715676 Assistance and Prevention

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,819,703	\$1,731,668	\$1,471,882	\$2,093,000	\$4,204,000	\$4,359,000
% change	-4.8%	-15.0%	42.2%	100.9%	3.7%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$2.81 of the \$4.75 per ton fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.015; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays costs of the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance to provide free and confidential assistance that helps small businesses comply with environmental regulations.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5BC0 715677 Laboratory

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,403,136	\$3,545,020	\$3,629,798	\$3,684,000	\$4,235,216	\$4,360,265
% change	4.2%	2.4%	1.5%	15.0%	3.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$2.81 of the \$4.75 per ton fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.015; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays costs of the Division of Environmental Services to provide laboratory services primarily to other Ohio EPA divisions, and secondarily to other state and local governmental agencies, and private entities.

5BC0 715678 Corrective Actions

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,175,787	\$1,176,000	\$1,211,000	\$1,211,000	\$1,271,429	\$1,271,429
% change	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$2.81 of the \$4.75 per ton fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.015; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item primarily is used by the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization for the Voluntary Action Program.

5BC0 715687 Areawide Planning Agencies

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$433,230	\$442,922	\$382,380	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
% change	2.2%	-13.7%	17.7%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$2.81 of the \$4.75 per ton fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.015; Sections 277.10 and 277.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funds grants disbursed by the Division of Surface Water to federal Section 208 areawide planning agencies responsible for water quality management planning within a specified area of the state.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5BC0 715692 Administration

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$15,796,145	\$15,450,034	\$16,926,252	\$17,000,000	\$19,684,900	\$20,654,900
% change	-2.2%	9.6%	0.4%	15.8%	4.9%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$2.81 of the \$4.75 per ton fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.015; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 153 of the 129th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used for the costs of operating the Ohio EPA's district and central support offices (administrative, legal, information technology, fiscal, human resources, public information, and facilities management staff).

5BC0 715694 Environmental Resource Coordination

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$438,547	\$906,518	\$683,384	\$875,000	\$814,339	\$832,027
% change	106.7%	-24.6%	28.0%	-6.9%	2.2%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$2.81 of the \$4.75 per ton fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2026)

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.015; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 59 of the 130th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used for operating expenses incurred by the Office of Environmental Education in administering various grant programs.

5BT0 715679 C&DD Groundwater Monitoring

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$9,877	\$101,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	N/A	N/A	922.6%	-50.5%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Effective April 2016, the administrative rule authorizing the collection of the fee that was responsible for generating revenue for this fund was rescinded; its cash balance is being spent down. Revenues were derived from a fee of not more than \$0.05 per cubic yard or \$0.10 per ton on the disposal of construction and demolition debris at a licensed construction and demolition debris facility

Legal Basis: R.C. 3714.071; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 432 of the 125th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays costs of the Division of Materials and Waste Management to conduct ground water monitoring at construction and demolition debris facilities (installing wells, sampling, laboratory analysis, and field equipment).

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5BY0 715681 Auto Emissions Test

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,692,737	\$1,798,444	\$1,695,119	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	6.2%	-5.7%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Annual cash transfers from the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50)

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item was used, in combination with GRF line item 715502, Auto Emissions E-Check Program, for costs of the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program known as E-Check. For FY 2024-2025 E-Check is funded 100% under GRF line item 715502.

Temporary law in the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennial budget permits the transfer of the remaining cash balance in Fund 5BY0 to the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50) in FY 2024.

5CV1 715600 Coronavirus Relief - EPA

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: FAL 21.019, Coronavirus Relief Fund

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by Controlling Board on June 15, 2020)

Purpose: This line item funded the initial phase of a wastewater-based epidemiology project to cover sample collection, laboratory testing costs, and training related to COVID-19. The project involved the Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Health working with the Ohio Water Resources Center (OWRC), the U.S. EPA's Office of Research & Development, and four Ohio universities to develop testing methods and scientific protocols to help communities identify prevalence and trends in COVID-19.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5CV3 715615 Dredge Material Processing Facilities ARPA

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$10,324,842	\$20,712,523	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	100.6%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: FAL 21.027, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery

Legal Basis: As-needed line item, Section 505.80 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by the Controlling Board on April 4, 2022)

Purpose: This line item is being used to disburse grants awarded for the construction of dredge material processing facilities in harbors on Lake Erie to four Ohio communities: Conneaut (Ashtabula County), Fairport Harbor (Lake County), Lorain (Lorain County), and Toledo (Lucas County).

5H40 715664 Groundwater Support

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$331,978	\$395,143	\$199	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	19.0%	-99.9%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Charges to other divisions of the Ohio EPA for work performed by the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters; agency chargeback system was changed effective FY 2013 and no new revenue is generated for the fund

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established H.B. 1 of the 128th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item was used to pay for the technical support the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters provides to other Ohio EPA divisions, including geologic and hydrogeologic analysis. Beginning in FY 2024, these purposes are being fully funded under Fund 5BC0 line item 715673, Drinking and Ground Water.

5PZ0 715696 Drinking Water Loan Fee

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,512,558	\$2,597,156	\$2,845,343	\$4,021,500	\$4,109,640	\$4,388,600
% change	71.7%	9.6%	41.3%	2.2%	6.8%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Drinking Water Assistance Fund administrative charge (1% of principal amount of assistance awarded)

Legal Basis: R.C. 6109.22; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 64 of the 131st G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used for operating expenses incurred by both the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance and the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5VA0 715601 Marsh Restoration

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$253,166	\$11,821,432	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	4,569.4%	-100.0%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Transfer of \$11.1 million from the Surface Water Improvement Fund (Fund 5Y30) and \$485,000 from the Site Specific Cleanup Fund (Fund 5410) in FY 2020 (permitted by Section 277.20 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd G.A.), (2) certain civil penalties credited in FY 2019, and (3) investment earnings

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by Controlling Board on February 11, 2019)

Purpose: This line item funded remediation and restoration projects related to Mentor Marsh located within the City of Mentor (Lake County) which were largely completed in FY 2023.

5Y30 715685 Surface Water Improvement

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$143,490	\$110,984	\$134,419	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$520,000
% change	-22.7%	21.1%	286.8%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Payments, contributions, and donations made for water quality restoration and protection, including civil enforcement penalties for required mitigation projects

Legal Basis: Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board in August 2008)

Purpose: This line item pays for Division of Surface Water contracts and agreements with federal, state, and local government agencies, environmental non-profit organizations, and universities for the purpose of completing water quality restoration and protection projects.

5YY0 715405 National Priorities List Remedial Support Fund

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	66.7%	-33.3%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$0.08 of the \$4.75 per ton state fee levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes

Legal Basis: Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used 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).

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

6440 715631 Emergency Response Radiological Safety

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$180,508	\$176,193	\$258,456	\$332,287	\$274,997	\$280,510
% change	-2.4%	46.7%	28.6%	-17.2%	2.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Portion of the assessments that the Utility Radiological Safety Board (URSB) imposes on nuclear electric utilities to fund emergency response planning and preparedness

Legal Basis: R.C. 4937.05; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board in February 1990)

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

6760 715642 Water Pollution Control Loan Administration

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,568,634	\$4,922,779	\$5,017,749	\$5,830,000	\$5,120,000	\$5,282,500
% change	7.8%	1.9%	16.2%	-12.2%	3.2%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees built into the interest rate structure of the required semi-annual loan repayments made from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)

Legal Basis: R.C. 6111.036; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance for costs incurred in support of the WPCLF.

6760 715699 Water Quality Administration

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,100,000	\$4,223,000	\$4,223,000	\$4,223,000	\$5,123,741	\$5,250,489
% change	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.3%	2.5%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees built into the interest rate structure of the required semi-annual loan repayments made from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)

Legal Basis: R.C. 6111.036; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 49 of the 132nd G.A.)

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

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

6780 715635 Air Toxic Release

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$17,914	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Civil penalties for violations of toxic chemical release reporting provisions

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item; (R.C. 3751.05; originally established by S.B. 367 of the 117th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item was used to pay the costs of the Division of Air Pollution Control to implement, administer, and enforce the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Program, as mandated by Title III of the federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA).

6790 715636 Emergency Planning

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,811,987	\$2,871,417	\$2,786,406	\$3,018,540	\$2,917,000	\$2,917,000
% change	2.1%	-3.0%	8.3%	-3.4%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Annual chemical inventory reporting fees, and (2) civil penalties for violations of emergency planning and community right-to-know provisions

Legal Basis: R.C. 3750.14; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by S.B. 367 of the 117th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays Division of Air Pollution Control costs 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 State Emergency Planning Commission (SERC) administers these activities, including grants made to other public entities involved: the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 88 local emergency planning committees (LEPCs), and fire departments.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

6960 715643 Air Pollution Control Administration

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$708,104	\$354,307	\$175,376	\$175,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
% change	-50.0%	-50.5%	-0.2%	-14.3%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: 50% of civil penalties for certain air pollution control violations

Legal Basis: R.C. 3704.06; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 298 of the 119th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Division of Air Pollution Control to supplement other money available for the administration and enforcement of air pollution control laws.

6990 715644 Water Pollution Control Administration

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$89,605	\$299,329	\$236,232	\$310,000	\$307,859	\$307,858
% change	234.1%	-21.1%	31.2%	-0.7%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: 50% of civil penalties for certain water pollution control violations

Legal Basis: R.C. 6111.09; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established in H.B. 804 of the 118th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Division of Surface Water to supplement other money available for the administration and enforcement of water pollution control laws.

6A10 715645 Environmental Education

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$459,004	\$319,338	\$537,251	\$550,000	\$550,316	\$550,427
% change	-30.4%	68.2%	2.4%	0.1%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: 1) 50% of civil penalties for certain air and water pollution control violations, and (2) gifts, grants, or contributions

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.22; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established in H.B. 804 of the 118th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Office of Environmental Education for operating expenses incurred to administer environmental education, awareness, and grant programs including the Ohio Environmental Education Fund and Ohio Environmental Science and Engineering Scholarships.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

6H20 715695 H2Ohio

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$10,304,918	\$8,493,986	\$26,049,818	\$27,538,157	\$27,537,015	\$27,537,015
% change	-17.6%	206.7%	5.7%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Cash transfers from the GRF

Legal Basis: R.C. 126.60; Sections 277.10, 277.20, and 513.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 166 of the 133rd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays costs of watershed planning, scientific research, and data collection, as well as waterway improvement and protection of all state waterways in support of water quality priorities and management in accordance with R.C. 126.60.

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

1990 715602 Laboratory Services

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$81,425	\$181,597	\$509,805	\$683,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
% change	123.0%	180.7%	34.0%	-26.8%	0.0%

Source: Internal Service Activity Fund Group: Laboratory services payments from Ohio EPA divisions and other public agencies

Legal Basis: Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board in September 1987)

Purpose: This line item provides funding for expenses incurred by the Division of Environmental Services in operating its two major programs: (1) analytical laboratory services, and (2) laboratory certification and assistance.

2190 715604 Central Support Indirect

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$7,052,872	\$9,299,382	\$9,290,945	\$10,294,764	\$10,657,300	\$10,657,300
% change	31.9%	-0.1%	10.8%	3.5%	0.0%

Source: Internal Service Activity Fund Group: Indirect rate assessed on Ohio EPA operating funds based on the appropriated amount allocated for payroll

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.014; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used for operating costs of the Ohio EPA, including district and central support offices providing services to agency environmental programs and external stakeholders.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

4A10 715640 Operating Expenses

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$604,152	\$878,152	\$801,384	\$1,008,000	\$1,092,000	\$1,117,000
% change	45.4%	-8.7%	25.8%	8.3%	2.3%

Source: Internal Service Activity Fund Group: Money generated pursuant to the sale of goods and services through agreements between (1) programs or activities of the Ohio EPA, and (2) Ohio EPA and other state agencies; primarily motor pool charges and credit card convenience fees

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.013; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 111 of the 118th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used to defray the costs of the programs and activities of the Ohio EPA, generally those associated with agencywide program management.

Federal Fund Group

3530 715612 Public Water Supply

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,596,288	\$2,401,980	\$2,337,896	\$2,998,150	\$2,564,882	\$2,626,504
% change	-33.2%	-2.7%	28.2%	-14.5%	2.4%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 66.432, State Public Water System Supervision

Legal Basis: Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 694 of the 114th G.A.)

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

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Fund Group

3570 715619 Air Pollution Control - Federal

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$5,519,998	\$6,320,118	\$6,368,349	\$7,980,570	\$6,806,147	\$6,929,318
% change	14.5%	0.8%	25.3%	-14.7%	1.8%

Source: Federal Fund Group: (1) FAL 66.001, Air Pollution Control Program Support, (2) FAL 66.034, Surveys, Studies, Research, Investigation, Demonstrations, and Special Purposes Related to the Air Pollution Control Act, (3) FAL 66.046, Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, (4) FAL 66.204 Multipurpose Grants to States and Tribes, and (5) FAL 97.091, Homeland Security Biowatch Program

Legal Basis: Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 694 of the 114th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays costs of the Division of Air Pollution Control to comply with federal air pollution law, most specifically permitting, air toxic regulation, and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) enforcement. A portion of the appropriation in each fiscal year is distributed to local air pollution control agencies.

3620 715605 Underground Injection Control - Federal

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$188,606	\$149,981	\$73,107	\$181,818	\$165,382	\$169,516
% change	-20.5%	-51.3%	148.7%	-9.0%	2.5%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 66.433, State Underground Water Source Protection

Legal Basis: Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board in FY 1983)

Purpose: This line item pays costs of the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters' Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program, which is responsible for the regulation of Class I, IV and V injection wells.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Fund Group

3BU0 715684 Water Quality Protection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$12,589,515	\$12,890,947	\$14,833,012	\$34,345,960	\$16,230,503	\$16,230,503
% change	2.4%	15.1%	131.6%	-52.7%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: Federal Fund Group: Various federal water quality grants, including: (1) FAL 66.469, Geographic Programs - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, (2) FAL 66.419, Water Pollution Control State, Interstate, and Tribal Program Support, (3) FAL 66.460, Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants, (4) FAL 66.416 Clean Water Act, and (5) FAL 66.454, Water Quality Management Planning

Legal Basis: R.C. 6111.0381; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 119 of the 127th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item primarily is used by the Division of Surface Water for costs to perform the services and activities necessary for the state to comply with the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act, including water quality management, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting, Lake Erie restoration and resource management, wetlands permitting, and storm water pollution prevention.

3CS0 715688 Federal NRD Settlements

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$67,359	\$223,713	\$21,969,047	\$201,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
% change	232.1%	9,720.2%	-99.1%	646.3%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: (1) \$13-plus million paid by the federal government to the state of Ohio in September 2010 under a federal court-approved consent decree for natural resources damages related to the Fernald site, a former uranium processing facility in southwest Ohio, (2) investment earnings, and (3) federal pass through funds

Legal Basis: R.C. 3734.282; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 1 of the 128th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item generally pays costs to purchase land and property easements within the watershed where Fernald is located to protect and remediate the groundwater resource.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Fund Group

3F30 715632 Federally Supported Cleanup and Response

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$8,180,543	\$7,889,893	\$11,821,153	\$10,056,289	\$13,779,323	\$14,061,350
% change	-3.6%	49.8%	-14.9%	37.0%	2.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: Various federal grants, including: (1) FAL 66.801, Hazardous Waste Management State Program Support, (2) FAL 66.817, State and Tribal Response Program Grants, (3) FAL 66.818, Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements, (4) FAL 81.104, Environmental Remediation and Waste Processing and Disposal, and (5) FAL 66.802, Superfund State, Political Subdivision, and Indian Tribe Site-Specific Cooperative Agreements

Legal Basis: R.C. 3745.016; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 111 of the 118th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays costs of 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.

3HE0 715603 Charging Station Grants

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$749,506	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: Federal Fund Group: 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 (Ohio expects to receive a total of \$75.3 million from the trust over ten years)

Legal Basis: As needed line item (originally established by H.B. 74 of the 134th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used for the DC fast chargers or DC fast charging stations grant program. If funds remain after all of the grants for DC fast chargers and charging stations have been awarded, the remainder may be used to award grants for Level 2 chargers or Level 2 charging stations. All grants have been awarded and the agency continues to expend the awarded funds on a reimbursement basis.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Fund Group

3HE0 715697 Volkswagen Clean Air Act Settlement

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$9,719,479	\$10,731,293	\$5,257,321	\$3,095,000	\$6,827,000	\$6,841,000
% change	10.4%	-51.0%	-41.1%	120.6%	0.2%

- Source:** Federal Fund Group: 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 (Ohio expects to receive a total of \$75.3 million from the trust over ten years)
- Legal Basis:** Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board in October 2018)
- Purpose:** This line item's funding primarily is disbursed as competitively awarded Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund grants to remove diesel engines from use, and replace or repower them with clean diesel, alternative fuel, or electric engines. The grant 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) non-road/off-road fleets and equipment (tugboats and ferries, switcher locomotives, and airport ground support and cargo handling equipment), and (3) infrastructure for light-duty zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs).

3T30 715669 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,189,423	\$2,864,917	\$2,792,251	\$3,255,035	\$3,054,165	\$3,145,894
% change	30.9%	-2.5%	16.6%	-6.2%	3.0%

- Source:** Federal Fund Group: FAL 66.468, Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
- Legal Basis:** R.C. 6109.22; Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board in November 1998)
- Purpose:** This line item supports operating expenses incurred in: (1) the assessment and protection of sources of drinking water from contamination, and (2) the administration of the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program. The loan program provides below-market interest rate loans for the planning, design, and construction of new or improved community and nonprofit non-community public water systems.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Fund Group

3V70 715606 Agencywide Grants

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$874,005	\$271,083	\$250,966	\$940,000	\$746,900	\$746,900
% change	-69.0%	-7.4%	274.6%	-20.5%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 66.040, State Clean Diesel Grant Program

Legal Basis: Section 277.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board in January 2001)

Purpose: This line item's appropriation funds grants awarded by the Office of Environmental Education for diesel emissions control by improving the air quality in counties currently not meeting or struggling to meet federal air quality standards. Ohio EPA receives an annual state clean diesel allocation from U.S. EPA, under the federal Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA), for projects in 41 Ohio counties.

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Detail by Agency			FY 2024	Estimate FY 2025	Introduced FY 2026	Introduced FY 2027	FY 2025 to FY 2026 % Change	FY 2026 to FY 2027 % Change
EPA Ohio Environmental Protection Agency								
GRF	715407	Water Systems Cybersecurity Grants	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$6,000,000	N/A	200.00%
GRF	715502	Auto Emissions E-Check Program	\$12,158,956	\$13,908,000	\$13,232,534	\$13,265,775	-4.86%	0.25%
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$12,158,956	\$13,908,000	\$15,232,534	\$19,265,775	9.52%	26.48%
4D50	715618	Recycled State Materials	\$11,517	\$50,000	\$11,500	\$11,500	-77.00%	0.00%
4J00	715638	Underground Injection Control	\$482,566	\$485,800	\$514,242	\$530,276	5.85%	3.12%
4K20	715648	Clean Air - Non Title V	\$4,171,857	\$5,086,300	\$4,516,349	\$4,593,901	-11.21%	1.72%
4K30	715649	Solid Waste	\$14,031,101	\$16,698,529	\$14,791,311	\$15,098,763	-11.42%	2.08%
4K40	715650	Surface Water Protection	\$10,606,449	\$12,966,000	\$11,864,197	\$12,101,940	-8.50%	2.00%
4K50	715651	Drinking Water Protection	\$8,075,911	\$10,492,257	\$8,774,797	\$9,027,993	-16.37%	2.89%
4P50	715654	Cozart Landfill	\$5,234	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	-25.00%	0.00%
4R50	715656	Scrap Tire Management	\$2,923,261	\$3,670,616	\$3,558,044	\$3,581,336	-3.07%	0.65%
4R90	715658	Voluntary Action Program	\$1,092,846	\$1,143,598	\$1,188,026	\$1,217,345	3.88%	2.47%
4T30	715659	Clean Air - Title V Permit Program	\$10,199,156	\$10,377,528	\$10,942,818	\$11,148,464	5.45%	1.88%
5000	715608	Immediate Removal Special Account	\$680,839	\$750,000	\$747,051	\$769,463	-0.39%	3.00%
5030	715621	Hazardous Waste Facility Management	\$2,500,023	\$4,877,120	\$2,788,523	\$2,842,749	-42.82%	1.94%
5050	715623	Hazardous Waste Cleanup	\$8,235,570	\$15,269,788	\$9,334,680	\$9,559,074	-38.87%	2.40%
5050	715698	Response and Investigations	\$3,443,188	\$3,710,000	\$3,822,060	\$4,211,500	3.02%	10.19%
5320	715646	Recycling and Litter Control	\$9,493,228	\$8,508,000	\$4,888,354	\$5,146,276	-42.54%	5.28%
5410	715670	Site Specific Cleanup	\$9,884,524	\$13,899,837	\$17,744,091	\$17,746,631	27.66%	0.01%
5420	715671	Risk Management Reporting	\$119,416	\$220,470	\$144,047	\$147,307	-34.66%	2.26%
5860	715637	Scrap Tire Market Development	\$879,531	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	0.00%	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	\$6,606,600	\$6,936,269	\$6,936,269	4.99%	0.00%
5BC0	715672	Air Pollution Control	\$8,862,445	\$8,910,000	\$9,354,059	\$9,354,059	4.98%	0.00%
5BC0	715673	Drinking and Ground Water	\$3,696,830	\$3,700,000	\$4,024,215	\$4,133,956	8.76%	2.73%

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EPA Ohio Environmental Protection Agency								
5BC0	715676	Assistance and Prevention	\$1,471,882	\$2,093,000	\$4,204,000	\$4,359,000	100.86%	3.69%
5BC0	715677	Laboratory	\$3,629,798	\$3,684,000	\$4,235,216	\$4,360,265	14.96%	2.95%
5BC0	715678	Corrective Actions	\$1,211,000	\$1,211,000	\$1,271,429	\$1,271,429	4.99%	0.00%
5BC0	715687	Areawide Planning Agencies	\$382,380	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	0.00%	0.00%
5BC0	715692	Administration	\$16,926,252	\$17,000,000	\$19,684,900	\$20,654,900	15.79%	4.93%
5BC0	715694	Environmental Resource Coordination	\$683,384	\$875,000	\$814,339	\$832,027	-6.93%	2.17%
5BT0	715679	C&DD Groundwater Monitoring	\$9,877	\$101,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	-50.50%	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
5H40	715664	Groundwater Support	\$199	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
5PZ0	715696	Drinking Water Loan Fee	\$2,845,343	\$4,021,500	\$4,109,640	\$4,388,600	2.19%	6.79%
5VA0	715601	Marsh Restoration	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
5Y30	715685	Surface Water Improvement	\$134,419	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$520,000	0.00%	0.00%
5YY0	715405	National Priorities List Remedial Support Fund	\$0	\$900,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	66.67%	-33.33%
6440	715631	Emergency Response Radiological Safety	\$258,456	\$332,287	\$274,997	\$280,510	-17.24%	2.00%
6760	715642	Water Pollution Control Loan Administration	\$5,017,749	\$5,830,000	\$5,120,000	\$5,282,500	-12.18%	3.17%
6760	715699	Water Quality Administration	\$4,223,000	\$4,223,000	\$5,123,741	\$5,250,489	21.33%	2.47%
6790	715636	Emergency Planning	\$2,786,406	\$3,018,540	\$2,917,000	\$2,917,000	-3.36%	0.00%
6960	715643	Air Pollution Control Administration	\$175,376	\$175,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	-14.29%	0.00%
6990	715644	Water Pollution Control Administration	\$236,232	\$310,000	\$307,859	\$307,858	-0.69%	0.00%
6A10	715645	Environmental Education	\$537,251	\$550,000	\$550,316	\$550,427	0.06%	0.02%
6H20	715695	H2Ohio	\$26,049,818	\$27,538,157	\$27,537,015	\$27,537,015	0.00%	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$197,062,213	\$203,364,927	\$197,872,585	\$201,428,322	-2.70%	1.80%
1990	715602	Laboratory Services	\$509,805	\$683,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	-26.79%	0.00%
2190	715604	Central Support Indirect	\$9,290,945	\$10,294,764	\$10,657,300	\$10,657,300	3.52%	0.00%

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EPA Ohio Environmental Protection Agency						
4A10 715640 Operating Expenses	\$801,384	\$1,008,000	\$1,092,000	\$1,117,000	8.33%	2.29%
Internal Service Activity Fund Group Subtotal	\$10,602,134	\$11,985,764	\$12,249,300	\$12,274,300	2.20%	0.20%
3530 715612 Public Water Supply	\$2,337,896	\$2,998,150	\$2,564,882	\$2,626,504	-14.45%	2.40%
3570 715619 Air Pollution Control - Federal	\$6,368,349	\$7,980,570	\$6,806,147	\$6,929,318	-14.72%	1.81%
3620 715605 Underground Injection Control - Federal	\$73,107	\$181,818	\$165,382	\$169,516	-9.04%	2.50%
3BU0 715684 Water Quality Protection	\$14,833,012	\$34,345,960	\$16,230,503	\$16,230,503	-52.74%	0.00%
3CS0 715688 Federal NRD Settlements	\$21,969,047	\$201,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	646.27%	0.00%
3F30 715632 Federally Supported Cleanup and Response	\$11,821,153	\$10,056,289	\$13,779,323	\$14,061,350	37.02%	2.05%
3HE0 715603 Charging Station Grants	\$749,506	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
3HE0 715697 Volkswagen Clean Air Act Settlement	\$5,257,321	\$3,095,000	\$6,827,000	\$6,841,000	120.58%	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	\$940,000	\$746,900	\$746,900	-20.54%	0.00%
Federal Fund Group Subtotal	\$66,452,606	\$63,053,822	\$51,674,302	\$52,250,985	-18.05%	1.12%
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Total	\$286,275,909	\$292,312,513	\$277,028,721	\$285,219,382	-5.23%	2.96%
Main Operating Appropriations Bill Total	\$286,275,909	\$292,312,513	\$277,028,721	\$285,219,382	-5.23%	2.96%