Ohio EPA-DEFA's Technical & Financial Resources for Communities

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Ohio EPA
Division of Environmental
and Financial Assistance



Ohio Environmental Protection Agency



Helping our CUSTOMERS get from here







What is DEFA About?

DEFA houses several of the Agency's core programs that support business and community development.

DEFA has three main offices:

- Office of Financial Assistance
- Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention
- Office of Outreach and Customer Support



Office of Financial Assistance (OFA)

- Administers both state revolving loan fund programs
 - Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Water (WPCLF)
 - Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA).
- Administers the recycling/litter prevention grant program
- Administers the wastewater treatment facility compliance assistance program



Ohio's Two State Revolving Loan Funds

Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA)

WSRLA provides funding to public water systems for planning, design, and construction of drinking water systems.



Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)

WPCLF provides funding to public wastewater systems for planning, design and construction of wastewater systems.



Ohio's Two State Revolving Loan Funds

	WPCLF	WSRLA
Authorization (year)	CWA 1987	SDWA 1996
First Loan	Sept. 1989	Feb. 1999
Total Loans	2,000 loans - \$7.0 billion	550 loans - \$1.2 billion
Federal Seed Money	\$2.05 billion	\$493 million
State Matching Funds	\$395 million	\$98 million
Annual Capacity	\$500 million/year	\$150 million/year



Ohio's Two State Revolving Funds Eligible Applicants

WPCLF	WSRLA
For wastewater treatment: any municipality or other political subdivision, or inter-municipal, interstate, or State agency	Community Water Systems Non-profit, Non-Community Public Water Systems
For Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects: Public or private entities.	



Water Supply Revolving Loan Account WSRLA

Eligible Projects Include:

New water treatment plants

New waterlines

Water tanks/towers

Regionalization projects

Standby/back-up power

Emergency interconnections

Water treatment plant rehab

Waterline rehab/replace

Pump/booster stations

New water meters

New well fields

Asset Management Plans



Water Pollution Control Loan Fund WPCLF

Eligible Projects

- New wastewater treatment plants (WWTP)
- WWTP upgrades and rehabilitation
- New sanitary sewers for unsewered areas
- Sanitary sewer rehabilitation or replacement

- CSOs (New Incentives)
- Nutrient Reduction (Incentive)
- NPS Projects:
 - Stream protection and stream restoration
 - Landfill closure
 - HSTS replacement programs

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Water Pollution Control Loan Fund WPCLF

Eligible Projects Include:

- Landfill closure
- Leachate collection systems
- Sludge handling and disposal
- Any project with a water quality connection



Emerging Funding Priorities for WPCLF

- Unsewered Communities
- Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Projects
- Projects that Reduce "Nutrient" Discharges at Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Projects that will protect Lake Erie and other waters that experience Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)



WPCLF

Emerging funding priorities

- 0% planning loans for Asset Management
- 0% planning loans for Energy Audits
- Green Projects and Sustainable Solutions
- Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS)
 Upgrades



Emerging Funding Priorities for WSRLA

- Continued Focus on Small & Disadvantaged Communities
- Disadvantaged Community Regionalization
- Auxiliary Power
- Asset Management Planning
- Improvements at Surface Water Treatment
 Plants to address Harmful Algal Blooms



WSRLA

Emerging funding priorities

- 0% planning loans for Corrosion Control Studies
- 0% planning loans for lead line identification
- WSRLA loan funds available for implementation of infrastructure improvements recommended from corrosion control studies
- WSRLA loan funds available for lead line replacement

Ohio's Two State Revolving Funds Water Supply Revolving Loan Account WSRLA Interest Rates

Category	Terms
Standard Long-term	Market Rate minus 1.25%
Small System (<10,000 pop.)	Market Rate minus 1.75%
Disadvantaged Communities (three levels)	From 20% to 40% Principal Forgiveness; rates as low as 0%



Lower Interest Rates = Big \$avings

Compared to market rates, savings are substantial Example \$1 million loan, 20 Year Term, April Rates

Interest Rate	Total Repayments	Savings vs. Market
Market (3.58%)	\$ 1,408,915	
Standard (2.33%)	\$ 1,256,741	\$ 152,174
Small (1.83%)	\$ 1,198,655	\$ 210,260
Hardship (1%)	\$ 1,105,820	\$ 303,095
Hardship (0%)	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 408,915



Ohio's Two State Revolving Funds **Summary Points**

- Ohio's two State Revolving Funds are:
 - Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA)
 the drinking water loan program
 - Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) the wastewater loan program
- Programs offer very attractive below-market interest rates
- Limited principal forgiveness funds may be available
- We are interested to assist you and your community



Recycling and Litter Prevention

R&LP grant funding:

- Strengthen recycling markets
- Encourage sustainable practices
- Stimulate economic growth
- Support litter prevention efforts







Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants

Grant	Term	Match
Community Development	1 year	50%
Litter Management	1 year	10%
Market Development	2 years	100%
Scrap Tire	2 years	100%







Recycling and Litter Prevention

Community Grant

Grant term: One Year, 50% match

Offers financial assistance to local Ohio governments that propose projects involving the collection and processing of recyclable materials and litter prevention efforts.

Litter Management Grant

Grant term: One Year, 10% match

Offers funding for Ohio communities and non-profit organizations to implement litter collection and tire amnesty programs, as well as the Keep America Beautiful program.







Recycling and Litter Prevention

Market Development Grant

Grant term: Two Years, 100% match

Offers grants to Ohio businesses and non-profit organizations to create or expand the processing and manufacturing infrastructure needed for markets of recyclable materials and related products

Scrap Tire Grant

Grant term: Two Years, 100% match

Offers grant funding for Ohio businesses, communities and non-profit organizations that propose to create or expand the processing infrastructure and beneficial use projects for scrap tire materials







Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Assistance Unit



- Help you to identify performance limiting factors and costeffective solutions.
- Help you to explore and consider options.
- Help you to optimize process, save energy and cost.



Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Assistance Unit

Services Available

- Plant performance evaluations
- Troubleshoot complex plant problems
- Innovative and cost effective solutions for improving plant performance
- Determine plant loadings and capacities.
- Investigate concerns over industrial dischargers to the system

- Help formulate and implement a preventive maintenance program.
- Help facilitate an Inflow & Infiltration evaluation of the sewer system.
- Review/evaluate new treatment technologies.
- Onsite training of personnel.



What is OCAPP?

- Office of Compliance Assistance & Pollution Prevention
- Non-regulatory (we're not inspectors!!!)
- Free & Confidential
- One-stop shop for assistance
- Pollution Prevention will save Money





How OCAPP Helps Small Businesses?

Help business start-ups or expand operations

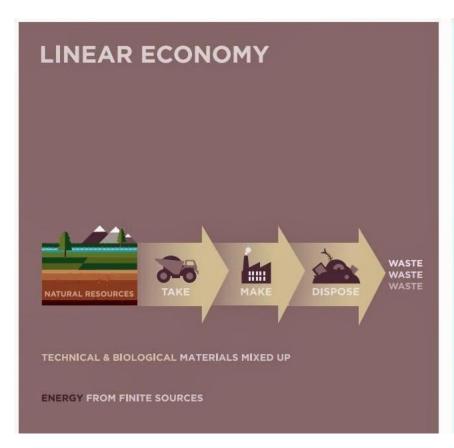
Help businesses complete EPA forms and maintain compliance

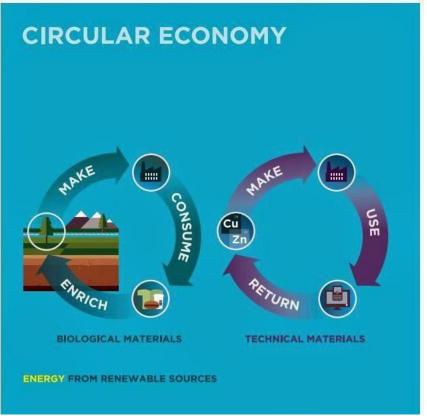
Help navigate through regulatory and permitting processes

Confidential and not subject to public records!!!



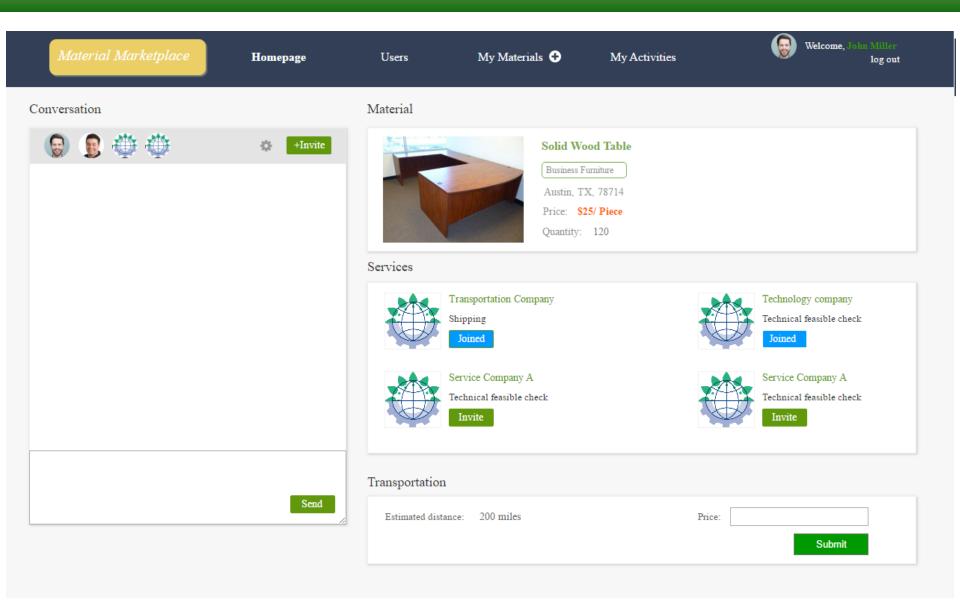
Ohio Materials Marketplace







Ohio Materials Marketplace



Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) Program

- Recognizes going beyond requirements
- 4 Levels of Recognition
 - Achievement
 - Silver
 - Gold
 - Platinum (New Level)
- If your community is ready to be recognized or you know of a company that would be interested, contact:
 - Mike Kelley
 - 614-644-2930 / michael.kelley@
- We will work with you







Office of Outreach and Customer Support (OCS)

A newly created office in DEFA that focuses on outreach, marketing and overall division support.

- Facilitate interactions with external customers to describe DEFA's services.
- Be the "front door" of the division to help ensure customers get connected to the right people and resources quickly.
- Provide overall division support.



Office of Outreach and Customer Support (OCS) Services

"The Resource" DEFA's newsletter eBlasts: Information and updates from Ohio EPA DEFA library of publications, fact sheets, guides Webinars and DEFA's on-line training resources

Protection Agency

Anytown, Ohio









How DEFA Can Help



Compliance Assistance

Pollution Prevention

 Recycling Market **Development**





- Compliance Assistance
- Pollution Prevention
- Recycling/Litter **Prevention**



wastewater







discharge





water intake

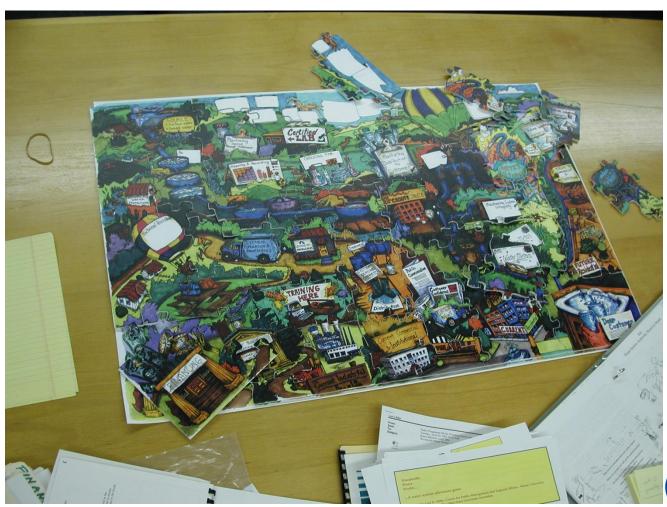






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The Puzzle





Build Your Support Team

CDBG

OPWC

OWDA

USDA

ARC

EDA

SCEIG

RCAP

OTCO

ORWA

Ohio EPA

Appalachian LDDs

Other Resources



Ten Tips for a Successful Project

- Coordinate Early with OEPA and Other Resources
- 2. Designate a Local Contact
- 3. Know About the Available Resources
- 4. Focus on Project Details
- 5. Review Cost Estimates



Ten Tips (continued)

- 6. Relationship with C/E firm
- 7. Keep Public Involved
- 8. Maintain Project Schedule
- 9. Explore Options
- 10. Operation & Maintenance



Small Communities Environmental Infrastructure Group (SCEIG)

Helping Small Communities meet their Water & Wastewater

System Needs

Finance Committee



Coordination of Effort

- Project description (Download 2 page form at www.sceig.org)
- Status of Project
- Number of customers
- Total estimated costs
- User rates
- Meets Bi-Monthly



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Questions?

