



CLEAN AIR RESOURCE CENTER

SUPPORTING OHIO'S SMALL BUSINESSES

For small business owners, it can be challenging and time consuming to navigate environmental regulations and prioritize the costs associated with environmentally friendly upgrades to buildings and equipment.

The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) works to improve air quality by supporting businesses, creating jobs and improving communities while enhancing the health and safety of all Ohioans. **OAQDA makes clean air compliance easily accessible and affordable by serving as the small business ombudsman - advocating and providing financial assistance for compliance with the Clean Air Act.** All information provided to OAQDA is confidential.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Small businesses that are independently owned and operated, employing 100 employees or less
- Principal place of business (offices or operating facilities) in Ohio
- Emit less than 75 tons per year of all regulated pollutants or 50 tons or less per year of any one regulated pollutant under the Clean Air Act
- Financial difficulty to meet compliance requirements
- A lending institution willing to participate in the transaction



Working with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority was an extremely positive experience for Baker's. The application process was clear, and questions were answered quickly. This grant allowed us to purchase a booth that would substantially reduce the amount of VOCs being emitted and filtered. This new booth has allowed us to hire additional team members and increase our production and therefore also our annual revenue.

- DeLee Powell, Owner, Baker's Collision Repair Specialists in Mansfield



INCENTIVES

Financing packages are structured to suit the needs of individual projects, which are incentivized with tax benefits using conduit bonds issued by OAQDA as well as grants to help small businesses cover a portion of the principal amount of up to 20 percent, or maximum of \$20,000, of the total cost of the eligible project. This includes:

- Tax exemption for approved projects, namely from sales and use tax that may apply when purchasing the equipment
- Reimbursement of legal fees, closing fees, authority fees and other fees associated OAQDA's bond financing
- Principal payment of the loan incurred to provide the necessary capital for the project

OUR COMMITMENT

OAQDA is committed to serving the economic and environmental needs of Ohio businesses and communities as they strive to reduce air emissions and achieve greater sustainability goals that protects the air. Our team is knowledgeable and helpful, and we work with small businesses to break down barriers and ensure the access to financial support and technical resources is as seamless as possible through our streamlined application process.

With two rivers nearby, this financing from OAQDA allows us to buy equipment that uses a solvent that not only reduces emissions into the air but also is safer for our water.

- Mike McCann, Owner, Mercury Cleaners

Reach out today to see if your project is eligible and to apply.
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