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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority Closes on Nearly \$100,000 to Support Summit County Car Dealership and Repair Shop Expansion

G&M Motors makes updates to improve air quality and create jobs

Columbus, OH – (December 17, 2020) – The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) announced that it has closed on \$99,700 in financing for [G&M Motors](#) in Twinsburg, Ohio. The financing, along with a grant for \$19,940 from the Authority, is provided by the Authority’s Clean Air Resource Center (CARC), which helps Ohio’s small businesses navigate the challenges of clean air compliance by making it easily accessible and affordable.

The Authority is helping to support the used car dealership as the business expands to include an auto body repair shop. The funding will allow for the installation of a down draft spray booth and a mixing room. These updates will reduce harmful air emissions and help keep employees safe at work.

“OAQDA is proud to support G&M Motors as the business grows to better serve the community,” said Christina O’Keeffe, executive director of OAQDA. “The financing will aid economic growth in the Twinsburg area and will help improve the air quality for residents.”

The expansion of the business will create five jobs, helping to support the local economy. It will also create a more lucrative stream of business as the COVID-19 pandemic continues into 2021.

“It’s been a difficult year to be in the business of selling cars,” said Mark Kaplevatsky, owner of G&M Motors. “The new autobody shop will help increase business because while people aren’t necessarily buying cars, they are still driving. The expansion wouldn’t have been possible without the assistance of the incredible team at OAQDA.”

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. CARC offers financing packages that are structured to suit the needs of individual projects, which are incentivized with tax benefits using conduit bonds and grants to help small businesses cover a portion of the principal amount.

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with and go beyond clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, OAQDA has worked to prevent air pollution throughout the state of Ohio by providing businesses with the resources they need to reduce harmful air emissions and be more energy efficient while creating jobs and boosting local economies. To date, OAQDA has awarded more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit ohioairquality.org.