

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE ASHTABULA COUNTY DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN OHIO EPA AND GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE'S H2OHIO INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Doug Starkey, Director of the Ashtabula County Department of Environmental Services, has requested authorization to participate in Ohio EPA and Mike DeWine's H2Ohio Initiative Grant Funding Program further described below:

Parties: Ashtabula County Dept. of Environmental Services, 36 W. Walnut St., Jefferson, OH 44047
Governor Mike DeWine, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Scope: The Director of Ashtabula County Department of Environmental Services Water Department; Doug Starkey, to be authorized to apply and sign for up to \$10,000 in equipment and training, for the initial round of funding in the H2Ohio initiative, and if applicable, participation under the same scope, in the second round of funding.

Description: This H2Ohio Initiative reimbursement grant opportunity with Governor Mike DeWine is a grant program that helps public water systems increase technical capacity to provide a continuous source of safe drinking water. The grant is offered to reimburse the initial cost of valve exercising, leak detection and meter accuracy testing equipment and training to provide those EPA mandated services.

Term: An application will be submitted by Doug Starkey by the deadline of January 25, 2023. Applicants will be notified within 90 days of the deadline. Once approved the Ohio EPA will issue the grant for reimbursement. If Ohio EPA has additional funding available after the initial application period, a second application period will be announced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio that the authorization is hereby given for the Director of the Ashtabula County Department of Environmental Services to participate in the Ohio EPA and Governor Mike DeWine's H2Ohio initiative grant funding program, as outlined above.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

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Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by J.P. Ducro IV.

VOTE:

**Casey R. Kozlowski
Kathryn L. Whittington
J.P. Ducro IV**

**Aye
Aye
Aye**

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio



**Equipment Grant
Application and Guidelines**

**Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, OH 43216-1049
Phone: 614-644-2752**

Website: <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/>

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I. Introduction

With the implementation of asset management program requirements for all public water systems, a need has been identified for valve exercising, leak detection and meter accuracy testing equipment. Grants are being offered to reimburse the initial cost of valve exercising, leak detection and meter accuracy testing equipment. The purpose of these grants is to help public water systems increase their technical capacity to provide a continuous source of safe drinking water.

This grant opportunity is made possible by Governor Mike DeWine's H2Ohio initiative. H2Ohio is a comprehensive and data-driven approach to reduce harmful algal blooms, improve wastewater, and water infrastructure, and prevent lead contamination.

II. Grant Application Guidelines

a. DEADLINES AND REVIEW DATES

Applications will be accepted beginning on December 20, 2022, until January 25, 2023.

Grant applications will be reviewed by Ohio EPA and applicants will be notified within 90 days from the close of the application of the award determination. If Ohio EPA has additional funding after the initial application period, a second application period will be announced.

b. ELIGIBILITY

Ohio community public water systems that need equipment for valve exercising, leak detection, or meter accuracy testing are eligible to apply. Equipment obtained under the grant must be used for the purchase of equipment necessary to exercise distribution system valves and perform leak detection in the distribution system.

Where applicable, the public water system must also comply with Ohio ethics laws and conflict of interest laws; the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 USC Section 701, et. seq.); state regulations covering non-discrimination in hiring and affirmative action (ORC 125.111); and the PWS Authorizing Agent/owner or spouse, as applicable under ORC 3517.13(I) or ORC 3517.13(J), has not made, within the two previous years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of \$1,000 to the Governor or his campaign committees.

c. ELIBIBLE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES AND TRAINING

Equipment obtained under the grant must be used for to exercise distribution system valves, perform leak detection in the distribution system and for meter accuracy testing. The following are examples of equipment that are eligible under this grant:

- Valve exercising equipment
- Clamp on flowmeters to check accuracy of meters

- Pressure loggers
- Pitot Tube kits to measure hydrant flow and perform hydrant condition assessment
- Amplified Listening Device to detect leaks in the distribution system.
- Metal pipe locator
- Training on the use of the above equipment.

d. GRANT AMOUNTS AND PROJECT DURATION

Grants may be requested for equipment, supplies and training in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Grants may only be requested for equipment, supplies and training obtained on or after a fully executed grant agreement is in place. Please **round off all requests to the nearest dollar amount**. Equipment supplies and training must be obtained, and reimbursement requested must be submitted within **6 months** of the date on Ohio EPA's grant agreement, unless an extension is granted in writing from Ohio EPA.

e. ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATIONS

Please direct all inquiries to Sean Stephenson by email at DDAGW.Grants@epa.ohio.gov. Please include "Public Water System Equipment Grant" in the subject line.

f. APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Application materials may be submitted in hard copy (paper) to the address on the cover of these guidelines or e-mailed to: DDAGW.Grants@epa.ohio.gov. Electronic submissions must be readable by Microsoft Word 2010 or newer software (for text, tables, and related materials) and Microsoft Excel 2010 or newer software (for spreadsheets). If you do not receive confirmation within two business days that your application has been received, please call the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters.

Applicants submitting their proposals on paper must provide **one** original of the application package, including an original signature from the System Owner or Authorized Agent (preferably in blue ink). The original may be single-sided or double sided. The application should be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Please do not otherwise bind. Do not include cover letters, blank pages, dividers, or a table of contents. Fax submittals will not be accepted.

By mail:
Ohio EPA
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, OH 43216-1049
(614) 644-2752

g. GRANT AWARD PROCESS

Equipment supplies and training must be obtained, and reimbursement requested within 6 months of the date on Ohio EPA's grant agreement unless an extension is granted in writing from Ohio EPA.

A grant award letter will be sent to all applicants along with a grant agreement. The grant agreement will need to be signed by the Owner or Authorized Agent and returned. The Director of Ohio EPA will review and sign the agreement. This fully executed agreement will be returned and at this time equipment purchases can be made. The grant award letter and agreement will specify the award amount and provide instructions for obtaining reimbursement and completing the closeout report.

Upon receipt of a grant award letter and agreement the applicant will have six months from that date to purchase the equipment, supplies and training specified in their application including proof of purchase (receipts). An extension may be requested.

Applicants who are not awarded funding will be notified by email.



Public Water System Equipment Grant Application

<i>For Office Use Only:</i>	
Application Number: _____ Date Received: _____	

Section 1. Contact Information for Applicant

Please provide contact information for the Authorizing Agent who is authorized to sign the grant contract on behalf of the public water system.

a. Full name of Public Water System:	
b. PWS Identification Number (PWSID):	
b. Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN):	
c. Street Address:	
d. City:	
e. State:	
f. Zip Code:	
g. County:	
h. Authorizing Agent:	
i. Authorizing Agent Phone Number:	
j. Authorizing Agent Email Address:	

Contact Information for Project Director (person who will oversee the installation of testing equipment and implementation of the project).

a. Project Director (Primary Contact):	
b. Title:	
c. Street Address:	
d. City:	
e. State:	
f. Zip Code:	
g. Phone:	
h. Fax:	
i. Email Address:	
j. Alternative or Additional Contacts (Name, Title, Phone, Email):	
k. Person performing analysis if different from above:	
l. Title:	
m. Phone:	
n. Email Address:	

Contact Information for applicant's Fiscal Agent (person who will process the grant payment from Ohio EPA)

a. Fiscal Agent:	
b. Title:	
c. Street Address:	
d. City:	
e. State:	
f. Zip Code:	
g. Phone:	
h. Fax:	
i. Email Address:	
j. Alternative or Additional Contacts (Name, Title, Phone, Email):	

Section 2. Applicant Certification Statement

Instructions: Please have the Authorizing Agent/owner read the Statement of Certification below and sign it in Table 2-1, row a. Paper copy versions of this application must include one copy with an original signature in Table 2-1, row a. Applications submitted electronically may include an electronic signature, or certification will be required from those applicants when a grant contract is sent out for signature.

Statement of Certification

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application and in the supplemental material is correct and complete. I certify that the funding requested satisfies the eligibility requirements for this Program as represented in the Program Description and related materials. I certify that I understand that the funding under this Program is subject to restrictions and other conditions listed below, including (*inter alia*):

- The applicant will use the funding under this Program for the specific purposes defined in the grant application and guidelines.
- The equipment purchased under this Program is owned and operated by the applicant public water system.
- The applicant will maintain the equipment for a minimum period of four years from the date of purchase. As needed, the applicant will avail itself of the warranty in order to ensure that the equipment funded under this Program remains in good working order for at least four years.
- The applicant will not use funding under this Program to purchase hardware or services for which the applicant has received, or will receive, payment from another source or under another program.
- The applicant will submit a closing activity and fiscal report to Ohio EPA upon completion of the project.
- The applicant will provide the Ohio EPA access to the equipment purchased with grant funding, facilities where the equipment is located, and documentation related to funding received from this Program, based on reasonable notice of a request for such access.
- The applicant has received approval from its governing body, to apply and make use of the funding under this program.
- The applicant will follow the public water system's procedures and applicable federal guidelines to procure the products and services funded under this project. Applicants are encouraged to conduct competitive procurements.
- Where applicable under ORC 3517.13(I) or ORC 3517.13(J), the applicant's Authorizing Agent or spouse has not made, within the two previous years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of \$1,000 to the Governor or his campaign committees.
- Where applicable, the applicant public water system is in compliance with the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 USC Section 701, et seq.); state

ethics laws and conflict of interest laws; and state regulations covering non-discrimination in hiring and affirmative action (ORC 125.111).

I authorize Ohio EPA to make any necessary inquiries to verify the information that I have presented. I acknowledge that the information in this application is not confidential and may be released as required by the Program.

Table 2-1. Applicant Certification Signature

a. Signature of Authorizing Agent:	
b. Date:	
c. Name (<i>typed</i>):	
d. Title or relationship to applicant organization:	
e. Name of Public Water System	

Section 3. Equipment and Training

Please describe the equipment, supplies and training that will be obtained with the requested funding.

Equipment & Training (Manufacturer, Model & Description)	Number	Unit Cost	Cost (number x unit cost)
Equipment and Supplies			
a.			
b.			
c.			
Training			
d.			
e.			
f. Total Cost			

Section 4. Equipment Use Description

Please provide a description of how the equipment planned to be purchased under the grant will be used and maintained.