

June 2026 Research and Development Grant Program Announcement and Request for Proposals

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) is seeking research and development proposals to address issues related to wastewater, drinking water, water resource management, solid waste management and energy resource development in Ohio. Projects require a minimum 1:1 dollar match ratio (OWDA can fund no more than 50% of the project). Additionally, OWDA participation with a specific project is capped at \$200,000.

Eligibility:

The eligible participants are Local Government Agencies (Cities, Villages, and Counties), Water/Sewer Districts, Conservancy Districts, State Agencies or Institutions of higher learning that perform research and/or development. OWDA will consider any application related to the project areas listed in the Program Guidelines but shall give priority to proposals that address water quality, water technology, water equity, water reuse, and water resilience & security.

Program Schedule:

Friday, June 5, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Application deadline

Thursday, August 13, 2026
Public meeting – Applicant presentations

Thursday, September 24, 2026
Regularly scheduled Board meeting – presentation of recommendations to Board

Thursday, October 29, 2026
Regularly scheduled Board meeting – Board approval of R&D Grants

Application and Submission Guidelines:

Electronic copies of proposals responding to this announcement should be emailed to Christine Okonak at cokonak@owda.org.

Inquiries:

Please contact Christine Okonak (cokonak@owda.org or 614-728-0174) with any questions regarding this program.