

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Program Guidelines

Section 1 – Program Description

- 1.1 The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) created the Research and Development Grant Program in 1985 pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 6121-2-11 to award grants for research and development in the project areas of water and wastewater management facilities, solid waste facilities, or energy resource development facilities that have statewide application.
- 1.2 Program is funded from the Strategic Initiatives Fund, dependent upon available funds.

Section 2 – Eligible Grantees

- 2.1 Eligible grantees include departments, divisions, or other units of state government, watershed districts, soil and water conservation districts, municipal corporations, counties, special water districts, including county and regional sewer and water districts, conservancy districts, sanitary districts, sewer districts, or institutions of higher learning.

Section 3 – Eligible Project Costs

- 3.1 Eligible project costs include start-up and research. Indirect/overhead costs may not exceed 35% of the grant amount.

Section 4 – Grant Terms

- 4.1 Term
 - 5 years – a time extension may be requested in writing
- 4.2 Grant Amount
 - Maximum: \$200,000, dependent upon available funds.
 - Match: Grant requests cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost.
- 4.3 Administration Fee
 - None
- 4.4 Reporting
 - When a grant reaches 50% disbursed, a progress report will be submitted to OWDA summarizing the status of the project and a breakdown of the costs incurred.
 - A Final Report must be submitted following project completion. The Final Report shall speak directly to the research proposal outlined in the project application and included in the grant agreement. 10% of the grant amount will be withheld until submission and approval of the Final Report.

- 4.5 Repayment (where applicable)
- Grantees agree to pay OWDA ten percent (10%) of any licensing fees, royalty payments, lump sums, or other fungible consideration received by the grantee, that are in excess of patent filing and maintenance costs, for the life of any grantee patent which results from the research and development performed under that grant. Payments shall be made to OWDA until the original grant amount has been repaid.

Section 5 – Application Process

- 5.1 Annual application deadline is available on OWDA’s website.
- 5.2 Applications and instructions are available on OWDA’s website.
- 5.3 OWDA may invite Applicants to present their proposal to the OWDA R&D Subcommittee prior to grant approval.

Section 6 - Authorization

Ohio Administrative Code	Section 6121
OWDA Board Action	Motion Jun 26, 1985 Motion Oct 26, 1989 Resolution 66-91 Motion Dec 14, 2000 Resolution 52-09 Motion May 27, 2021