The Clean Air Resource Center:

- Administered by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA)
- CARC was established in 1996 to help small businesses comply with Clean Air Act regulations.
- CARC financing helps small business owners to purchase and install new air quality equipment and facilities.

How CARC works:

- CARC offers grant funding to pay the closing costs and fees when a small business secures project financing through air quality revenue bonds issued by the Air Quality Development Authority for the purchase of equipment or facilities

- Financing is structured to suit the needs of individual projects
- OAQDA bonds can be federally tax-exempt or taxable, all are exempt from Ohio income, real property, sales and use taxes for the term of the financing
- OAQDA bonds do not represent the faith and credit of the State of Ohio, and all repayment responsibility rests with the financed project

Who Qualifies?

- 100 or fewer employees
- Emit less than 75 tons per year of all regulated air pollutants
- Emit 50 tons or less per year of any regulated pollutant

CARC project example:

$170,000 was approved for Highlander Cleaning Centers of Newark to purchase new energy efficient and water-conserving washers. Prior to this approval, Highlander used CARC funding to finance $50,000 for the purchase of a state-of-the-art energy-efficient dryer.

CARC Project Example:

$176,500 for Harden Auto Body of South Euclid to install two new, heated paint spray booths, and an explosion-proof mixing room between them. Harden also utilized $150,000 OAQDA revenue bond to purchase paint booth systems that eliminate virtually all emissions associated with automotive refinishing.

OAQDA is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, the Authority has provided technical and financial help to hundreds of large and small Ohio businesses, awarding more than $8 billion to finance air quality projects.

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