

H2Ohio Producer identifies piece of equipment they would like to purchase.

- ODA will review the piece of equipment being applied for and determine whether it meets the program criteria. A decision will be made within 14 days.
- For specific questions regarding the Equipment Purchase Assistance Program, please call ODA or your lending institution.

Apply for Grant Funding through lending institution of choice.

- The producer will be responsible for completing an application and a release of information with their Ag Lender along with providing other pertinent information that may be useful to the lender (i.e. H2Ohio contract-related information, etc.)
- The lender will then email the completed application in the fillable PDF format to ODA, and then ODA will determine if the funds are available to award a contract.
- If funding becomes a limiting factor, ODA will utilize a ranking system. Ranking will be assigned based on practice impact: (Manure Incorporation and Utilization, Subsurface Phosphorus Placement, Cover Crops) and/or the number of associated acres that will be implemented with the piece of equipment.
- Once approved, ODA will generate a contract and send it back to the lender.
- A final decision will be made in a timely manner after all the criteria has been considered. If the producer is applying for funding for a piece of equipment to implement practices originally not enrolled in, a contract modification must be completed. This will be done by the SWCD office with guidance from ODA.

ODA will review, approve, and sign final contracts.**Once Contract is funded, ODA will need a copy of signed loan documents and a copy of the equipment bill of sale.**

- The Application, Contract, electronic copy of loan documents, and copy of the equipment bill of sale will be uploaded to Beehive for grant tracking.

Lender must provide ODA with an annual statement of interest paid for the producer to receive payment.

- Payments will be made in the first quarter of the following year.
- Update event completion in Beehive under Producer's Name.
- Verify that producer completed corresponding BMPs with equipment purchased.

Once all documentation for payment has been received and verified, ODA will create a voucher and present it to the Banker District(s) to issue payments to producers.**For additional information contact:**

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