

## H2Ohio Chloride Reduction Grants

### Frequently Asked Questions

A total of \$1.5 million in grants will be awarded via two rounds of funding in state fiscal years 2026 and 2027 through a highly competitive opportunity, where eligible applicants are encouraged to provide details how proposed upgrades will reduce deicer use and exposure to help prevent or solve chloride pollution. We recommend reading the request for proposals and frequently asked questions thoroughly before submitting applications, which are due by close of business on February 6, 2026.

#### Who is Eligible to Apply?

Municipalities, villages, townships, and counties located within eligible areas on the **2026 Chloride Reduction Grant Eligibility Map** that are improving road deicing equipment and storage facilities in a manner that reduces salt pollution in Ohio's waterways. Other public entities located within an eligible area may not apply on their own but may be involved in an application by the above units of government. **Please note the Chloride Reduction grant is competitive, communities located within eligible areas on the map must still apply and be selected for award.**

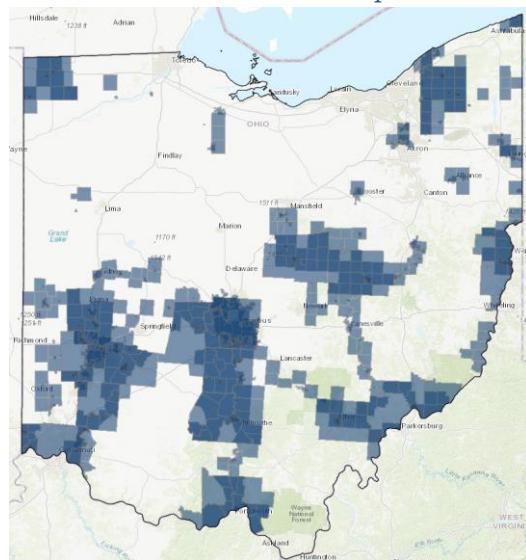
#### How was the Eligibility Map Developed?

The map targets communities associated with vulnerable aquifers and high-quality surface water resources.

#### Where do I access and how do I use the Grant Eligibility Map?

##### Eligibility Map

Click the map link below to view if your community is located within an eligible area. Instructions are included with the map.



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## **Can we request funding for maintenance to existing equipment or structures?**

Funding is intended for upgrades only, that will reduce the amount of deicer utilized and/or eliminate deicer exposed. Applications should not be for routine maintenance or repairs.

## **Can we request funding for projects that have been recently completed?**

Funding is only for future expenses that must be incurred after selection and execution of a grant agreement.

## **How do I Apply?**

Applications are available on the Nonpoint Source Program webpage <<https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/financial-assistance/319-grants>>. Application submittals should be via email and must include a copy of both the completed excel application and pdf of the signed application page. **Applications are due February 6, 2026.**

## **Contact**

If you have questions about the request for proposals, please email [nps-program@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:nps-program@epa.ohio.gov) or call Cara Hardesty at 614.644.2143 or Josh Griffin at 614.644.2874.