



UPCOMING GRANTS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

BCDES has formed a regional partnership with Hamilton County, TechSolve and local businesses to expand the successful Pollution Prevention Program. Funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the program provides training to qualified interns and helps Butler County's growing business sector gain positive environmental and economic results.

GRANTS AND LOW-INTEREST LOANS

Meter replacement

The Ohio Public Works Commission awarded BCDES a \$600,000 grant to replace more than 14,000 touch-read water meters with radio-read equipment. Now, our entire residential system can be read using drive-by technology, reducing our meter-reading labor cost.

Vehicles and equipment purchases

BCDES received a \$1.17 million low-interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The loan will cover most of the vehicles and equipment needed by the department through 2010.

Future sewer service in Williamsdale and Overpeck

The U.S. Department of Agriculture—Rural Development has committed a combination \$6 million loan and \$3 million grant to finance public sewer service in the Williamsdale and Overpeck communities. BCDES is seeking an additional \$2 million grant to reduce local ratepayer investment in this project.

New Miami sewer rehabilitation

BCDES received a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Rural Development to repair sewer lines in the Cherokee Park subdivision of the village of New Miami.