

The purpose of the Equipment Purchase Assistance Program (or “Program”) is to promote and incentivize the purchase of certain types of equipment by H2Ohio participants to implement practices for subsurface phosphorus placement, injection or manure placement below the field surface, or to interseed cover crops into a growing crop.

**Objective: To increase access to agricultural equipment to help producers meet H2Ohio program requirements.**

ODA is incentivizing the implementation of these specific practices because they have proven to be effective in:

1. Reducing agricultural, nonpoint source pollution of surface water and groundwater resources
2. Properly utilizing commercial fertilizer, manure and/or organic by-products as a plant nutrient source or soil amendment
3. Reducing sheet, rill, and wind erosion
4. Reducing water quality degradation due to excess nutrients

Through the Equipment Purchase Assistance Program, ODA will reimburse the interest paid up to \$100,000 or 20% of the total value of the loan, whichever is less, by the H2Ohio Participant for up to 5 years.

**Phosphorus Placement Equipment & Technology:**

Eligible Equipment includes but is not limited to the following:

- Phosphorus Placement Equipment
- New or upgrade existing equipment to allow phosphorus placement
- New or upgrade existing equipment to allow precision phosphorus placement

**In season, Injection, or Precision Manure Application Equipment:**

Eligible Equipment includes but is not limited to the following:

- New or upgrade existing equipment to allow precision application (I.e. scales, rate control, or other precision technology.)
- Manure side-dress equipment
- Grassland application toolbar

**Cover Crop Interseeding Toolbars or Equipment:**

Eligible Equipment includes but is not limited to the following:

- New or upgrade existing equipment with interseeding capacity

The following equipment are expressly excluded and ineligible for consideration under the program:

1. Tractors
2. Utility Vehicles or All-Terrain Vehicles
3. Drones