

Supporting Small Business through the Clean Air Resource Center

The Clean Air Resource Center (CARC) is a program of OAQDA that helps small Ohio businesses comply with state and federal clean air regulations while reducing costs and gaining tax benefits. CARC provides funding to qualified businesses that have fewer than 100 employees and additionally emit less than 75 tons of all regulated pollutants and less than 50 tons of any single regulated pollutant annually. Examples of businesses utilizing CARC funds to purchase pollution control equipment include dry cleaners, small manufacturers, auto body shops, metal working companies and many others.

In 2018, OAQDA approved \$1.6 million in CARC funds for 14 small Ohio businesses across the state. This investment impacts 187 existing and 33 new jobs with these local community businesses. Most notably, OAQDA worked with dry cleaners in 2018 to eliminate the use of a known carcinogen solvent from their process and replace it with a more environmentally-friendly solution. As a result, this change will have a positive health impact felt by 51 employees in these neighborhood businesses.

Clean Air Resource Center Projects Approved in 2018

