Ohio Revised Code
Section 3737.02 Fees - federal funding.
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(A) The fire marshal may collect fees to cover the costs of performing inspections and other duties that the fire marshal is authorized or required by law to perform. Except as provided in division (B) of this section, all fees collected by the fire marshal shall be deposited to the credit of the fire marshal's fund.

(B)(1) All of the following shall be credited to the underground storage tank administration fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury:

(a) Fees collected under sections 3737.88 and 3737.881 of the Revised Code for operation of the underground storage tank and underground storage tank installer certification programs;

(b) Moneys recovered under section 3737.89 of the Revised Code for the state's costs of undertaking corrective or enforcement actions under that section or section 3737.882 of the Revised Code;

(c) Fines and penalties collected under section 3737.882 of the Revised Code and other moneys, including corrective action enforcement case settlements or bankruptcy case awards or settlements, received by the fire marshal under sections 3737.88 to 3737.89 of the Revised Code.

(2) All interest earned on moneys credited to the underground storage tank administration fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys credited to the underground storage tank administration fund shall be used by the fire marshal for implementation and enforcement of underground storage tank, corrective action, and installer certification programs under sections 3737.88 to 3737.89 of the Revised Code.

(C) There is hereby created in the state treasury the underground storage tank revolving loan fund. The fund shall consist of amounts repaid for underground storage tank revolving loans under section 3737.883 of the Revised Code and moneys described in division (B)(1)(c) of this section that are allocated to the fund in accordance with division (D)(1) of this section. Moneys in the fund shall
be used by the fire marshal to make underground storage tank revolving loans under section 3737.883 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) If the director of commerce determines that the cash balance in the underground storage tank administration fund is in excess of the amount needed for implementation and enforcement of the underground storage tank, corrective action, and installer certification programs under sections 3737.88 to 3737.89 of the Revised Code, the director may certify the excess amount to the director of budget and management. Upon certification, the director of budget and management may transfer from the underground storage tank administration fund to the underground storage tank revolving loan fund any amount up to, but not exceeding, the amount certified by the director of commerce, provided the amount transferred consists only of moneys described in division (B)(1)(c) of this section.

(2) If the director of commerce determines that the cash balance in the underground storage tank administration fund is insufficient to implement and enforce the underground storage tank, corrective action, and installer certification programs under sections 3737.88 to 3737.89 of the Revised Code, the director may certify the amount needed to the director of budget and management. Upon certification, the director of budget and management may transfer from the underground storage tank revolving loan fund to the underground storage tank administration fund any amount up to, but not exceeding, the amount certified by the director of commerce.

(E) The fire marshal shall take all actions necessary to obtain any federal funding available to carry out the fire marshal's responsibilities under sections 3737.88 to 3737.89 of the Revised Code and federal laws regarding the cleaning up of releases of petroleum, as "release" is defined in section 3737.87 of the Revised Code, including, without limitation, any federal funds that are available to reimburse the state for the costs of undertaking corrective actions for such releases of petroleum. The state may, when appropriate, return to the United States any federal funds recovered under sections 3737.882 and 3737.89 of the Revised Code.