



Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG)

Implementation Grants General Competition

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CPRG Implementation Grants



- On September 20, 2023, **EPA launched a \$4.3 billion competition** for states, local governments, tribes, and territories to fund policies and programs to cut climate pollution
- **EPA also launched a \$300 million competition** for only tribes and territories to fund policies and programs to cut climate pollution
- These implementation grants will build on \$250 million in CPRG planning grants EPA awarded in 2023
 - Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAP) are due on March 1, 2024
 - **Implementation grant applications are due on April 1, 2024**

CPRG Implementation Grants Program Objectives



Implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions by 2030 and beyond



Achieve substantial community benefits (such as reduction of criteria and hazardous air pollutants), particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities



Complement other funding sources to maximize these GHG reductions and community benefits



Pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be “scaled up” across multiple jurisdictions



Electric Power



Transportation



Industry



Residential & Commercial Buildings



Waste and Materials Management



Agriculture/ Natural & Working Lands

**Applications can
include GHG
reduction
measures from
these sectors**

Funding Availability – General Competition



Tier	Grant Ranges (million)	Funds Targeted for Each Tier (billion)	Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded
Tier A	\$200 to \$500	\$2.0	4-10
Tier B	\$100 to <\$200	\$1.3	6-13
Tier C	\$50 to <\$100	\$0.6	6-12
Tier D	\$10 to <\$50	\$0.3	6-30
Tier E	\$2 to <\$10	\$0.1	10-50
	TOTAL	\$4.3 billion	30-115

General Competition funds will be available across five funding tiers.

Applications will be evaluated and selected for award on a tier- by- tier basis.

Applications Must Implement GHG Measures in a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)



Implementation grant applications may be from:

- A lead organization for a Planning Grant **OR**
- Other eligible applicants that did not receive a Planning Grant.

GHG measures included in an implementation grant application under the general competition must have been included in an applicable PCAP. The deadline for PCAPs to be submitted to EPA is **March 1, 2024**.

- An applicable PCAP is one that geographically includes the applicant and contains priority GHG reduction measures for the area that can be implemented by implementation grant applicants.

Coordination and communication between the lead organization and other eligible applicants is strongly encouraged. Coalitions of eligible applicants can apply

- Eligible applicants should participate in the PCAP development process.
- Lead organizations should make draft PCAPs available as early as possible.

Eligible Applicants – General Competition



State and territorial agencies, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, tribes/tribal consortia, and coalitions thereof.

Individual applicant

- Single entity leading design and implementation of the measures.

Coalition

- Two or more eligible applicants with strong and substantial commitment such that withdrawal by one member would fundamentally alter project outcomes.
- A letter of intent signed by each coalition member is due at time of application
- Prior to award, a coalition will need to submit a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by all coalition partners demonstrating their mutual commitment to project

Eligible Applicants: States, Tribes, and Territories



Entity	Eligible	Ineligible
State (including District of Columbia and Puerto Rico)	Eligible state applicants are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead organizations for state CPRG planning grants • Other state agencies (including state air pollution control agencies), departments, or other executive branch-level offices 	State agencies (including state air pollution control agencies) in states that did not opt into the planning grants (Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, South Dakota, Wyoming)
Tribe or Tribal Consortium	A tribe or tribal consortium can apply for funding to implement measures included in an applicable tribal, state, or MSA PCAP. Eligible applicants are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead organizations for tribal CPRG planning grants • Other tribal agencies (including tribal air pollution control agencies), departments, or other tribal government offices or tribal consortia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non federally recognized tribes • Alaska Native Corporations • Tribes or tribal consortia not covered by a state, MSA, or tribal PCAP
Territory	Each territory covered by CPRG (American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) can apply for funding to implement measures included in its PCAP. Eligible applicants are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead organizations for CPRG planning grants for one of the territories above • Other territorial agencies (including territorial air pollution control agencies), departments, or other territorial government offices 	

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities



Entity	Eligible	Ineligible
Municipality	<p>A municipality can apply for funding to implement measures included in an applicable state, MSA, or territorial PCAP. Eligible applicants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead organizations for MSA CPRG planning grants; • Other municipal agencies (including local air pollution control agencies), departments, or other municipal government offices; • Councils of government, metropolitan planning commissions, or other regional organizations comprised of multiple municipalities 	<p>Municipalities and local air pollution control agencies in states that did not opt into the planning grants (Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, South Dakota, Wyoming) that are not covered by a MSA PCAP developed for one of the MSAs in these states that received a planning grant</p>

Evaluation Criteria Summary – General Competition



EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY	POINTS
1. Overall Summary and Approach	45
2. Impact of GHG Reduction Measures	60
3. Environmental Results - Outputs, Outcomes, and Performance Measures	30
4. Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities	35
5. Job Quality	5
6. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance	30
7. Budget	45
TOTAL	250

Implementation Grants: Key Dates



Timeline for General Competition

Sept 20, 2023	Feb 1, 2024	March 1, 2024	April 1, 2024	July 2024*	October 2024*
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Released	Optional Notice of Intent to Apply Deadline	Priority Climate Action Plans Due	Impl. Grant Application Deadline	Notification of Awards	Funds Awarded

*Anticipated Dates

Important Reminders



Thinking of Applying?

All applicants must have an active [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) and [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) registration in order to apply for a grant under this program. You should register in these systems **now** if you think you may apply for a federal grant.

The process can take a month or more for new registrants. [Information about how to register.](#)

Notice of Intent to Apply

General Competition: Deadline is **February 1, 2024**

Tribes and Territories Competition: **Deadline is March 1, 2024**

Submit email to cprg@epa.gov with the following information:

- Lead applicant organization, anticipated amount of funding request, description of GHG reduction measures and sectors, list of coalition members (if applicable)
- NOI is optional and non-binding, but will help EPA manage the competition process

For More Information



NOFOs, Application Requirements, Questions and Answers, Webinar Registration, Newsletter Signup

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/about-cprg-implementation-grants>

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>

Upcoming Webinars

- Getting Ready to Apply: Tribes and Territories Competition (Jan 24th at 4pm eastern)

Recent Webinars on Implementation Grants (website has links to YouTube videos)

- Getting Ready to Apply: General Competition (1/16/24)
- Documentation of GHG Reduction Assumptions (12/18/23)
- NOFO Updates, Frequently Asked Questions & Budget (12/12/23)
- General Competition NOFO Overview (9/21/23 & 10/3/23)
- Tribes and Territories Competition NOFO (9/27/23 & 10/5/23)

Submit Questions to:

cprg@epa.gov