

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program: Implementation Grants (General Competition)

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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<u>Agency:</u> Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	<u>Bureau:</u> N/A
<u>Application Deadline:</u> April 1, 2024	<u>Max Award:</u> \$500 million

Description

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program Implementation Grants will fund greenhouse reduction measures identified in a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP). CPRG is designed to create a localized approach to address environmental inequity, combat climate change, and build climate resilience.

Eligible Recipients

- States
- Municipalities
- Air pollution control agencies
- Tribes
- Territories
- Coalitions of eligible applicants

Entities that directly received a CPRG Planning Grant are eligible to apply. In addition, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes that were not direct CPRG Planning Grant recipients are eligible to apply as long as they are proposing projects and programs that are included in a State or Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

Key points to consider for applicants who are not direct CPRG Planning Grant recipients:

- PCAPs are due on March 1, 2024, which is one month before the grant application deadline. EPA has released this Notice of Funding Opportunity early so that potential applicants can get involved with the PCAP planning process prior to the March 1st deadline.
- Interested applicants should connect with the organizations leading PCAP development in the MSA or State that covers their geographic area.
- By engaging in PCAP development, you can advocate for GHG reduction measures that will benefit your community and understand which measures are likely to be included in the final PCAP in order to prepare your CPRG Implementation Grant application.

Eligible Projects

Applications must request funding to implement greenhouse gas reduction measures that are included in a State or MSA PCAP developed through CPRG Planning Grant funds. EPA aims to provide implementation funds for projects that significantly reduce GHG emissions by 2030 and will accelerate decarbonization across one or more of the following sectors: industry; electric power; transportation; commercial and residential buildings; agriculture/natural and working lands; and waste and materials management.

EPA has provided a list of GHG reduction measure examples across multiple sectors on pages 9-11 of the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

EPA anticipates that applications may seek funding for the following types of measures:

- A new, stand-alone GHG reduction measure that will be implemented solely through CPRG funding;
- An expansion of a GHG reduction measure that is already being implemented, where the expansion of the measure will be funded through CPRG funding; and,
- A new GHG reduction measure for which the applicant has already secured partial funding and needs additional funding from the CPRG program to secure the total funding needed to fully implement the measure.

Applications may request funds in any of the 5 tiers. These ranges reflect differences in the scope, scale, and cost of GHG reduction measures and are intended to help applicants structure their applications to best reflect the cost of their proposed measures and their ability to implement the grant.

Applications will be evaluated against other applications within the same tier.

Tier	Grant Ranges	Total Funds for Each Tier	Anticipated # of Awards
Tier A	\$200,000,000 – \$500,000,000	\$2 billion	4-10
Tier B	\$100,000,000 – \$199,999,999	\$1.3 billion	6-13
Tier C	\$50,000,000 – \$99,999,999	\$0.6 billion	6-12
Tier D	\$10,000,000 – \$49,999,999	\$0.3 billion	6-30
Tier E	\$2,000,000 – \$9,999,999	0.1 billion	10-50

Matching Grant Requirements

None required

New or Existing Program

New

Tips for Being Competitive

Applications will be evaluated for benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities that meet at least one of the following characteristics:

- Disadvantaged census tracts in the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#)
 - Any census block group at or above the 90th percentile for any of the [EJScreen's Supplemental Indexes](#)
 - Any geographic area within federally recognized tribes
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Labor Requirements

Section 5 of the grant application is specifically focused on job quality, in alignment with the program objectives to “incorporate high labor standards, emphasize job quality, and support equitable workforce development.” In this section, applications should describe concrete, specific strategies to ensure CPRG implementation grant funds and the implementation of the GHG reduction measures generate high-quality jobs with a diverse, highly skilled workforce and support “high road” labor practices. Applicants are encouraged to review the [Good Jobs Principles](#) and [Good Jobs Toolkit](#) when developing their applications. If an applicant does not believe this job quality criterion is relevant to their proposed measures, they should indicate this in the application and provide a clear justification.

Partners Required

Partnerships are not required, but applicants may submit as a coalition. Coalition applications must identify which eligible applicant will be the recipient of the award (the lead applicant and “pass-through entity”) and which eligible applicants will be subrecipients of the award. Coalition applications must include a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by all coalition partners demonstrating mutual commitment to the project.

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Upcoming Events

EPA has published a [webinar recording and presentation slides](#) for an informational webinar hosted on September 21st. In addition, PCFO has provided webinar notes [available here](#).

Total Allocation

\$4.3 billion

Anticipated Award Date

July 2024

How To Apply

- Ensure that your organization is registered with both SAM.gov and Grants.gov.
 - Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) through SAM.gov.
 - Submit an optional Notice of Intent to Apply by February 1, 2024.
 - Review submitted Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAPs) that are due on March 1, 2024.
 - Submit a complete grant application to [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by April 1, 2024.
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Resources

- [Grant Opportunity - Grants.gov](#)
- [CPRG Implementation Grants - EPA](#)
- [General Competition Webinar Notes - PCFO](#)