

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG)

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 28, 2023 (Notice of Intent to Participate due)	<u>Max Award:</u> Formula-based

Description

Created by the Inflation Reduction Act, the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program invests \$5 billion to support states, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes to develop and implement strong, local greenhouse gas reduction strategies. This two-staged grant program provides funding of \$250 million for non-competitive planning grants and \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants.

Eligible Recipients

States, air pollution control agencies, municipalities, territories, tribes, and groups of eligible entities can apply. EPA has allocated formula funds to states, territories, tribes, and metropolitan areas.

Local Governments

Each of the 67 most populous metropolitan areas has been allocated \$1 million. Areas beyond the top 67 are strongly encouraged to submit a Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP) by the April 28 deadline.

EPA recommends that municipalities and local government entities within a metropolitan area coordinate to identify an eligible lead organization to administer the planning grant. The lead organization may sub-award funds to other jurisdictions, academic institutions, or non-profit organizations to assist in the development of a regional plan.

As long as their state pursues funds, municipalities outside of the chosen metropolitan areas will have the opportunity to collaborate with their state on planning.

Municipalities will be eligible to apply for implementation funding for activities identified in their state's plan.

Matching Grant Requirements

None required

Eligible Uses of Funds

CPRG planning grant funds should be used for projects that directly relate to the development, updating, or evaluation of climate pollution reduction plans.

The climate plan is expected to address greenhouse gas emissions throughout the entire metropolitan area. Eligible activities may include:

- Staffing and contractual costs necessary to develop the deliverables identified in this document;
- Planning and implementing meetings, workshops, and convenings to foster collaboration among and between levels of government, the public, and key stakeholders;
- Outreach and education for stakeholders and members of the public
- Subawards to municipalities, air pollution control agencies, regional planning organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academic institutions, etc.;
- Modeling and analytical costs, including purchase or licensing of software, data, or tools;
- Studies, assessments, data collection, etc., needed to develop the required deliverables;
- Evaluation and metrics-tracking activities;
- Training and staff capacity-building costs;
- Supplies (e.g., office supplies, software, printing, etc.);
- Incidental costs related to the above activities, including but not limited to travel, membership fees, and indirect costs; and/or,
- Other allowable activities as necessary to complete the required three deliverables.

Funding recipients will be required to submit three deliverables over the four-year grant award period:

1. A Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), due in early 2024
2. A Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), due 2 years from the date of the award
3. A Status Report, due at the close of the 4-year grant period (2027)

How to Apply

Key deadlines for metropolitan area applications:

- **April 28, 2023:** Deadline for the lead organization of a metropolitan area to submit a Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP) by email to CPRG@epa.gov
- **May 31, 2023:** Deadline for the lead organization to submit a complete application through Grants.gov
- **Summer 2023:** EPA Regional Offices expect to award and administer the planning grants

Next Steps

1. Review the [CPRG Formula Allocation](#) to see the formula allocation for your region
2. Connect with neighboring local government agencies to determine a lead application for your metropolitan area
3. Submit your Notice of Intent to Participate by April 28, 2023

Agency Contact

CPRG@epa.gov

Upcoming Events

EPA held informational webinars for the CPRG program. Presentation slides and recordings are available on the [CPRG program page](#). Webinar notes are also available on the [PCFO IGAP website](#).

Anticipated Award Date

Summer 2023

Links to Grant Opportunity

- [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program Page - EPA](#)
- [Formula Grant Allocations](#)