

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: Planning Grants

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Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

1. Planning grants to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies (\$250 million)

- Administered through non-competitive cooperative agreements

2. Competitive implementation grants to help put plans into action (\$4.6 billion)

One planning grant, three deliverables over 4 years



Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

- Due **March 1, 2024**
- Near-term, implementation-ready, **priority greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures**
- **Prerequisite** for implementation grant



Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

- Due in **2025** (later for tribes and territories)
- **All sectors** / significant GHG sources and sinks
- **Near- and long-term** GHG emission reduction goals and **strategies**



Status Report

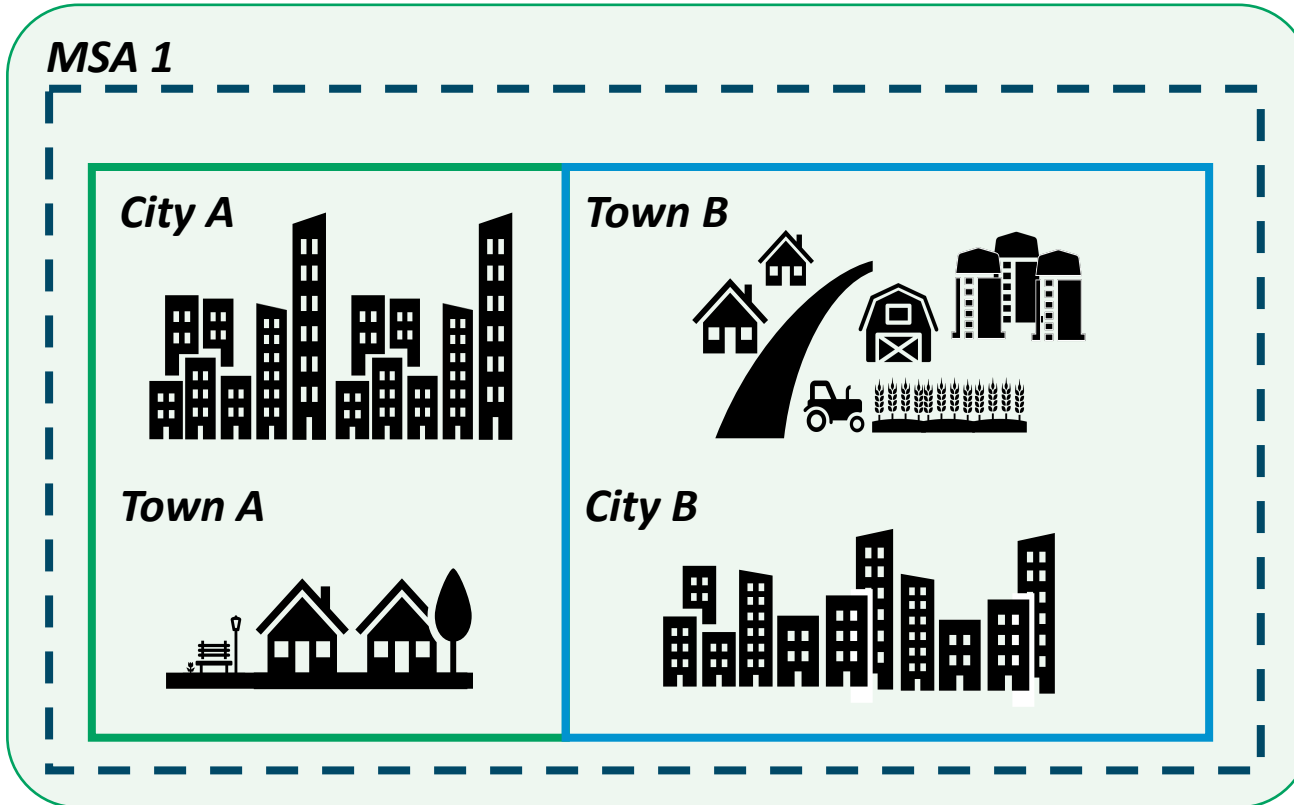
- Due in **2027** (N/A for tribes or territories)
- **Updated** analyses and plans
- **Progress and next steps** for key metrics

Metropolitan Area Allocations

- Up to \$1 million each to the 67 most populous metropolitan areas nationally for the development of regional climate plans that address GHG emissions and reduction measures throughout an entire metropolitan area
- Municipalities, local air pollution control agencies, and local governments within a metropolitan area should coordinate to identify an eligible lead organization to administer the cooperative agreement
- **The lead organization for a metropolitan area must submit a Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP) to EPA by April 28, 2023.** Letters of support from other entities in the area are recommended
- If no eligible lead organization submits an NOIP for one of the 67 metropolitan areas that qualifies for funding, those funds will be available for the next metropolitan area (e.g., #68) on the list. **Areas beyond the top 67 are strongly encouraged to submit an NOIP by the April 28 deadline**
- As long as their state opts in, municipalities outside of the 67 metro 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

Metropolitan Area Example

Regional Planning Organization (Simplified)



- MSA 1 consists of 50 municipalities, including 4 cities. A regional planning organization spans the metropolitan statistical area (MSA).
- Town and City mayors and the RPO director meet to discuss potential coordination and roles and determine the RPO will administer the planning grant
- The RPO submits Notice of Intent to Participate for MSA 1 and develops an application package in consultation with other jurisdictions
- **All towns and cities are covered by the developed climate plan and are eligible to apply for implementation grants (as well as the RPO with support of the jurisdictions)**

Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination

- Lead agencies must coordinate with other appropriate agencies and offices within their own government in the development and adoption of the deliverables.
- State Requirements
 - **Collaborate** with air pollution control agencies, and municipalities **within the state** to develop the PCAP and over the duration of the grant
 - Identify and **include priority measures** in the state PCAP that can be implemented by collaborating entities (e.g., municipalities, air pollution control agencies, collaborating tribes)
- Metropolitan Area Requirements
 - Climate plans should also be developed with regional coordination as much as possible

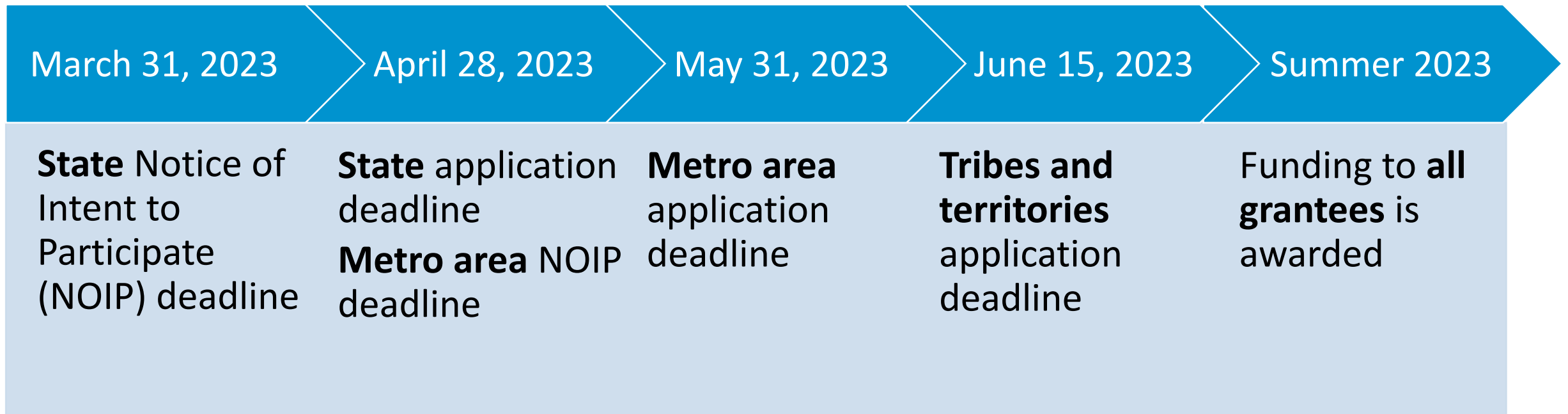
Technical Assistance

- EPA is committed to providing ongoing technical assistance
- Existing tools and resources are available at:

www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants#CPRG-ToolsandTechnicalResources

- Additional opportunities including webinars and training workshops will be forthcoming
- Plan to establish Climate Innovation Teams
 - Cohort based teams, combine TA with peer-to-peer learning
 - Based on needs/topics identified by grantees

Planning Grant Application Process



Access to Application

- Visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/search-opportunity-package.html> to access application package.
 - Funding **Opportunity** Number: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGP-23-01
 - Assistance Listing (CFDA): 66.046
- EBiz POC must authorize roles within grants.gov in order to submit application.
- Organization must have an ACTIVE sam.gov account
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) has replaced the use of DUNS numbers.
 - Organization's UEI can be found on sam.gov

Application Package Requirements

The list of required forms is as follows:

- SF-424 (Application for Federal Assistance)
- SF-424A (Budget Information)
- EPA Form 5700-54 (Key Contacts Form)
- EPA Form 4700-4 (Preaward Compliance Review Report)
- Project Narrative Attachment Form (Workplan & Budget Narrative)
- Other Attachment Form (Optional Supporting Materials)
 - Letters of commitment
 - Resumes of key staff
- EPA Form 6600-06 (Certification Regarding Lobbying)
 - Only if grant is for \$100,000 or more
- Current, approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
 - Only if requesting indirect costs in grant budget

Workplan & Budget Narrative

- [Workplan](#) and [Budget](#) Templates have been provided by EPA.
- CPRG planning grants will produce and submit three deliverables.
- Workplan must describe:
 - Applicant's general approach to developing all required elements of the deliverable;
 - Entities responsible for completing each element;
 - Schedule with milestones for developing the deliverables
- Draft workplan should be submitted to PO via email ASAP.

Final Thoughts

- Please double-check budget figures
 - Budget object class categories must be whole numbers.
 - Amounts must match on SF424, SF424A, and Budget Narrative
- Consider quality assurance requirements and how they may impact the project schedule.
- Technical difficulties with grants.gov must be resolved with their customer service.
- EPA will happily accept early submissions!
- Contact your PO with any questions.
- [Visit Climate Pollution Reduction Grants | US EPA](#) for more information.

Questions

Please send programmatic question via email to: CPRG@epa.gov



Thank you

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Appendix

If a State Declines Planning Funds

Scenario 1: If a state declines funding...

\$1M is made available to each of the 3 most populous metropolitan areas in that state (with submitted NOIP)

Scenario 2: If a state declines funding AND one of top 3 MSAs declines funding...

The declined \$1M will be available to the 4th most populous metropolitan area in that state (with submitted NOIP)

Scenario 3: If a state declines funding and there are fewer than 3 MSAs in the state...

\$1M is made available to each of the MSAs in the state

Excess funds are added to the national metropolitan area funding pool and available to the next area (e.g., #68) on the list (with submitted NOIP)

*Metropolitan areas receiving declined state funds will not also be eligible for funding from the national metropolitan area funding pool.

Looking Ahead: Implementation Grants

- Those states, territories, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, air pollution control agencies; municipalities; Tribes; or groups of such eligible entities that are **covered by** a plan developed with funding from a planning grant awarded will be eligible
- “Covered by” includes:
 - State agencies, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes who partner on a climate plan developed with a planning grant, but did not receive direct federal funds
 - Municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes seeking funding for measures identified in their state’s plan for implementation at their level
- EPA encourages the design of plans that are broad and cover a variety of programs and projects that could be implemented by state, local, and Tribal partners.
- More information about eligible implementation activities and funding priorities will be available when the Notice of Funding Opportunity is published later this year