

Climate Planning Grants

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Climate Planning Grant Overview

Climate Commitment Act Funds (SB 5187)

- Provide technical assistance to cities and counties to plan for climate change.
 - See [website](#) for early guidance
- Award approx. \$30 million in statewide grant funds

Applicable counties and their cities	2025	2026	2029
○ Benton		X	
○ Clark	X		
○ Franklin		X	
○ King			X
○ Kitsap			X
○ Pierce			X
○ Skagit	X		
○ Snohomish			X
○ Spokane		X	
○ Thurston	X		
○ Whatcom	X		

Climate Planning Grant Overview

- Fully planning cities and counties are eligible for funding
- Grant applications due October 31, 2023, 5:00pm
- [Apply online](#)

New	New			*	*	*
Greenhouse Gas Reduction Sub-element	Climate Resilience Sub-element	Transportation Element	Land Use Element	Capital Facilities Element*	Utilities Element*	Parks & Recreation Element*

GMA Periodic Update Due Dates ↓	New Greenhouse Gas Reduction Sub-element	New Climate Resilience Sub-element	Transportation Element	Land Use Element	Capital Facilities Element*	Utilities Element*	Parks & Recreation Element*
For jurisdictions with a 2024 deadline and subject to GHG Emissions Reduction [Sec. 15 (10)]	Due 2029	Due 2029	Due 2029	Due in 2034			
For jurisdictions with a 2025 & 2026 deadline and subject to GHG Emissions Reduction [Sec. 4 (1) and (2)]	X	X	X	X	X*	X*	X*
Jurisdictions <u>not</u> subject to GHG Emissions Reduction (all years) [Sec. 4 (3) and 9(e)(i)]	Optional	X See RCW 36.70A.070(9)(e)	Optional	Only counties over 20k pop.	X*	X*	X*

Eligible Grant Activities

- Development of climate sub-elements
 - Adopting comprehensive plan policy and development regulations
 - Vehicle Miles Traveled Per Capita (VMT) studies and GHG emission reductions projections.
 - Assessing local climate impacts, vulnerability and risk
 - Emphasizing citizen participation and coordination
 - Implementing activities related to the adopted plan
- **Note: Eligible activities may be claimed from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2025.**

Grant Funding Amounts and Criteria

Commerce grant prioritization:

1. Jurisdictions required to implement HB 1181 by June 30, 2025
2. Jurisdictions required to implement HB 1181 by June 30, 2026
3. Other jurisdictions required to implement HB 1181 due after 2026

Refer to Commerce's Growth Management Services [webpage](#) for periodic update cycle deadlines.

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Interaction with Other Grants

- Similar or overlapping activities in more than one grant must be carefully defined. They must not duplicate work paid for by another Commerce grant or source of funding

Joint Applications

- Encouraged by two or more applicants
- Joint applicants may apply for funding per jurisdiction based on the grant allocations
- Commerce cannot combine funding from other grant programs into a singular grant contract

Completing the Grant Application Form

Application form is available [online](#)

Include the following three documents:

- ✓ Letter of Commitment
- ✓ Scope of Work
- ✓ Budget

Thank you!

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