

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program Update

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Overview

- The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program is being implemented by EPA under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- CPRG is comprised of two phases:
 - Phase 1 (Non-Competitive Planning Grants) to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies (\$250M)
 - Funds provided to States and Regions (Metropolitan Statistical Areas)
 - Phase 2 (Competitive Implementation Grants) to put plans into action (\$4.6B)



Overview

- The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is serving as lead organization for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue MSA
 - Covers the four-county region
 - In partnership with a consortium of agencies, including PSRC
 - Developing the required regional Climate Action Plans
 - Working closely with Department of Commerce and the Governor's Office to stay aligned with State efforts



CPRG Timelines and Deliverables – Planning

2023

- **Work Plan** successfully submitted May 31, 2023

2024

- **Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)** due March 1, 2024
- Near-term priority GHG reduction measures

2025

- **Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)** due Summer 2025
- Near- and long-term GHG reduction measures for all sectors

2026

- Ongoing CPRG program work and analyses

2027

- **Status Report** due in Summer 2027
- Updated analyses and next steps for key metrics



Required Elements – PCAP

- Priority Climate Action Plan = narrative report to include a focused list of near-term, high-priority and implementation-ready measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Required elements:
 - Greenhouse gas inventory
 - Priority greenhouse gas reduction measures
 - Low Income Disadvantaged Communities Benefits Analysis
 - EPA strongly suggests use of the “Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool” and the “Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool”



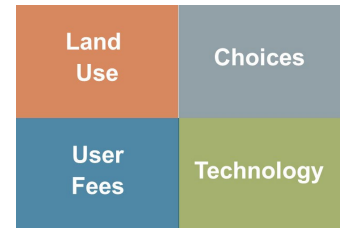
Required Elements – CCAP

- Comprehensive Climate Action Plan = narrative report providing information on significant sources of greenhouse emissions; establishes near-term and long-term greenhouse emission reduction goals; provides strategies and measures for the highest priority sectors
- Required elements:
 - Greenhouse gas inventory
 - Greenhouse gas emissions projections
 - Greenhouse gas reduction targets
 - Comprehensive Greenhouse gas reduction measures
 - Low Income Disadvantaged Communities Benefits Analysis
 - Workforce planning analysis



Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Sectors

- PCAP and CCAP will address all sectors / sources of emissions
 - Transportation, including –
 - On-road (PSRC’s Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy)
 - Off-road
 - Marine
 - Aviation
 - Built environment
 - Waste
 - Agriculture
 - Industry
 - Electricity



CPRG Phase 2 Overview - Implementation

- EPA released Phase 2 guidance on September 20, 2023
- Applications due **April 1, 2024**
- Goal to implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond
- Eligible applicants may only apply for funding to implement measures contained in an applicable PCAP
- Eligible applicants include states, municipalities, tribes, tribal consortia, territories
- Can also apply as Partnership or Coalition (may require an MOA)



Phase 2 Funding Tiers

Tier	Grant Ranges	Funds Targeted for Each Tier	Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded
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



Next Steps

- Region and state coordinating with interested applicants on development of Phase 2 applications
 - Strategic, coordinated approach to maximize competitiveness
 - Regional applications focused on building energy and transportation electrification
- Information on the climate action plans will be provided as this work moves forward
 - Future EAC presentations, outreach opportunities



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