## **Climate Pollution Reduction Program: Implementation** Grants (CPRG)

**Agency:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Category: Environment/Climate/Clean Energy

Eligible Applicants: All states and state agencies, excluding South Dakota, Iowa, Kentucky, and Florida; municipalities that are participating in, or covered under a Priority Climate Action Plan at either the state or Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) level; tribes and tribal consortiums; U.S. territories, and coalitions of the above eligible applicants. (Note: Tribes and territories are also eligible for a separate pool of funding for CPRG Implementation grants.)

**Total IRA Funding:** Per the <u>notice of funding opportunity</u> (NOFO), approximately \$4.3 billion is available, divided into five funding tiers (explained in Key Funding Criteria below).

FY24 Grant Funding: N/A.

Match Requirements: According to the NOFO, CPRG projects do not have any match requirements.

Key Dates: Applications for the CPRG Implementation general competition are due on April 1st, 2024.

Overview: Established through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program (CPRG) aims to address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions contributing to climate change. The program has two phases: Phase I awarded states and eligible metropolitan statistical areas funding to design Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAP) that incorporate a variety of measures to reduce GHG emissions from across their economies in six key sectors (electricity generation, industry, transportation, buildings, agriculture/natural and working lands, and waste management). Phase 2 will award implementation grants for projects included in each state or MSA's PCAP.

Cities interested in receiving CPRG Implementation funding should participate in their state and/or MSA's PCAP development process to ensure their projects align with the PCAP. To learn more about each state's or MSA's planning process, please reach out to the relevant lead agency (A list of lead agencies for participating states and MSAs is available on EPA's website).

**Eligible Activities:** As outlined in the <u>NOFO</u>, CPRG Implementation funding must be used for projects listed in a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) developed by a state or MSA during Phase 1 of the CPRG program. Eligible activities under the CPRG Implementation program are intentionally broad to offer recipients flexibility in addressing GHG emissions contributing to climate change.

Opportunities for Climate and Racial Wealth Equity: Delivering substantial community benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities is a primary objective of the CPRG program. EPA is committed to the goals of the Justice40 Initiative and will assess GHG emission reduction measures and their benefits to disadvantaged communities, resulting from the CPRG program as a whole.















Key Funding Criteria: EPA expects to award approximately 30 to 115 grants, ranging from \$2 million to \$500 million, under this general competition, distributed across five funding tiers based on the requested funding amount. EPA's description of the funding tiers and the anticipated award amounts per tier can be found in the NOFO (pg. 16).

Additional Information: The CPRG program encourages eligible applicants to collaborate and apply for funding as a coalition to implement regional GHG reduction measures, spanning multiple municipalities, state boundaries, or even state and tribal boundaries. Participants are encouraged to communicate and coordinate with both the lead organization drafting their state or MSA PCAP and other participants and stakeholders.

For more information, please visit EPA's CPRG website.















