

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program

How Local Governments Can Work Together in Phase I

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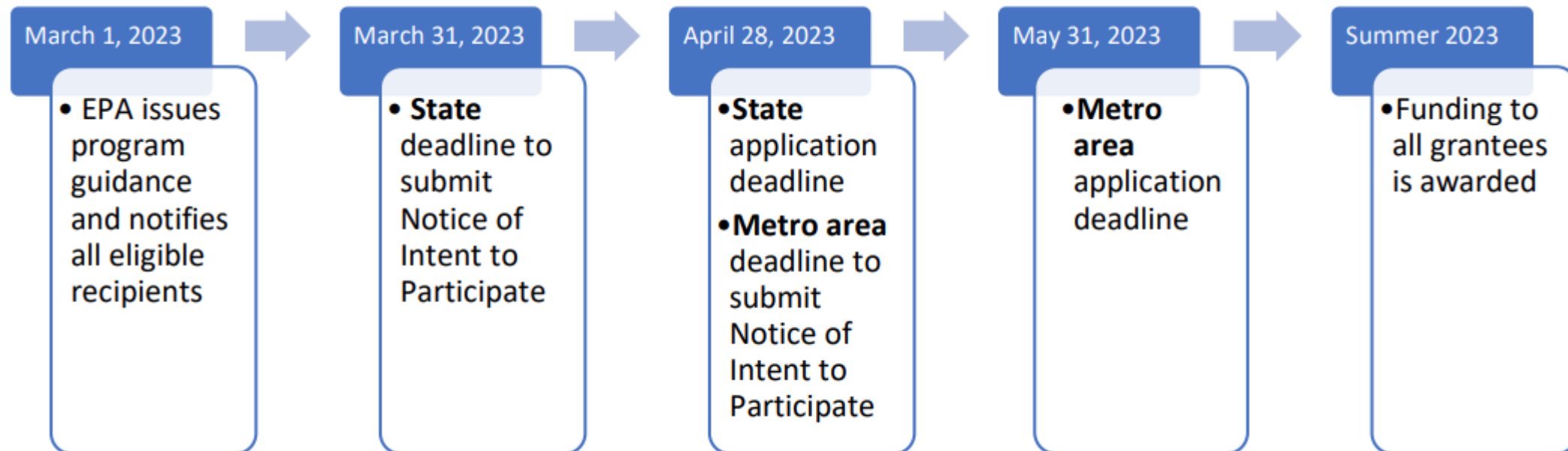
CPRG PROGRAM: PHASE I – PLANNING GRANTS

- EPA will award \$250 million in Planning Grants during Phase I of the CPRG Program.
- Awards will be distributed to states, local governments, air pollution control agencies, territories and tribes as follows:
 - \$3 million to each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico
 - \$1 million to each of the 67 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the country
 - \$25 million to tribes and tribal consortia
 - \$2 million to U.S. Territories
- No cost-share or matching funds required
- Local governments and air pollution control agencies within eligible MSAs will need to designate an organization to serve as a lead for the grant

Notice of Intent to
Participate due
April 28

Full application
due **May 31**

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DELIVERABLES

Programmatic Priorities as Designated by EPA

- Improve understanding of current and future GHG emissions to prioritize actions to reduce emissions and air pollution, particularly in nonattainment areas
- Adopt and implement policies and programs to reduce GHG emissions and accelerate decarbonization across critical sectors
- Collaborate with regional entities
- Leverage federal funding
- Encourage innovative technologies to reduce GHG emissions in hard-to-abate sectors
- Prioritize durable and replicable actions and policies
- Reduce pollution while elevating workforce training opportunities and addressing environmental justice concerns
- Utilize robust metrics and reporting programs

Required Deliverables

Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)*
Due early 2024

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)
Due 2 years from the date of the award

Status Report
Due at the close of the 4-year grant period

*PCAPs are required to apply for a
Phase II Grant

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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Staffing and contractual costs necessary to develop the deliverables
- Planning and implementing meetings, workshops, and convenings to foster collaboration
- Outreach and education for stakeholder and the public
- Subawards to municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and others
- Modeling and analytical costs
- Studies, assessments, data collection
- Evaluation and metrics-tracking
- Training and staff capacity-building costs
- Supplies
- Incidental costs

CPRG PROGRAM: PHASE II – IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

- \$4.6 billion Phase II Implementation Grants will be competitive
- Entities eligible to apply for an Implementation Grant are those covered by a plan developed with funding from a Phase I Planning Grant
- EPA expects to award Implementation Grants with a wide range of funding levels, with the largest grant possibly being more than \$100 million

EPA will release a
NOFO later this
year, with
applications due
Q1 2024

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Top 67 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the country – [See list](#)

WHO SHOULD CONSIDER APPLYING?

- Top 3 MSAs in each state
- MSAs 4-6 in each state if there are no MSAs in the top 67
- MSAs 68-100 in the country

WHO HAS ALREADY APPLIED?

- [See list](#)

US Census Data:
As of March 2020,
there are 384
MSAs nationwide

SCENARIO 1 – A STATE DECLINES FUNDING

- \$1 million is made available to each of the 3 most populous MSAs in the state.

SCENARIO 2 – STATE DECLINES FUNDING + ONE OF TOP 3 MSAs DECLINES FUNDING

- \$1 million available to the 4th most populous MSA in the state.

SCENARIO 3 – STATE DECLINES FUNDING + THERE ARE FEWER THAN 3 MSAs IN THE STATE

- \$1 million available to each of the MSAs in the state; remaining funds are added to the national MSA pool and available to the next MSA on the list

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- April 28 – Notice of Intent to Participate
- Encouraged to submit as early as possible. Also notify if declining funds.
- Email to CPRG@epa.gov

May 31 – Project Narrative/Workplan and Budget

- Standard federal grant forms
- Submit online at www.grants.gov

Sample NOIP,
Workplan and
Budget available
on [EPA website](#).

REGIONAL COORDINATION

- Regional organizations are governed by local officials to promote collaboration among neighboring jurisdictions and make decisions about directing federal funds at the local level.
- More than 500 regional councils in all 50 states serve areas with populations ranging from less than 50,000 to more than 20 million residents.
- Deliver projects and programs by providing technical assistance and serving in roles such as metropolitan planning organizations, rural transportation planning organizations, Area Agencies on Aging, economic development districts, 911 operators, solid waste management districts and more.
- Your regional organization may already be working on plans for reducing greenhouse gas or other pollution reduction strategies.

QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH.

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