

# EPA CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

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## Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

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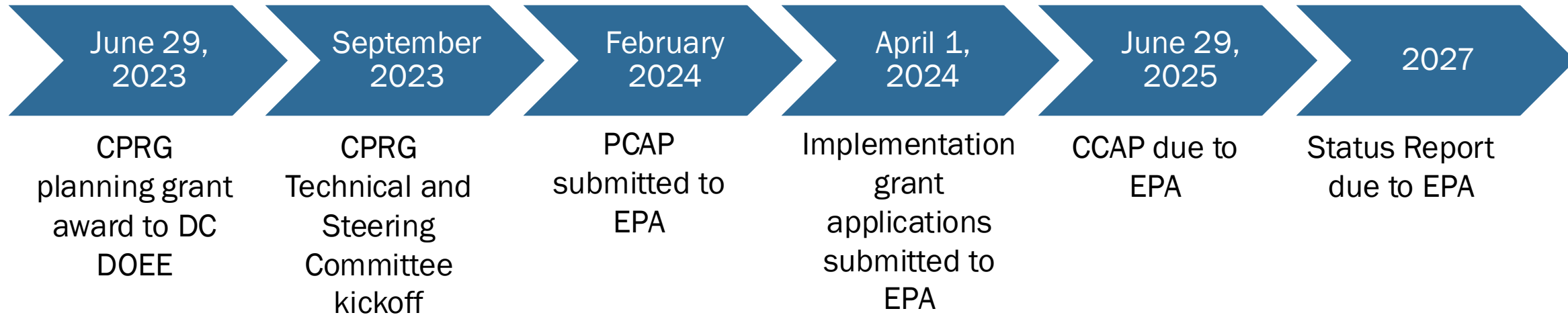
# CPRG Overview

- The [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants \(CPRG\)](#) program provides grants to States, regions, and local governments to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution.
- Section 60114 of the [Inflation Reduction Act](#) provides an investment of \$5 billion to support these efforts.
- This two-staged grant program provides funding of \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants, and [\\$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants](#).
- Non-competitive allocations include - States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico: \$3 million; Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs): \$1 million each.
- COG, via DC's allocation, is managing [\\$1 million for MSA climate planning](#), which includes communities from VA and WV.

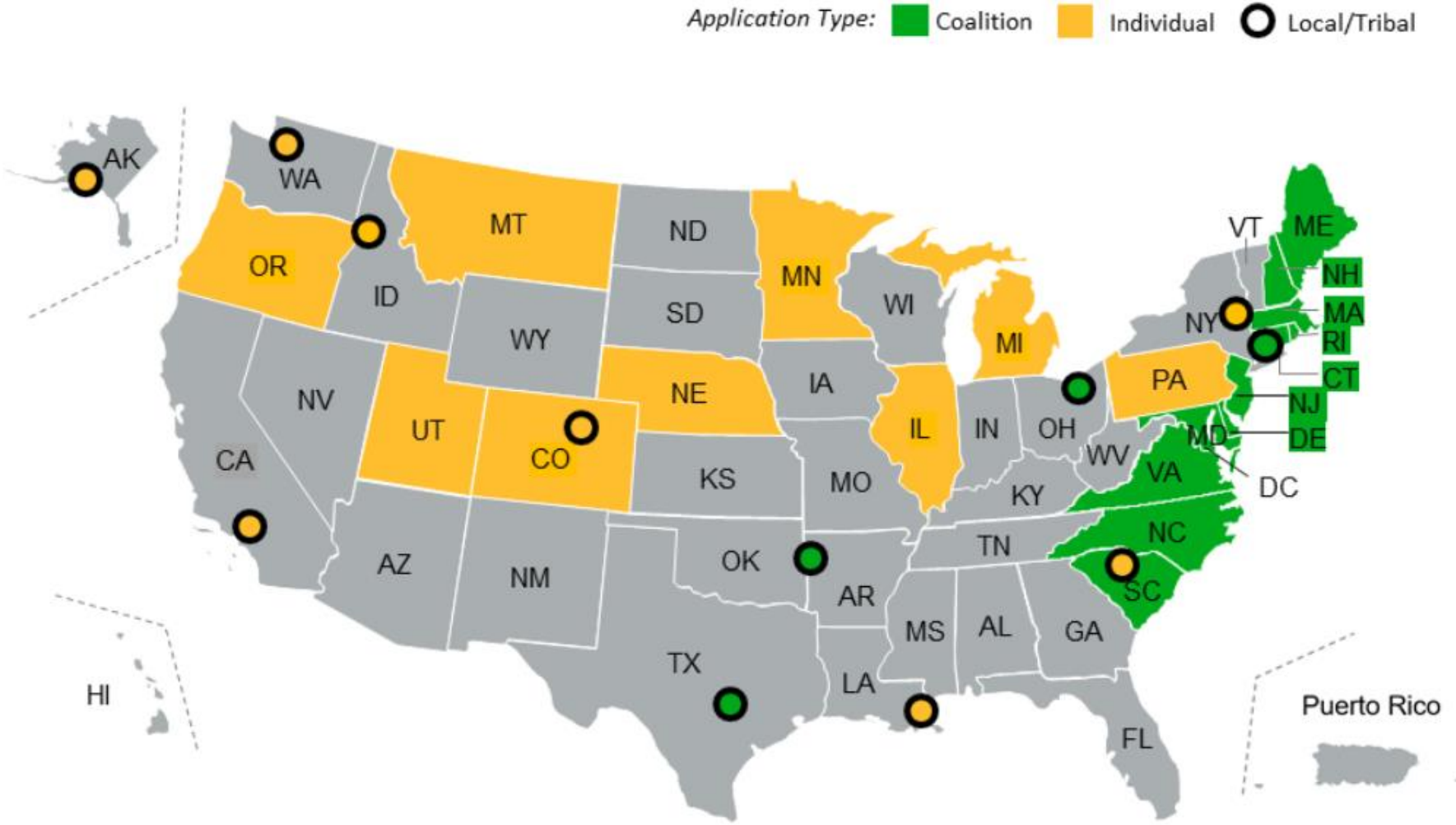


# CPRG Status Update

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# CPRG Implementation Grant Awards



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- 25 awards for \$4.3B to fund state, local, and Tribal entities located in 30 states
- **NJ, MD, CT, DE Coalition (\$250M):** The Clean Corridor Coalition: A Proposal for ZE-MHDV Infrastructure Along the I-95 Corridor project will deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure for commercial zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles on the Interstate-95 freight corridor as a joint venture among New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, and Maryland. The selected application will provide technical assistance for workforce development and corridor planning.
- **NC, SC, MD, VA (\$420M):** The Atlantic Conservation Coalition is a regional approach focused on natural climate solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The selected application will fund efforts to leverage the carbon sequestration power of natural and working lands, including coastal wetlands, peatlands, forests, and urban forestry.
- **VA (\$100M):** The Priority Methane Reduction Projects in Virginia grant will assist in the reduction of methane emissions by establishing a competitive grant program for projects at coal mines and landfills. The selected application will fund a competitive grant program for food rescue and composting programs at agencies, colleges, and universities.

# CCAP Requirements

- Updating GHG inventories and projections.
- Revisiting measures list to fill gaps.
- Understanding pathways to achieve or exceed COG’s GHG reduction goals.
- Developing more robust implementation information.
- Conducting more extensive analytics.
- Re-engaging with existing stakeholders and expanding reach.

Plan Element	Priority Climate Action Plan	Comprehensive Climate Action Plan	Status Report
GHG Inventory	Required	Required	Update Encouraged
GHG Emissions Projections	Not Required	Required	Update Encouraged
GHG Reduction Targets	Not Required	Required	Not Required
Quantified GHG Reduction Measures	Required (priority measures only)	Required (comprehensive)	Status and Updates Required
Benefits Analysis	Encouraged	Required	Required
Low Income/ Disadvantaged Communities Benefits Analysis	Required	Required	Required
Review of Authority to Implement	Required	Required	Update Required
Intersection with Other Funding Availability	Encouraged	Required	Required
Workforce Planning Analysis	Encouraged	Required	Required
Next Steps/Future Budget and Staffing Needs	Not Required	Not Required	Required

# CCAP Engagement

## Goals

- Build support for the CCAP and inform the plan with key stakeholders' projects and programs for eligibility for implementation funding
- Build regional collaboration and active participation throughout the CCAP process
- Meaningfully engage LIDAC members in the CCAP development
- Inform and create awareness with community members throughout COG members' jurisdictions

## Tools

- Website, Social Media, Project Materials, Listening Sessions, Engagement Events, Interviews, Special workshops, forums, public meetings, and webinars

## Targets

- COG CPRG technical and steering committees
- Other COG committees
- Local, state, and regional government partners and industry partners
- Tribes
- Community members
- Advocacy groups representing LIDAC, Equity Emphasis Areas (EEA), Environmental Justice populations (EJ), and Community-based organizations (CBOs)

## Indicators to Drive Approaches for LIDAC Engagement

- Limited English Proficiency
- Race
- Unemployment
- Low Income
- Education level

# Immediate Next Steps

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- CCAP project planning
- Finalize draft CCAP engagement plan
- CCAP Steering and Technical Committee kickoff
- Kick off CCAP engagement
- Updating GHG inventories and projections
- Revisiting measures list to fill gaps

Topics you want to tackle in  
the CCAP?

Email ideas to Jeff King and  
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