



Carbon Reduction Program

TPB Technical Committee

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Agenda for Today

- Priorities for the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- Available Suballocation for TPB Region
- Project Identification and Selection Process
- Process for Reviewing Applications
- Next Steps

Priorities for CRP

- MDOT has been working to:
 - Reset the CRP funding process in coordination with our MPO partners
 - Maximize the carbon reduction benefit of the funds as much as possible
 - Obligate the available CRP allocations to avoid lapsing funds
 - Advance eligible near-term carbon reduction projects, and create a pipeline of potential future projects

CRP Suballocation

Area	FY22 (Oct 2022 – Sept 2023)	FY23 (Oct 2023 – Sept 2024)	FY24 (Oct 2024 – Sept 2025)	Current Total
CRP >200K <i>Washington, DC</i>	\$3,571,327 <i>\$3,571,327</i>	\$3,642,754 <i>\$3,642,754</i>	\$3,888,142 <i>\$3,888,142</i>	\$11,102,223 <i>\$11,102,223</i>
CRP 50K – 200K <i>Frederick, MD</i> <i>Waldorf, MD</i>	\$513,486 <i>\$289,061</i> <i>\$224,425</i>	\$523,756 <i>\$294,842</i> <i>\$228,914</i>	\$585,808 <i>\$350,337</i> <i>\$235,471</i>	\$1,623,050 <i>\$934,240</i> <i>\$688,810</i>
	<i>Lapses Sept 2025</i>	<i>Lapses Sept 2026</i>	<i>Lapses Sept 2027</i>	

Funds are also available for rural areas with population under 50,000 and 5,000.

Project Identification and Selection

- MDOT solicited applications for Carbon Reduction Program funds through the Climate Focused Funding Portal in March and April
 - MPOs, local governments, MDOT Modal Administrations and partners were able to apply to identify projects eligible for CRP funds
- MDOT hosted a Coordination meeting with staff from MPOs statewide on April 30 to discuss the application review process
 - MDOT and TPB Staff began reviewing applications in May
- MDOT and TPB Staff met on June 14 to reach consensus on projects recommended for this round of CRP funding

Process for Reviewing Applications

- MDOT staff performed an initial eligibility and readiness screening for each of the applications received that was shared with the TPB Staff and FHWA
- MDOT and TPB Staff evaluated applications using the following criteria:
 - **Timeline for Obligation** – When will the project be ready to obligate?
 - **GHG Reduction Potential** – Will the project help to reduce GHG emissions?
 - **Environmental Justice** – Is the project located in environmental justice areas?
 - **Priority Project** – Does the project align with regional and state priorities?
- MDOT and TPB Staff reviewed the applications at the same time and developed a recommended list of projects to advance for funding

Next Steps

- MDOT will prepare award letters and begin coordination with applicants for project-specific agreements and moving towards obligating funds
- MDOT will continue to work closely with TPB staff to identify and advance eligible projects for the Waldorf and Frederick suballocation areas
- MDOT will schedule a meeting with the MPOs to evaluate the CRP application process and identify opportunities for improvement for future rounds of funding

Thank You!



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