

EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

- Authorized under the federal Inflation Reduction Act.
- **GOAL: To reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other harmful air pollution.**
- Two-Phases:
 1. Planning
 2. Implementation

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>



Phase 1 Planning Grants

Phase 1 of the CPRG program involves planning grants to support the development of **Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAP)** that incorporate measures to reduce GHG emissions across key economic sectors.

- The State of Montana received a planning grant, which will be administered by the DEQ
- Four tribal governments in Montana also received planning grants:
 - Chippewa Cree Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Blackfoot Tribe, and the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes

Reduction Measures can include activities from these sectors



Electric Power



Transportation



Industry



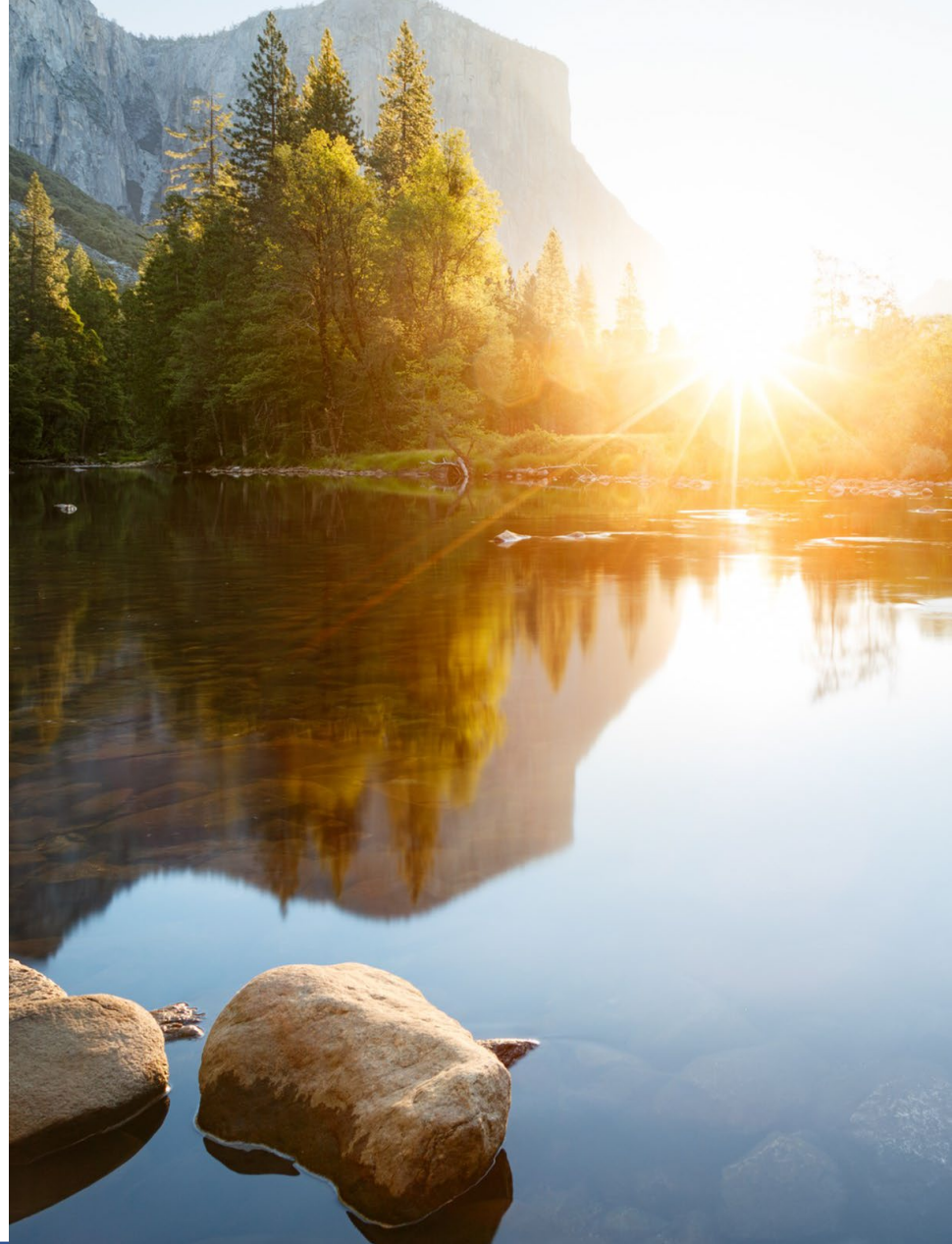
Residential & Commercial Buildings



Waste and Materials Management



Agriculture/Natural & Working Lands



Important Criteria for Montana's PCAP Reduction Measures

- Is the measure incentive-based, rather than regulatory?
- Can the measure's impact on emissions reductions be readily quantified?
- Is the measure one that can readily be implemented/acted upon ('shovel-ready')?
- Does the measure provide benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities, and if so, how?

Phase 2 Implementation Grants

On September 20, **EPA launched a \$4.6 billion competition** for states, local governments, tribes, and territories to fund policies and programs to cut climate pollution.

Grant Goals

- Implement measures that will achieve *significant* cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions *by 2030* and beyond
- Achieve substantial community benefits (such as reduction of criteria and hazardous air pollutants), *particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities*
- Complement other funding sources to maximize GHG reductions and community benefits
- Pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be “scaled up” across multiple jurisdictions

Implementation Grants

Phase 2 of the CPRG program involves competitive grants to implement GHG reduction measures identified in climate action plans prepared under the planning grants.

- Implementation grants will only be awarded for measures contained in a plan developed under Phase 1 of the CPRG program.
- Eligible applicants include states, municipalities, tribes, tribal consortia, and territories.
- EPA anticipates awarding grants between \$2 million and \$500 million.
- Implementation grants have a 5-year performance period.

Eligible Implementation Grant Applicants

State and territorial agencies, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, tribes/tribal consortia, and coalitions thereof.

Individual applicant

- Single entity leading design and implementation of the measures.

Coalition

- Two or more eligible applicants with strong and substantial commitment such that withdrawal by one member would fundamentally alter project outcomes.
- Coalition applications must include a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by all coalition partners demonstrating mutual commitment to project.

Subawards

- A non-governmental entity is eligible to receive a subaward even if it is not eligible to receive a grant from EPA directly. All subawards must comply with applicable subaward provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, the EPA Subaward Policy, and EPA's General Term and Condition for Subawards. See [CPRG General Competition NOFO](#) for details.

Applications Must Implement GHG Measures in a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

Applications may be from:

- Lead organization for Planning Grant OR
- Other eligible applicant that did not receive a Planning Grant.
 - Other state agencies
 - Local government agencies
 - Tribe or Tribal Consortium

GHG measures in an implementation grant application under the general competition must be included in an applicable PCAP submitted to EPA by March 1, 2024.

Coordination and communication between lead organization and other eligible applicants is essential.

Funding Availability

	Grant Ranges (million)	Funds Target for Each Tier (billion)	Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded
Tier A	\$200 to \$500	\$2	4-10
Tier B	\$100 to <\$200	\$1.3	6-13
Tier C	\$50 to <\$100	\$0.6	6-12
Tier D	\$10 to <\$50	\$0.3	6-30
Tier E	\$2 to <\$10	\$0.1	10-50
	Total	\$4.3 billion	30-115

Implementation Grant Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary	Points	% of Total
1. Impact of GHG Reduction Measures	60	24%
2. Overall Summary and Approach	45	18%
3. Budget and Timely Expenditure of Grant Funds	45	18%
4. Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities	35	14%
5. Environmental Results – Outputs, Outcomes, and Performance Measures	30	12%
6. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance	30	12%
7. Job Quality	5	2%
TOTAL	250	

Details on each of these criteria can be found in the EPA’s “CPRG General Competition NOFO, at <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-09/CPRG%20General%20Competition%20NOFO.pdf>

Application Limits

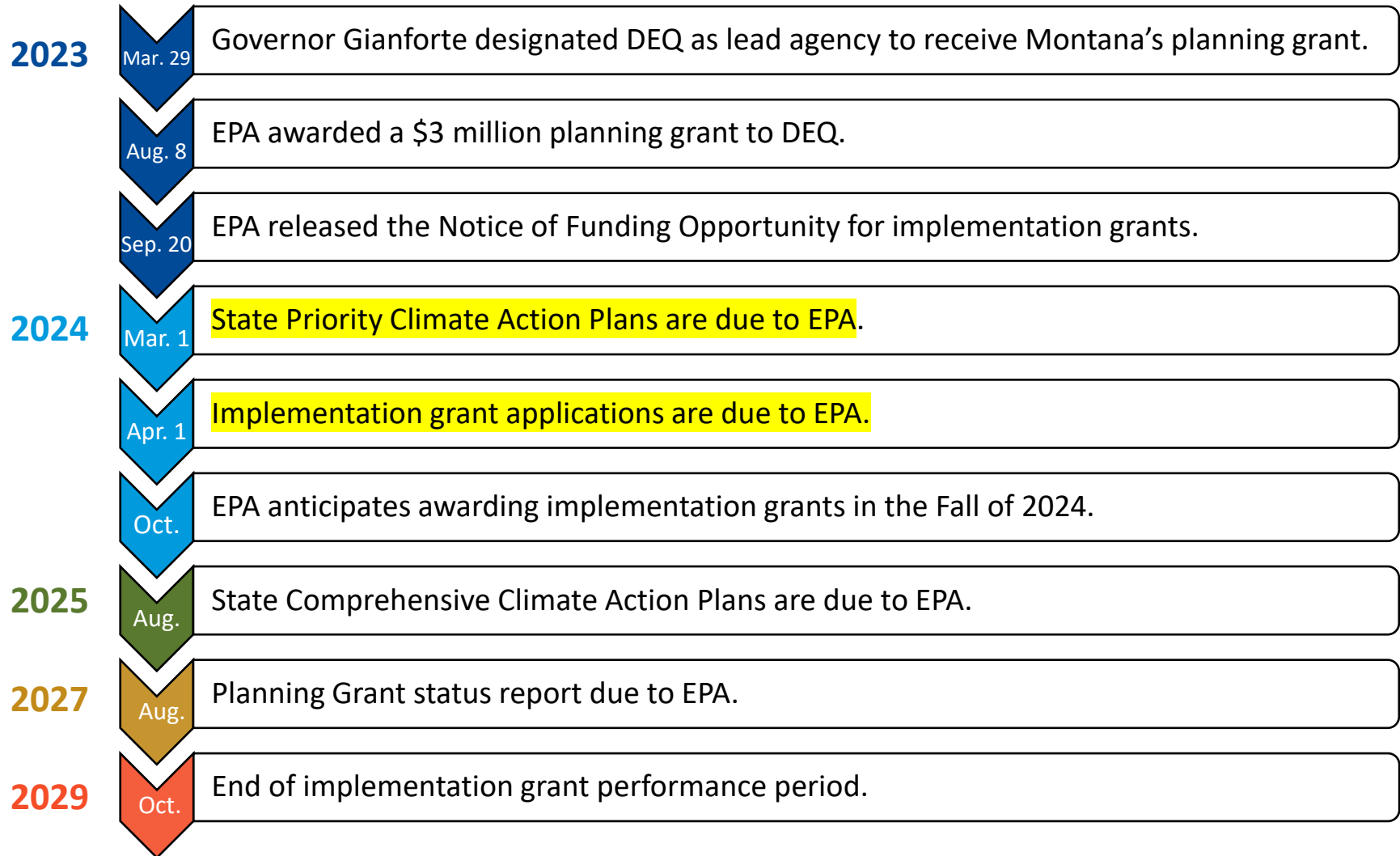
An eligible applicant may:

- Submit one application as individual applicant; and
- Submit one application as lead applicant for a coalition; and
- Serve as a coalition partner on multiple applications.

EPA will not award CPRG implementation grants for the same measure in the same location.

- Entities should communicate and coordinate prior to submitting their application.

Timeline



We want your input.

- As soon as possible, but no later than Jan. 5, 2024, please submit your ideas for emissions reduction projects to be considered for inclusion in Montana's Priority Climate Action Plan
- Please submit these ideas using our online survey, on DEQ's CPRG page: <https://deq.mt.gov/about/climate-resilience>
- How do you think the state should select and prioritize the measures that will be included in the Priority Climate Action Plan?
- Who should we make sure to engage in the planning process?



Next Steps

1. Outreach and engagement with eligible implementation grant applicants
2. Identify shovel-ready GHG reduction measures for potential implementation grant applications
3. Ensure eligible measures that align with state priorities are covered in the PCAP
 - Submit project concepts no later than Jan. 5, 2024.
4. Public review process

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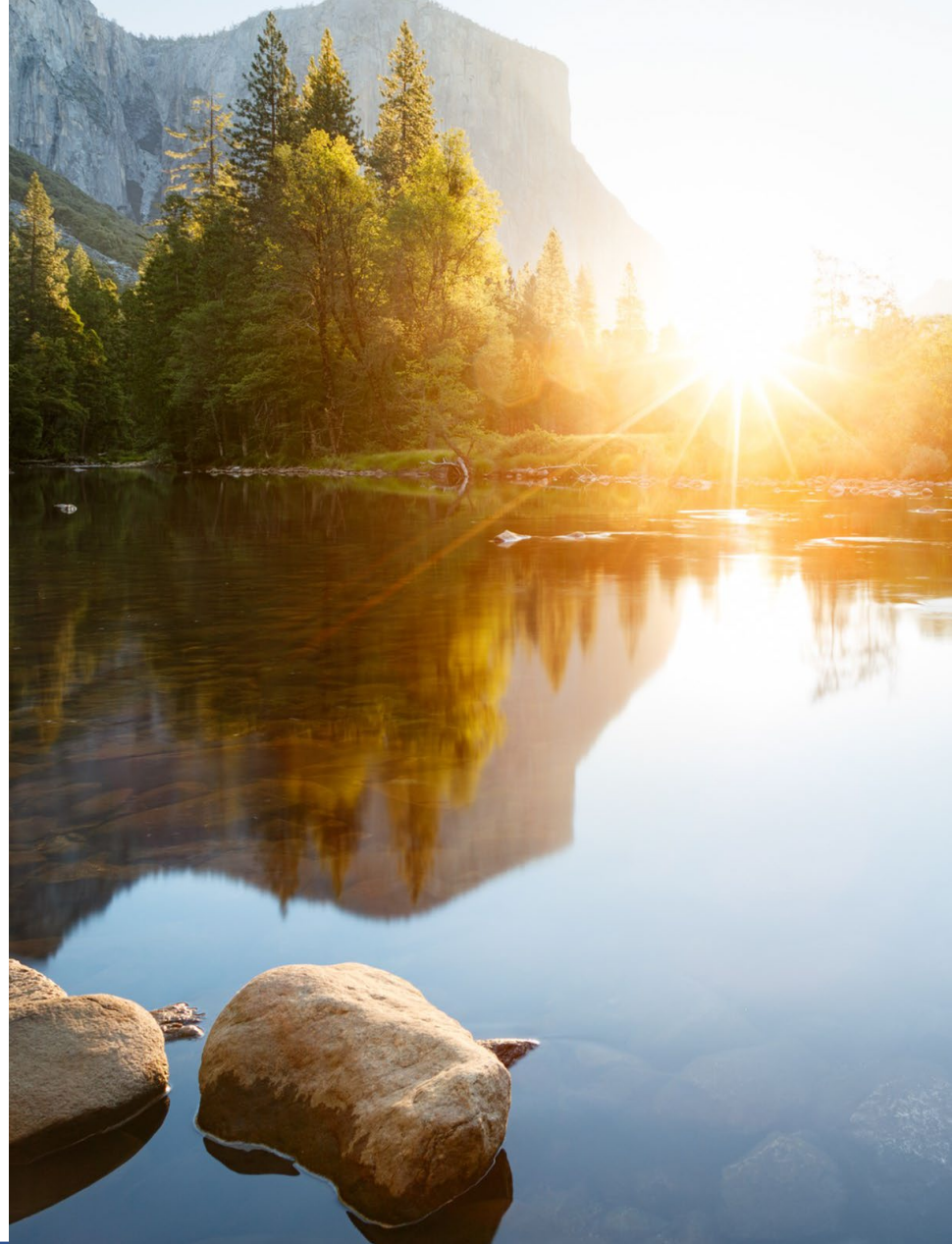
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Important Links

- MT DEQ
 - [Climate Emissions & Resilience Planning](#)
 - [Online Survey](#)
- U.S. EPA
 - [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants/CPRG](#)
 - [CPRG Implementation Grants](#)
Notice of Funding Opportunity
 - [Greenhouse Gas Inventory Data Explorer](#)



THANK YOU!

