



Summary of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

The EPA has established the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to help metropolitan areas address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in ways that are sensitive to local needs and reflect local priorities. The Cincinnati metropolitan statistical area has received a \$1 million planning grant to collaborate on regional level strategies to reduce harmful emissions and produce a plan that will lead to more sustainable communities. OKI Regional Council of

Governments is working with many regional partners to develop a comprehensive, cohesive, and collaborative plan for the region entitled: ThriveTogether.

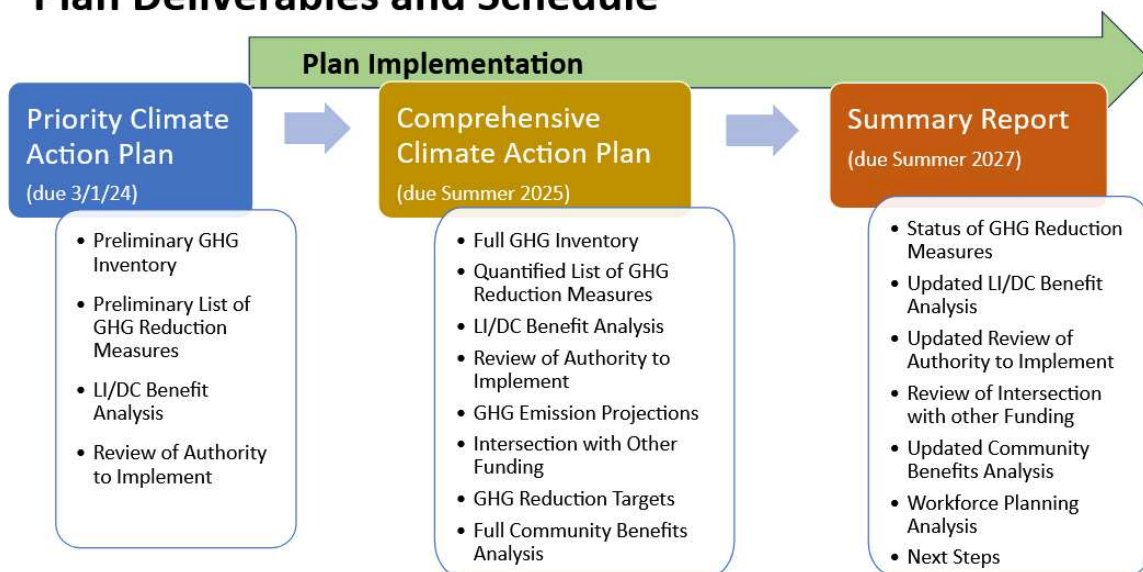
This plan will operate as the doorway to highly competitive implementation grant funding that can be transformative for our region. The total amount of money that has been allocated for metropolitan planning organizations within the CPRG program is \$4.3 billion. The EPA anticipates awarding individual grants between \$2 million and \$500 million in 2024.

Planning Process

Between July and September of 2023, seventy-nine (79) of the most populous metropolitan statistical areas (MSA), including OKI, received a \$1 million planning grant to develop a regional climate action plan. This money is supposed to be used to develop two deliverables:

- Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) -- due March 1, 2024
- Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) – due summer 2025

Plan Deliverables and Schedule



Phase 2 Implementation Grants

An optional notice of intent to apply for the implementation phase of the grant is due February 1, 2024. In order to apply for the implementation phase of the grant program, each MSA must submit the PCAP by the March 1st deadline. Subsequently, the implementation grant applications are due by **April 1, 2024**. This phase also requires a summary report that is due in the summer of 2027. A graphic that details the timeline and components of each deliverable is at the top of the following page. [Award Details and Evaluation Criteria](#)

EPA anticipates awarding a total of approximately 30 to 115 grants under this announcement subject to the availability of funds, the quantity and quality of applications received, Agency priorities, and other applicable considerations. Awards are expected to range between \$2 million and \$500 million. EPA expects to award grants within five tiers described in the following table.

Tier	Grant Ranges	Funds Targeted for Each Tier	Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded
Tier A	\$200,000,000 – \$500,000,000	\$2 billion	4-10
Tier B	\$100,000,000 – \$199,999,999	\$1.3 billion	6-13
Tier C	\$50,000,000 – \$99,999,999	\$0.6 billion	6-12
Tier D	\$10,000,000 – \$49,999,999	\$0.3 billion	6-30
Tier E	\$2,000,000 – \$9,999,999	\$0.1 billion	10-50

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria, with 250 total possible points:

Section 1: Overall Project Summary and Approach (45 possible points)

Section 2: Impact of GHG Reduction Measures (60 possible points)

Section 3: Environmental Results / Performance Measures (30 possible points)

Section 4: Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities (35 possible points)

Section 5: Job Quality (5 possible points)

Section 6: Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (30 possible points)

Section 7: Budget (45 possible points)