



# Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

Office of Sustainability Approach - Sep 2023

# Partners

- Part of Inflation Reduction Act, passed in 2021
- Funds targeted at states, MSAs, and tribal governments
- Two phases
  - Planning
  - Implementation



# CPRG Planning Grants

- \$1 million in non-competitive funding to the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for regional climate planning
- City of Austin (Sustainability) leading process
- AECOM supported grant application
- Outputs
  - Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) (due Mar 1, 2024)
  - Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) (due mid-2025)
  - Status Report (due mid-2027)

# Partners

City of Austin

Travis County

CAPCOG

City of Kyle

Hays County

CAMPO

City of Buda

Bastrop County

Clean Air Force

City of San Marcos

SPEER

City of Lakeway

Movability

City of Round Rock

Lone Star Clean Fuels  
Alliance

City of Pflugerville

Sierra Club

# Planning Grant Application Timeline

- May: Applied for grant
- Jun-Aug: Worked with EPA
- Sep: Received notice of award, council approval, job postings up
- Oct: Project kicks off



# PCAP Timeline

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Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)		2023			2024			
		O	N	D	J	F	M	A
Ongoing Processes and Meetings	Meetings/Workshops with CLT							
	Meetings with Implementation Partners							
	Meetings/Workshops with Community Advisory Committee							
	Publish Quarterly Reports				●			●
PCAP Steps	1. Review Existing Plans from Coordinating Entities							
	2. Develop Initial List of PCAP Measures							
	3. Identify LIDACs to Inform Stakeholder Engagement Strategies							
	4. Assess Benefits and Prioritize PCAP Measures							
	5. Develop Implementation Roadmap Based on Finalized PCAP Measures							
PCAP Deliverables	GHG Inventory/Analysis							
	GHG Measure Selection							
	Quantification of GHG and LIDAC Benefits							
	Review of Authority							
	Leveraging Funding Opportunities and Workforce Analysis							
	Publish PCAP						●	

# CPRG Implementation Funds - Opportunity

- \$4.3 billion for general competition
- Expectation of 30 to 115 grants ranging between \$2 million and \$500 million
- Measures proposed must be in PCAP and focused on GHG reductions
- We can submit two applications: one individual, and one as lead of a coalition
- We can also participate in other coalitions
- Deadline is April 1, 2024

# CPRG Implementation Funds - Goals

1. Implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond
2. Pursue measures that will achieve substantial community benefits (such as reduction of criteria air pollutants (CAPs) and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs)), particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities;
3. Complement other funding sources to maximize these GHG reductions and community benefits
4. Pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be “scaled up” across multiple jurisdictions.



# CPRG Implementation Funds - Evaluation Criteria

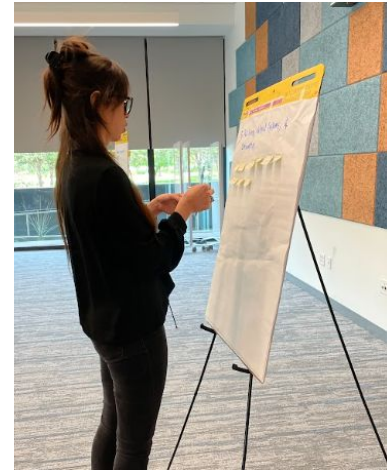
Overall Project Summary and Approach	45
Impact of GHG Reduction Measures	60
Environmental Results – Outputs, Outcomes, and Performance Measures	30
Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities	35
Job Quality	5
Programmatic Capability and Past Performance	30
Budget and Timely Expenditure of Grant Funds	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>

# Prep Work for Grants - Interdepartmental Meetings

- We've been having monthly conversations with 20+ departments
- Tracking opportunities
- Identifying projects and looking for opportunities for collaboration

# Prep Work for Grants - Workshops

- Hosted interdepartmental workshop in June to identify potential projects and facilitate collaboration
- Pursue concurrent opportunities, support departments in pursuits
- 50+ participants from 20+ departments



# Prep Work for Grants - Workshops

- Hosted workshop in September for community-based organization to identify city-community collaboration on grant projects
- 100+ attendees from community and city



# Next Steps

- Office of Sustainability received \$200k in FY24 budget for climate grants support
- CPRG planning grant includes \$75k for a grant writing consultant
- PCAP will most likely lean on Climate Equity Plan, Regional Air Quality Plan, and other existing plans given short timeline
- PCAP will include an identification and quantification of measures we can take to reduce emissions
- Those will form the basis of grant applications

# Next Steps

- Oct 1 - PCAP officially kicks off
- Potential JSC involvement
  - Join Community Advisory Committee
  - OoS present at JSC and receive feedback
  - JSC working groups look at specific elements of PCAP and advise on alignment with Climate Equity Plan