

# Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program Update

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Puget Sound Regional Council



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# Overview

- The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program is being implemented by EPA under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- CPRG is comprised of two phases:
  - Phase 1 (Non-Competitive Planning Grants) to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies (\$250M)
    - Funds provided to States and Regions (Metropolitan Statistical Areas)
  - Phase 2 (Competitive Implementation Grants) to put plans into action (\$4.6B)



# Overview

- The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is serving as lead organization for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue MSA
  - Covers the four-county region
  - In partnership with a consortium of agencies, including PSRC
  - Developing the required regional Climate Action Plans
  - Working closely with Department of Commerce and the Governor's Office to stay aligned with State efforts



# CPRG Timelines and Deliverables – Planning

2023

- **Work Plan** successfully submitted May 31, 2023

2024

- **Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)** due March 1, 2024
- Near-term priority GHG reduction measures

2025

- **Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)** due Summer 2025
- Near- and long-term GHG reduction measures for all sectors

2026

- Ongoing CPRG program work and analyses

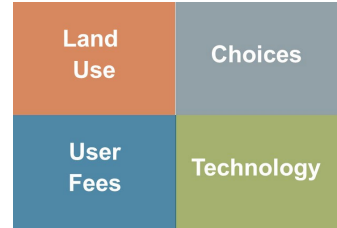
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- **Status Report** due in Summer 2027
- Updated analyses and next steps for key metrics



# Priority Climate Action Plan

- Will address all sectors / sources of emissions
  - Transportation, including –
    - On-road (PSRC's Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy)
    - Off-road
    - Marine
    - Aviation
  - Built environment
  - Waste
  - Agriculture
  - Industry
  - Electricity



# CPRG Phase 2 Overview – Implementation

- EPA released Phase 2 guidance on September 20, 2023
- Applications due April 1, 2024
- Goal to implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond
- Eligible applicants may only apply for funding to implement measures contained in an applicable PCAP
- Eligible applicants include states, municipalities, tribes, tribal consortia, territories
- Can also apply as Partnership or Coalition (may require an MOA)



# Phase 2 Funding Tiers

<b>Tier</b>	<b>Grant Ranges</b>	<b>Funds Targeted for Each Tier</b>	<b>Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded</b>
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





# Transportation Strategy Examples

- Programs to increase the share of electric vehicles and to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Transportation pricing programs that reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- New or expanded transportation infrastructure projects to facilitate alternative modes such as public transit
- Incentive programs to purchase zero-emission vehicles and equipment to replace older heavy-duty diesel vehicles and equipment
- Programs to increase efficiency and reduce GHG emissions at ports and freight terminals
- Programs to support / expand sustainable aviation fuels





# Next Steps

- In partnership with the Department of Commerce, PSCAA will be hosting a broad stakeholder meeting in mid-November to hear interests from agencies around the region to pursue Phase 2 implementation grants:
  - Virtual meeting date/time TBD
  - Plan to interact and provide feedback
  - Your input will inform the PCAP and Phase 2 priorities
- Meeting information will be shared broadly with PSRC staff committees and boards when available
- Information on the PCAP will also be provided as this work moves forward



# Contact us with Questions

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