

# Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

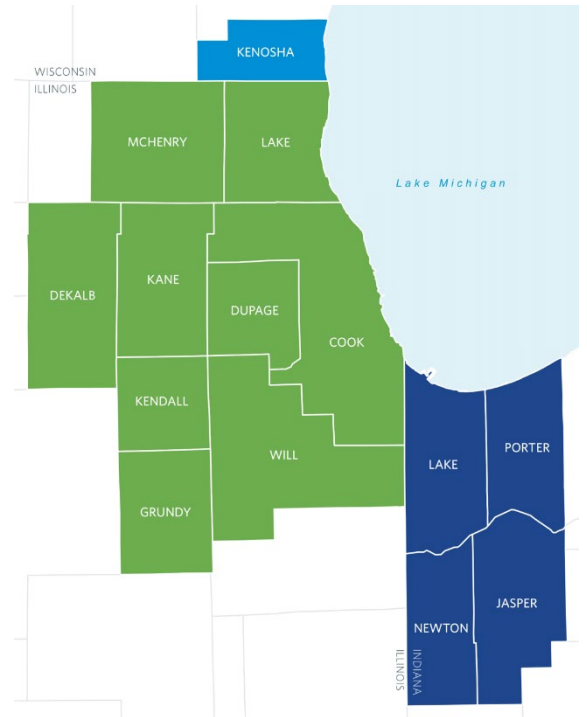
## Applications are open for transformational climate implementation funding

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting applications for Climate Pollution Reduction Grants. The U.S. EPA will award 30 to 115 grants ranging between \$2 million and \$500 million, with a focus on diverse geographic coverage.

The agency is seeking collaborative, transformational projects to maximize impact. They are emphasizing that projects will be most competitive if they have a strong need for funding that cannot be met by other funding sources.

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants propose to:

- **Develop ambitious plans** to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other harmful air pollution
- **Fund transformative, large-scale projects**, policies, and programs for GHG reduction
- **Benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities** for a just and equitable green transition



**To receive this funding, a project must also be included in a Priority Climate Action Plan.**

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), with assistance from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), is creating the Priority Climate Action Plan for the Chicago metropolitan statistical area (which includes parts of Wisconsin and Indiana).

### Who is eligible?

- State agencies
- Counties
- Municipalities
- Councils of government
- Metropolitan planning organizations
- **Coalitions of eligible applicants**

### Eligible projects

- Continuation or expansion of existing GHG reduction programs
- Strong need for funding unmet by other funding sources
- Long-lasting and guaranteed emissions reductions with benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities

### Timeline



## The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program's two phases — planning and implementation — covers the Chicago metropolitan statistical area.

### Phase 1: Planning

The planning phase requires participating states and regions to complete two plans:

- **Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)**, led by MMC, will be based on [MMC's 2021 Regional Climate Action Plan](#). The PCAP will serve as a priority-focused plan to guide implementation funds as stated by the U.S. EPA's guidance. It will be completed by March 1.
- **Comprehensive Climate Action Plan**, led by CMAP, will address all significant GHG sources, sinks, and sectors; establish short- and long-term GHG emission reduction goals; and identify strategies to achieve those goals. It will be completed by summer 2025.

### Phase 2: Implementation

To receive implementation funding, a project must be included in a PCAP. CMAP and MMC are collaborating to ensure the region's PCAP identifies high priority strategies that are competitive for implementation funding.

## Do you have project ideas that could create transformational emissions reduction?

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant notice of intent is due by February 1, 2024.  
Grant applications will be due on April 1, 2024.

This is a critical opportunity for the region to make a significant investment toward implementing its climate goals. CMAP is collecting project ideas from local and regional partners to help connect similar efforts that can create strong, coordinated applications for the region. Please submit details about your project as soon as possible. MMC, CMAP, and NIPRC will use this information to further develop the region's PCAP and to connect groups with similar ideas.



Visit [cmap.is/pcaprojects](https://cmap.is/pcaprojects) or scan the QR code to submit a project idea.

### Please reach out to CMAP to discuss project ideas and connect with other partners.

CMAP is northeastern Illinois' comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners developed ON TO 2050, a long-range plan to help the region's 7 counties and 284 communities implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues.

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