



INSPIRING COMMUNITIES TO EMBRACE AND ACHIEVE ZERO WASTE

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program Summary & Resources for Action

Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAPs) are being written now!

Nearly every state, a multitude of metropolitan areas (MSAs), 4 territories, and 90 tribes and tribal consortia received planning grants in 2023 from the Environmental Protection Agency's [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant \(CPRG\) program](#) to write Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAPs). See [here](#) for the complete list of recipients. **States and MSA must submit their PCAPs to the EPA by March 1, 2024. Deadline for tribes is April 1, 2024.**

Waste and Materials Management is one of the sectors that the PCAPs can address.

The other sectors are industry, electricity generation and/or use, transportation, commercial and residential buildings, agriculture, and natural and working lands. **Whether they are addressed depends on you!**

Inclusion of Zero Waste projects in PCAPs will ensure they are eligible for funding.

The PCAPs precede the release of **\$4.6 billion** in competitive implementation grant funds that will be awarded to GHG reduction programs, policies, projects, and measures identified in PCAPs.

CPRG implementation grant applications are likely in development now.

Applications are due April 1, 2024. Therefore it is highly likely that entities who plan to apply for funding are preparing applications *at the same time* as the PCAPs. Applications must support Goal 1, "Tackle the Climate Crisis;" Objective 1.1, "Reduce Emissions that Cause Climate Change" of [EPA's Strategic Plan](#). Eligible entities are lead organizations for state, MSA, and tribal CPRG planning grants as well as other state, municipal, and tribal agencies (including state air pollution control agencies), departments, or other offices. Our understanding is that only 30-115 implementation grants will be awarded and that they will be awarded to the biggest, most impactful projects. **It is important to THINK BIG** in terms of the scope of the ideas and the partners involved. More details can be found in the [CPRG Implementation Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

We must ADVOCATE NOW for inclusion of Zero Waste projects in PCAPs.

Planning is happening right now and in some places PCAPs are in the final stages of development.

Here are the steps you and your organization can take to engage in the PCAP planning process in your state and/or MSA:

1. Find the website for your State and/or MSA PCAP process [on this spreadsheet](#)
2. Contact the lead(s) to express your interest in participating
3. Attend PCAP public input meetings in December and January, if possible
4. Suggest that PCAP(s) include Zero Waste projects like those [on this spreadsheet](#)

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