



# CPRG Implementation Grants: Competition for Tribes and Territories

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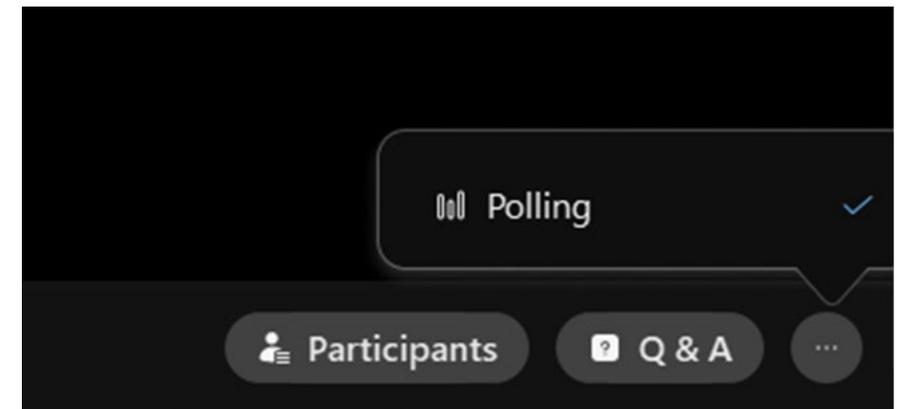
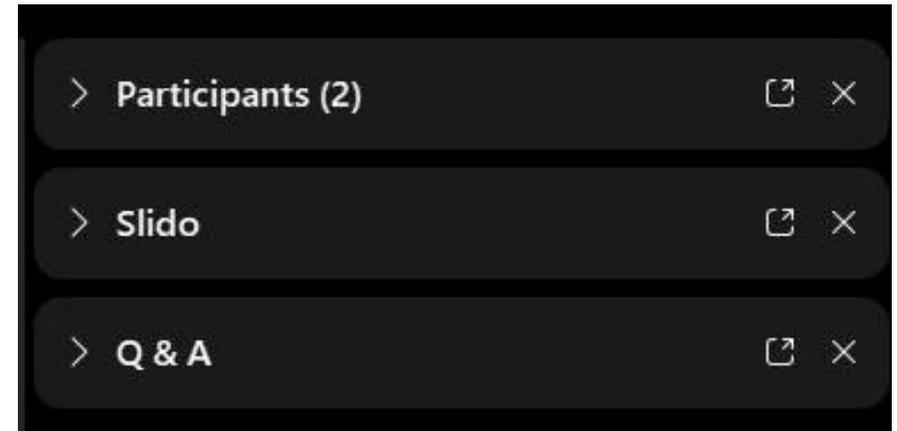
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# Today's Agenda



## Opening Remarks

*Megan Brachtl, Associate Director, Air Quality Policy Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards*

## Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Implementation Grants: Competition for Tribes and Territories

*Peter Hansel, Special Advisor for Implementation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards*

- Funding and Eligibility
- Evaluation Criteria
- Key Dates and Application Process

## Question and Answer Session

*Rich Damberg, Senior Policy Advisor, Air Quality Policy Division, Office of Air and Radiation (moderator)*



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# Opening Remarks

# CPRG Implementation Grants

- On September 20, **EPA launched a \$4.3 billion competition** for states, local governments, tribes, and territories to fund policies and programs to cut climate pollution
- **EPA also launched \$300 million competition** for only tribes and territories to fund policies and programs to cut climate pollution
- These implementation grants build on \$250 million in CPRG planning grants EPA awarded this year

# CPRG Implementation Grants Program Objectives



**Implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions by 2030 and beyond**



**Achieve substantial community benefits (such as reduction of criteria and hazardous air pollutants), particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities**



**Complement other funding sources to maximize these GHG reductions and community benefits**



**Pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be “scaled up” across multiple jurisdictions**



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# Funding and Eligibility



**Electric Power**



**Transportation**



**Industry**



**Residential & Commercial Buildings**



**Waste and Materials Management**



**Agriculture/ Natural & Working Lands**

Applications  
can include  
GHG reduction  
activities from  
these sectors

# Types of GHG Reduction Measures

Applications may include multiple measures across one or more sectors

EPA anticipates applications may seek funding for the following types of measures:

- A new, stand-alone GHG reduction measure that will be implemented solely through CPRG funding;
- An expansion of a GHG reduction measure that is already being implemented, where the expansion of the measure will be funded through CPRG funding; and,
- A new GHG reduction measure for which the applicant has already secured partial funding and needs additional funding from the CPRG program to secure the total funding needed to fully implement the measure.

# Funding Availability: Tribes and Territories Competition

Tier	Grant Ranges (million)	Funds Targeted for Each Tier (million)	Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded
Tier A	\$15 to \$25	\$125	5-8
Tier B	\$5 to <\$15	\$100	7-20
Tier C	\$1 to <\$5	\$75	15-75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$300 million</b>	<b>27-103</b>

Tribes and Territories Competition funds will be available across three funding tiers.

Applications will be evaluated and selected for award on a tier- by-tier basis.

# Applications Must Implement GHG Measures in a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)



Applications may be from:

- Lead organization for Planning Grant **OR**
- Other eligible applicant that did not receive a Planning Grant.

GHG measures in an implementation grant application under the tribes and territories competition must be included in an applicable PCAP submitted to EPA by **April 1, 2024**.

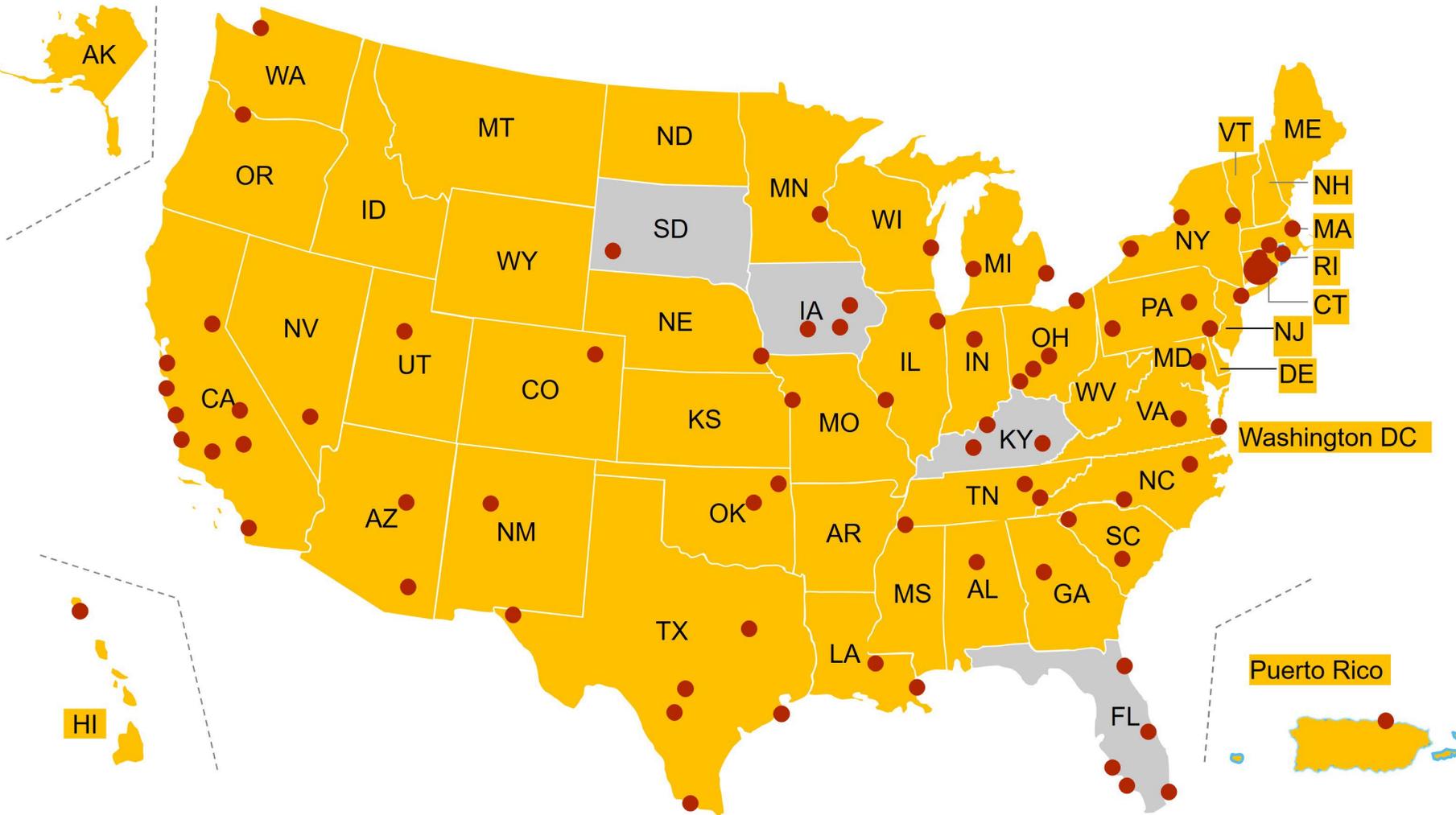
- An applicable PCAP is one that geographically includes the applicant and contains the GHG reduction measures that can be implemented by the applicant.

Coordination and communication between lead organization and other eligible applicants is encouraged.

- Eligible applicants should participate in PCAP development process.
- Lead organizations should make draft PCAPs available as early as possible.

# CPRG Planning Grantees

Eligible applicants can review a [complete list of CPRG planning grantees](#) including tribes, tribal consortia, and territories



- States (+ DC, PR)
- Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)
- States that did not opt in

**Tribal and Territorial Planning Grantees**

- 4 territories (American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)
- 90 tribes and tribal consortia (covering ~225 tribes)

# Tribes and Tribal Consortia Participating as Lead Organizations in CPRG Planning Grants



Tribes and Tribal Consortia				
Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI)	Hopi Utilities Corporation	Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians	Seneca Nations of Indians
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)	Houlton Band of Maliseet Indian	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, MN	Pequot Tribal Nation	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, MN
Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation	lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	Poarch Band of Creek Indians	Shinnecock Indian Nation
Blue Lake Rancheria	Indian Township Tribal Government	Mohegan Tribe	Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, MI	Snoqualmie Tribe
Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA)	Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan	Monacan India Nation	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	Sokaogon Chippewa Community, WI
Catawba Indian Tribe	Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Inc.	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Chickaloon Village Traditional Council	Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Pueblo of Sandia	Spirit Lake Tribe
Chippewa Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Narragansett Indian Tribe	Pueblo of Santa Ana	St. Croix Chippewa Tribe of Wisconsin, WI
Choctaw Nation	Kawerak Tribe, Inc	Native Village of Unalakleet	Pueblo of Tesuque	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Chugach Regional Resources Commission and Native Village of Eyak	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, MI	Navajo Nation	Ramona Band of Cahuilla	Tejon Indian Tribe
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	Kickapoo Tribe of OK	Nez Perce Tribe	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, WI	The Suquamish Indian of the Port Madison Reservation
DENA' NENA' HENASH	Kiowa Tribe (OK)	Nisqually Tribe	Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians	Three Affiliated Tribes - Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians	Northern Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation	Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation	Tulalip Tribe
Forest County Potawatomi Community, WI	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, MI	Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation	Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	Tule River Indian Tribal Council
Fort Independence Indian Reservation	Lummi Nation	Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Comm	Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT)
Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes	Mashpee Wampanoag	Owens Valley Indian Water Commission	Samish Indian Nation	Upper Snake River Tribes (USRT)
Gila River Indian Community	Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish (Gun Lake Tribe) Band of Pottawatomi, MI	Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony	San Carlos Apache	Village of Solomon
Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake	Metlakatla Indian Community	Pala Band Of Mission Indians	Santa Ynez Band Of Mission Indians	Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah

# Eligible Applicants: Tribes and Territories Competition



Tribes and tribal consortia, tribal agencies, territories, territorial government and municipal agencies, and coalitions thereof

## Individual applicant

- Single entity leading design and implementation of the measures.

## Coalition

- Two or more eligible applicants with strong and substantial commitment such that withdrawal by one member would fundamentally alter project outcomes.
- Coalition applications must include a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by all coalition partners, or another written instrument or documented arrangement, demonstrating mutual commitment to the project.

# Eligible Applicants: Tribes



Entity	Eligible	Ineligible
<b>Tribe or Tribal Consortium</b>	<p>A tribe or tribal consortium can apply for funding to implement measures included in an applicable tribal, state, or MSA PCAP. Eligible applicants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead organizations for tribal CPRG planning grants</li> <li>• Other tribal agencies (including tribal air pollution control agencies), departments, or other tribal government offices or tribal consortia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non federally recognized tribes</li> <li>• Alaska Native Corporations</li> <li>• Tribes or tribal consortia not covered by a state, MSA, or tribal PCAP</li> </ul>

# Eligible Applicants: Territories



Entity	Eligible	Ineligible
<b>Territory</b>	<p>Each territory covered by CPRG (American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) can apply for funding to implement measures included in its PCAP. A territorial municipality can also apply for funding to implement measures included in an applicable territorial PCAP. Eligible applicants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead organizations for CPRG planning grants for one of the territories above</li> <li>• Other territorial agencies (including territorial air pollution control agencies), departments, or other territorial government offices</li> <li>• Territorial municipal agencies (including local air pollution control agencies), departments, or other territorial municipal government offices</li> </ul>	

# Application Limits



An eligible applicant may:

- Submit one application as individual applicant; and
- Submit one application as lead applicant for a coalition; and
- Serve as a coalition partner on multiple applications.

EPA will not award CPRG implementation grants for the same measure in the same location.

- Entities should communicate and coordinate prior to submitting their application.



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# Evaluation Criteria

# Evaluation Criteria Summary – Tribes and Territories Competition

EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY	POINTS
1. Overall Project Summary and Approach	20
2. Impact of GHG Reduction Measures	20
3. Environmental Results - Outputs, Outcomes, and Performance Measures	15
4. Benefits and Community Engagement	15
5. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance	15
6. Budget	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

# Evaluation Criteria: Section 1



Overall Project Summary and Approach	POINTS
<p><b>1.a. Description of GHG Reduction Measures</b> Provide description of each proposed GHG reduction measure; major features, milestones, and risks; and relationship of each measure to PCAP.</p>	10
<p><b>1.b. Demonstration of Funding Need</b> Explain how other funding streams have been explored, applied for, and/or secured; why not sufficient; and why CPRG funds are needed.</p>	5
<p><b>1.c. Transformative Impact</b> Demonstrate that proposed GHG reduction measures can create transformative opportunities or impacts leading to GHG reductions.</p>	5
SUBTOTAL	20

# Evaluation Criteria: Section 2



Impact of GHG Reduction Measures	POINTS
<p><b>2.a. Magnitude of GHG Reductions from 2025 through 2030</b> Provide cumulative reductions from 2025 to 2030 that directly result from CPRG grant funding. Also describe durability of reductions.</p>	5
<p><b>2.b. Magnitude of GHG Reductions from 2025 through 2050</b> Provide cumulative reductions from 2025 to 2050 that directly result from CPRG grant funding. Also describe durability of reductions.</p>	5
<p><b>2.c. Cost Effectiveness of GHG Reductions</b> Calculate: CPRG grant dollars divided by cumulative 2025-2030 reductions. Include qualitative narrative describing factors affecting cost-effectiveness.</p>	5
<p><b>2.d. Documentation of GHG Reduction Assumptions</b> Provide methodologies, assumptions, and calculations used for 2a thru 2c.</p>	5
SUBTOTAL	20

# Evaluation Criteria: Section 3



Environmental Results – Outputs, Outcomes, and Performance Measures	POINTS
<p><b>3.a. Expected Outputs and Outcomes</b> Identify expected outputs and outcomes, including GHG reductions and emissions changes for criteria and hazardous air pollution.</p>	5
<p><b>3.b. Performance Measures and Plan</b> Provide clear description of performance measures to track and report progress towards outputs and outcomes for each GHG measure.</p>	5
<p><b>3.c. Authorities, Implementation Timeline, and Milestones</b> Identify roles/responsibilities for implementing each measure; describe legal/statutory authority; provide detailed implementation timeline.</p>	5
SUBTOTAL	15

# Evaluation Criteria: Section 4



Benefits and Community Engagement	POINTS
<p><b>4.a. Community benefits</b> Provide a comprehensive discussion of expected benefits and disbenefits to communities, particularly those that are disadvantaged.</p>	10
<p><b>4.b. Community engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain how meaningful engagement was conducted with communities and how their input has been incorporated into the application.</li> <li>• Describe how meaningful engagement will be included in implementation of the proposed measures.</li> </ul>	5
SUBTOTAL	15

# Evaluation Criteria: Section 5



Programmatic Capability and Past Performance	POINTS
<b>5.a. Past performance</b> Demonstrate successful management and completion of past grants.	5
<b>5.b. Reporting requirements</b> Demonstrate history of timely meeting reporting requirements; addressing insufficient progress; and submitting acceptable final reports.	5
<b>5.c. Staff Expertise</b> Demonstrate requisite organizational experience, staff expertise, and resources to obtain additional staffing to successfully achieve goals of the project.	5
SUBTOTAL	15

# Evaluation Criteria: Section 6



Budget and Timely Expenditure of Grant Funds	POINTS
<p><b>6.a. Budget detail</b> Provides detailed breakout by funding type in the proper budget category for each activity.</p>	5
<p><b>6.b. Expenditure of awarded funds</b> Demonstrates approach, procedures, and controls will ensure that awarded grant funds will be expended in a timely and efficient manner.</p>	5
<p><b>6.c. Reasonableness of cost</b> Demonstrate proposed grant expenditures are reasonable for accomplishing goals, objectives, and measurable outcomes.</p>	5
SUBTOTAL	15



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# Key Dates and Application Process

# Key Dates: Tribes and Territories Competition



## Timeline for Tribes and Territories Competition

<b>Sept 20, 2023</b>	<b>Mar 1, 2024</b>	<b>April 1, 2024</b>	<b>May 1, 2024</b>	<b>Sept 2024*</b>	<b>Dec 2024*</b>
<b>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Released</b>	<b>Optional Notice of Intent to Apply Deadline</b>	<b>Priority Climate Action Plans Due</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Notification of Awards</b>	<b>Funds Awarded</b>

## *Parallel Timeline for General Competition*

<b>Sept 20, 2023</b>	<b>Feb 1, 2024</b>	<b>Mar 1, 2024</b>	<b>April 1, 2024</b>	<b>July 2024*</b>	<b>Oct 2024*</b>
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\*Anticipated Dates

# Notice of Intent to Apply

**Notices of Intent to Apply (NOI) are requested, but they are optional and non-binding.**

For the Tribes and Territories competition, submit via email to [CPRG@epa.gov](mailto:CPRG@epa.gov) by March 1, 2024 and include:

- Applicant name;
- Amount of funding requested;
- 1-2 sentences about scope and sectors of GHG measures; and,
- List of anticipated coalition members (if applicable).

NOIs assist EPA in managing the grant review process.

# Tribes and Territories Competition: How to Apply



All grant applications must be submitted through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by May 1, 2024.

The application must include:

- Mandatory federal forms (see NOFO)
- Project narrative
  - Cover page (does not count toward 15 pages for workplan)
  - Workplan (up to 15 pages)
  - Budget narrative (up to 10 additional pages)
  - Technical appendix (up to 10 additional pages) documenting GHG emission reductions
- PDF copy of the applicable PCAP(s) serving as the basis for the application
- Memorandum of agreement, or another written instrument or documented arrangement (for coalition applications only)

**Sample cover page,  
budget spreadsheet,  
and workplan outline  
are available on  
[Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)**

# Coalitions and MOAs

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), or another written instrument or documented arrangement, must be included in any CPRG implementation grant funding application that is submitted by a coalition under the Tribes and Territories competition.

The recommended elements for such an agreement:

- List of partner agencies committing to participate in the coalition
- The purpose of the agreement
- Description of agreed upon roles, responsibilities, and commitments of each partner and operating model for the coalition
- How the collaboration and partnerships associated with the coalition will benefit the project
- The resources each partner will contribute to the project
- A statement that the lead applicant accepts full responsibility for the performance of the coalition and will be accountable to EPA
- A statement that other coalition members who are grant subrecipients will be accountable to the lead applicant
- Authorized signatures of all coalition partners

*For more information, see Appendix E of the NOFO.*

# For More Information

## Upcoming Webinars

- October 3, 3pm Eastern: General Competition
- October 5, 1pm Eastern: Tribes and Territories

## Webinar Registration, NOFOs, Questions and Answers, Newsletter Signup

[www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants](http://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants)

Submit Questions to: [cprg@epa.gov](mailto:cprg@epa.gov)

### Thinking of Applying?

All applicants must have an active [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) and [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) registration in order to apply for a grant under this program. You should register in these systems **now** if you think you may apply for a federal grant.

**The process can take a month or more for new registrants.**  
[Information about how to register.](#)



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