

State of Louisiana  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Award



## Overview

In July, 2023, Louisiana was awarded a \$3 million Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, Phase I Planning grant. Created by the Inflation Reduction Act in 2022, CPRG provides funding to states, local governments, tribes and territories to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. The two-phase grant program provides funding for:

**Phase 1: Planning** – In addition to the state’s \$3 million planning grant, the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission and the Capital Region Planning Commission each received \$1 million planning grants. Planning funds can be used to update existing climate, energy or sustainability plans, or to develop new plans.

**Phase 2: Implementation** – This phase includes \$4.6 billion of competitive grants to support investment-ready policies, programs and projects that will reduce greenhouse gases and harmful air pollution. The grants will help transition America to a clean energy economy. Individual awards range from \$2 million to \$500 million. Applications for the general implementation grants competition will likely be due on or around April 1, 2024.

## CPRG Planning Grant Outcomes

- Priority Climate Action Plan – due March 1, 2024
- Comprehensive Climate Action Plan – due July 1, 2025
- Status Report – due July 1, 2027

## Building on the Louisiana Climate Action Plan

The Priority Climate Action Plan is a supplement to the Louisiana Climate Action Plan, which was approved in January 2022, and contains 28 strategies and 84 specific actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit the severity of climate change. PCAP will be a comprehensive implementation plan that includes a focused list of near-term, high-priority, implementation-ready measures to reduce GHG pollution and an analysis of GHG emissions reductions achieved through implementation.

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