

EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants:

Planning grants for state, territory, local, and tribal governments

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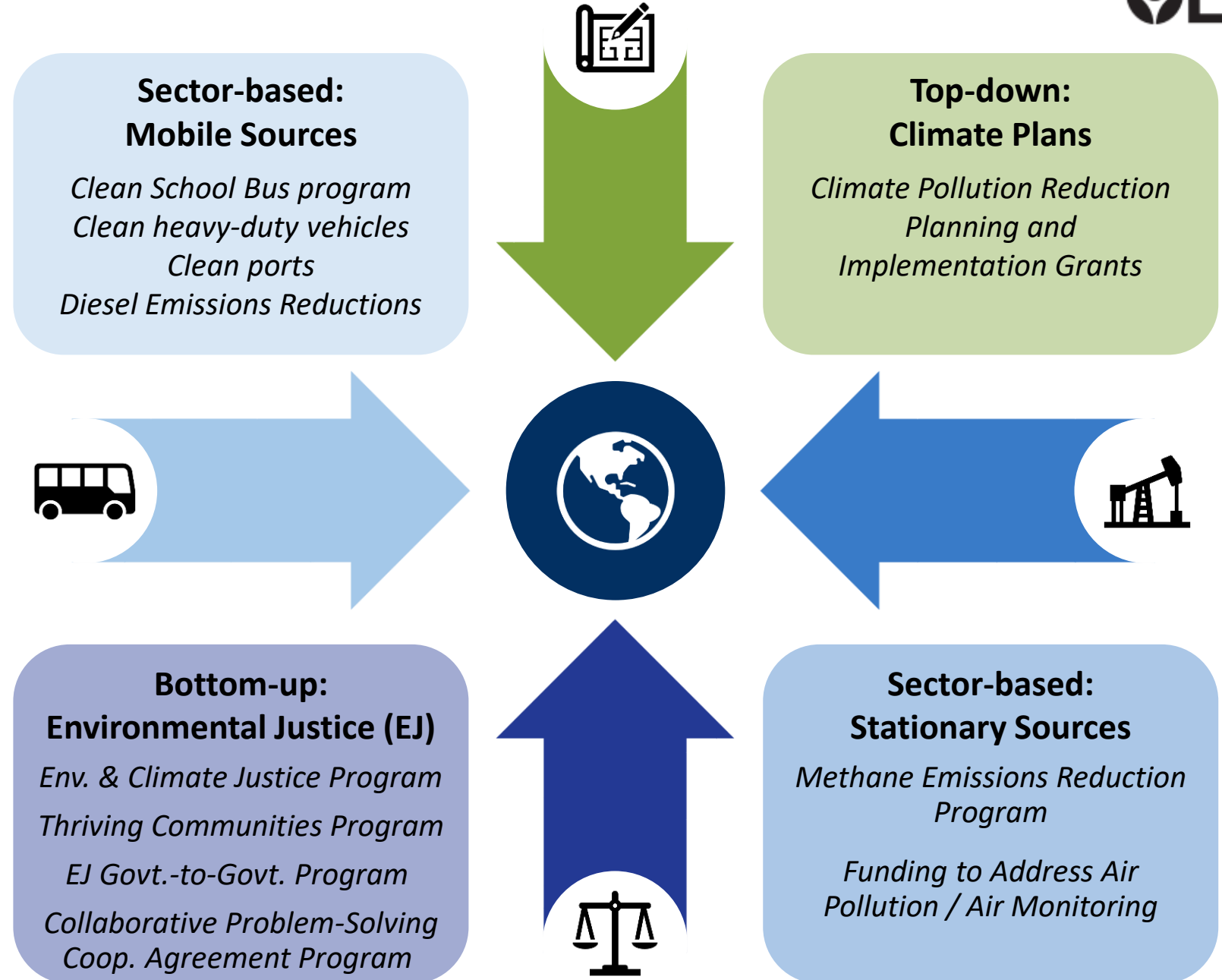
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 - Pat Childers, Tribal Program Manager, Office of Air and Radiation

Opening Remarks

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TACKLING CLIMATE AND AIR POLLUTION FROM MULTIPLE ANGLES



Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

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U.S. EPA

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

1. Planning grants to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies (\$250 million)

- Administered through non-competitive cooperative agreements

2. Competitive implementation grants to help put plans into action (\$4.6 billion)

Planning Grant Allocations

States: \$156 million

*Up to \$3M per state +
DC + Puerto Rico*

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2

Locals: \$67 million

*Up to \$1M each for the
67 most populous
metropolitan areas*

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Territories: \$2 million

*Up to \$500K each for US
Virgin Islands, Guam,
American Samoa,
Northern Mariana Islands*

3

Tribes: \$25 million

*Up to \$500K per tribe or
\$1M for groups of 2 or
more*

One planning grant, three deliverables over 4 years



Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

- Due **March 1, 2024**
- Near-term, implementation-ready, **priority greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures**
- **Prerequisite** for implementation grant



Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

- Due in **2025** (later for tribes and territories)
- **All sectors** / significant GHG sources and sinks
- **Near- and long-term** GHG emission reduction goals and **strategies**



Status Report

- Due in **2027** (N/A for tribes or territories)
- **Updated** analyses and plans
- **Progress and next steps** for key metrics

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: Planning Grants

Allocations, Program Requirements, and Application Process

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: Planning Grants Funding Allocations

Allocations for Tribes and Territories

- Territories: \$500,000 each for American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands
- Tribes: EPA has set aside \$25 million for climate planning grants for federally-recognized tribes
 - EPA regional offices will have the lead in working with their tribes and will award CPRG tribal grants within that region
- The lead organization for a tribe, tribal consortia, or territory should work with its EPA regional office to indicate interest

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants:

Planning Grants Program Requirements

Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination

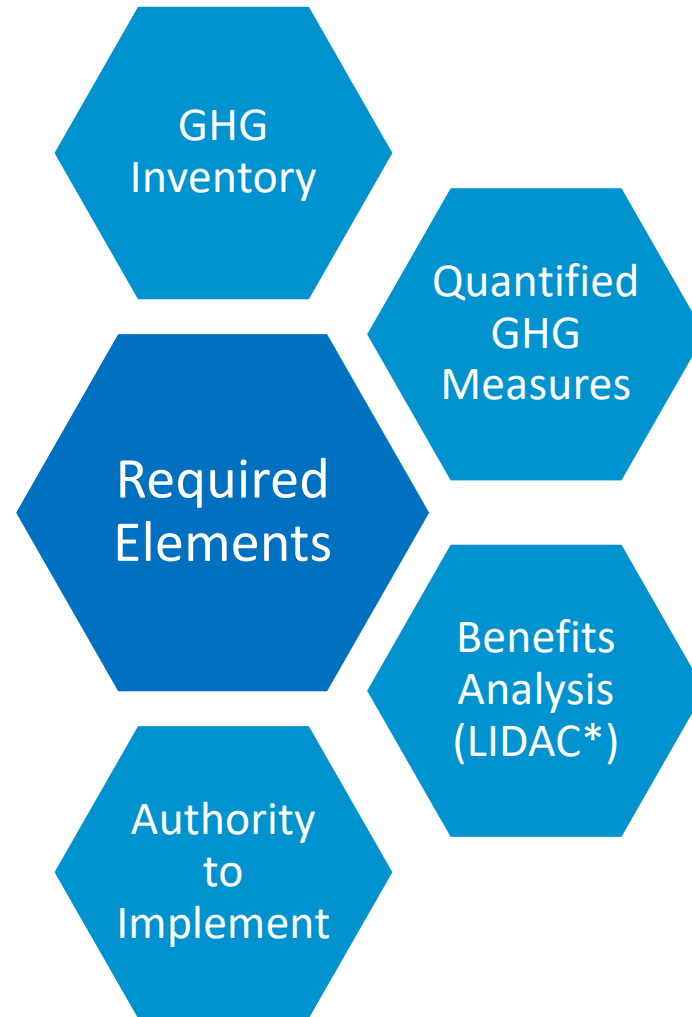
- Lead agencies must coordinate with other appropriate agencies and offices within their own government in the development and adoption of the deliverables.
- State Requirements
 - **Collaborate** with air pollution control agencies, and municipalities **within the state** to develop the PCAP and over the duration of the grant
 - Identify and **include priority measures** in the state PCAP that can be implemented by collaborating entities (e.g., municipalities, air pollution control agencies, collaborating tribes)
- Metropolitan Area Requirements
 - Climate plans should also be developed with regional coordination as much as possible

Public and Stakeholder Engagement



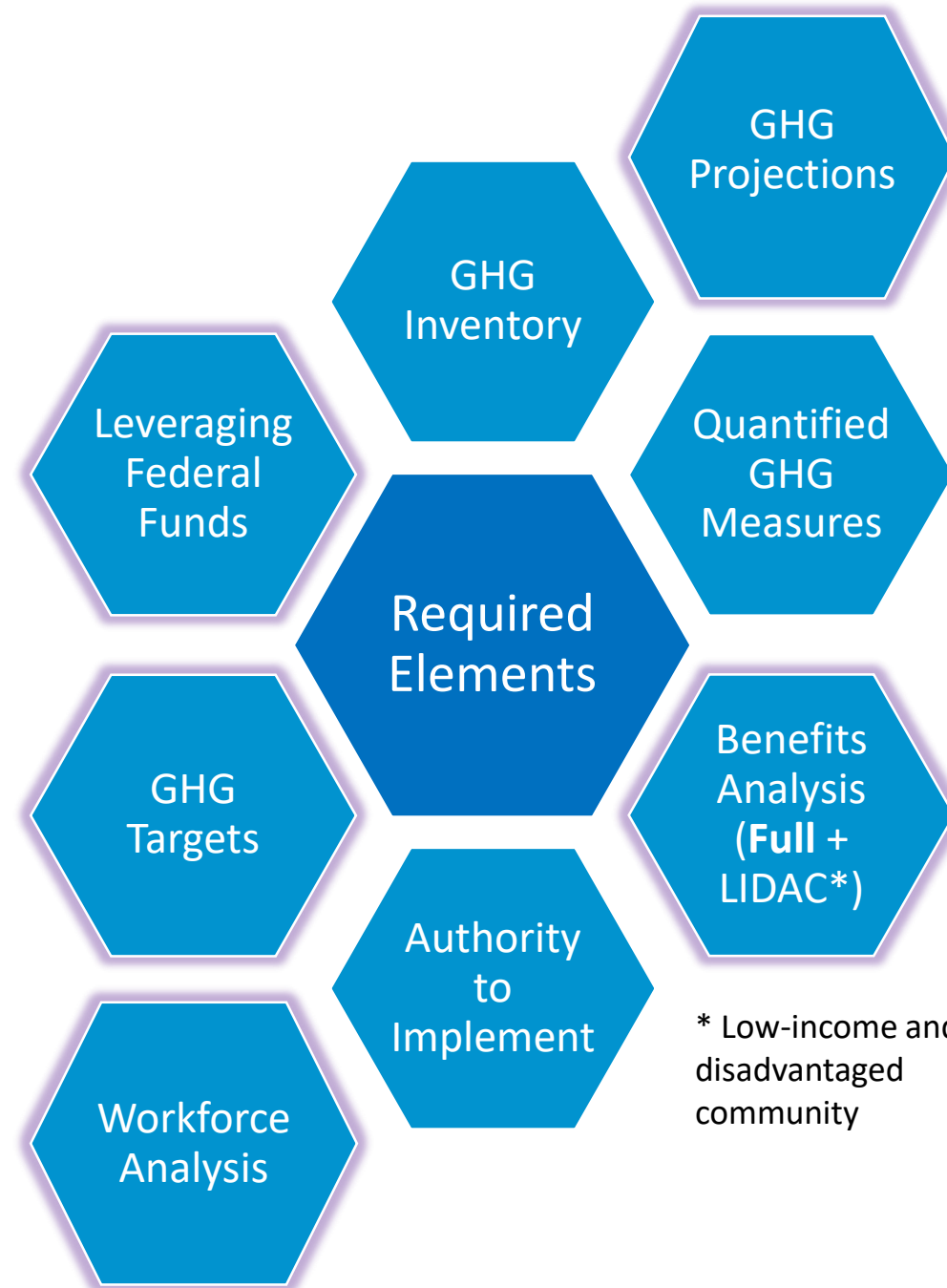
Lead organizations must meaningfully engage stakeholder groups and the public in the development process for the Priority and Comprehensive plans

Priority Climate Action Plan



- Due March 1, 2024
- Identifies near-term action items to prepare for implementation grants
- Can focus on specific sector(s) or sources
- Limited set of requirements that set foundations for informed decisions
- May build on previous climate planning efforts

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan



- Due 2 years from the date of award for states and metro areas (summer 2025) and at close of grant for tribes and territories
- Covers GHG reduction measures across **all significant sources/sinks and sectors**
- Establishes near-term **and long-term** GHG emission reduction targets
- Adds additional required analyses to support robust implementation

Technical Assistance

- EPA is committed to providing ongoing technical assistance to CPRG grant recipients
- Existing tools and resources are available at:

www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants#CPRG-ToolsandTechnicalResources

- Additional opportunities including webinars and training workshops will be forthcoming

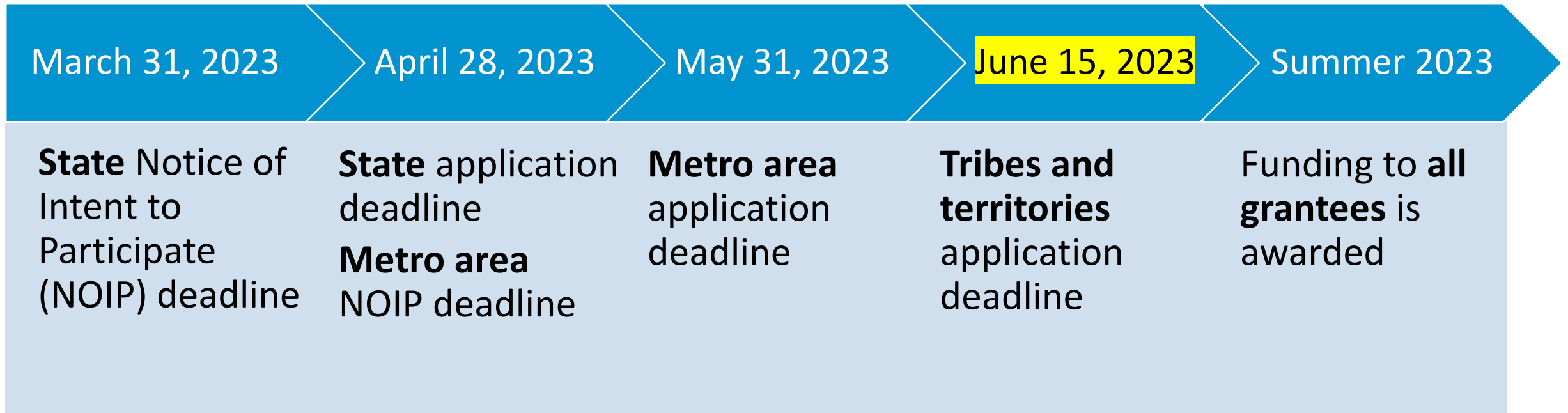
Climate Innovation Teams

- Teams will focus on key topics of interest to grant recipients
- Teams will combine technical assistance with peer-to-peer learning, collaboration and mentoring
- Topics will be determined based on grant recipient needs and interests
- Grant applicants should indicate interest when applying (see program guidance for more details)

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Planning Grants Application Process

Planning Grant Application Process



Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP) Requirements

- The NOIP must indicate the lead organization that will oversee and be responsible for managing cooperative agreement funds and coordinating activities and deliverables
- The NOIP from a state, DC, or Puerto Rico must include a letter or memo signed by an official within the relevant governor's (or DC mayor's) office, or the director of the designated agency
- The NOIP from a metropolitan area must include a letter or memo signed by an authorized official as described in the program guidance
- A metropolitan area NOIP must include a clear statement indicating which metropolitan statistical area the lead organization is representing
- All NOIPs must be received no later than: **March 31, 2023 for states**
April 28, 2023 for metropolitan areas

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.](#)

Application Requirements

- Although planning grants are being awarded through a non-competitive process, each lead organization must submit an application package through [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)
- An application package must include:
 - Project Narrative Attachment Form (Narrative Workplan)
 - Narrative Budget Detail
 - Standard Form (SF) 424, Application for Federal Assistance
 - Standard Form (SF) 424A, Budget Information
 - EPA Form 5700-54, Key Contacts Form
 - Grants.gov Lobbying Form, Certification Regarding Lobbying
 - EPA Form 4700-4, Pre-award Compliance Review
 - Other Attachments Form – Optional Supporting Materials
- The workplan and budget must address all deliverables and required elements

Resources on Federal Funding

- **Inflation Reduction Act**
 - **White House *Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook***
www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/inflation-reduction-act-guidebook/
- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**
 - **White House *Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments and Other Parties***
www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/building-a-better-america-v2.pdf
- **Identifying and Applying for Grants**
 - **Grants.gov:** clearinghouse for all federal grant opportunities, includes training and resources
 - **EPA Grants Office:** training and resources on applying for grants: www.epa.gov/grants

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- Email | CPRG@epa.gov

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Planning Grants Appendix

Looking Ahead: Implementation Grants

- Those states, territories, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, air pollution control agencies; municipalities; Tribes; or groups of such eligible entities that are **covered by** a plan developed with funding from a planning grant awarded will be eligible
- “Covered by” includes:
 - State agencies, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes who partner on a climate plan developed with a planning grant, but did not receive direct federal funds
 - Municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes seeking funding for measures identified in their state’s plan for implementation at their level
- EPA encourages the design of plans that are broad and cover a variety of programs and projects that could be implemented by state, local, and Tribal partners.
- More information about eligible implementation activities and funding priorities will be available when the Notice of Funding Opportunity is published later this year