



LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN RESTORATION PROGRAM (PRP)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
WEBINAR
APRIL 4TH, 2024

EPA REGION 6
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AGENDA



- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ PRP Background
- ▶ Eligibility for Funding
- ▶ RFP Information
- ▶ Special Consideration for Project Proposals
- ▶ Submitting Proposals
- ▶ Change to Workplan Template
- ▶ Helpful Resources
- ▶ Questions

HOUSE KEEPING

- ▶ Everyone please mute themselves.
- ▶ Please wait until the end to ask a question.
- ▶ If you having MS Teams issues, please contact Allyson Schlandt with EPA at Schlandt.Allyson@epa.gov



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PURPOSE OF WEBINAR

- ▶ To provide a program overview
- ▶ To provide an overview of RFPs
- ▶ To provide an opportunity to respond to questions



Clean Water Act

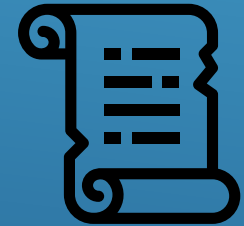


"The purpose of the program shall be to restore the ecological health of the Basin by developing and funding restoration projects and related scientific and public education projects."



One of 12 EPA Geographic Programs

PRP in a quick glance

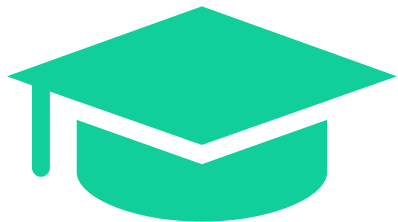
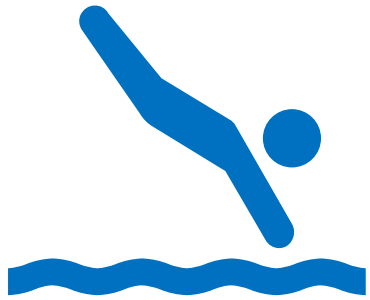




PRP BASIN MAP

- ▶ The "Basin" means the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, it expands approximately 10,000 square miles.
- ▶ The watershed expands across 16 parishes in Louisiana and 4 counties in Mississippi.

<https://www.epa.gov/la/lake-pontchartrain-basin-restoration-program>



ELIGIBILITY

WHO CAN APPLY FOR PROJECT FUNDS?

Eligible recipients include:

- ▶ Federal organizations
- ▶ State organizations
- ▶ Interstate organizations
- ▶ Local governments
- ▶ Federally recognized tribes
- ▶ Regional water utilities
- ▶ Non-profits
- ▶ Public and private institutions of higher education



PRP Base and BIL RFPs

- ▶ Overview of PRP RFPs

- ▶ Base funds RFP
 - Total funding: \$1,952,746
 - Application period: March 11th, 2024 – April 11th 2024
 - Project length: 12 – 36 months
 - Project cost: \$25,000 – \$350,000
(exceptions eligible on a case-by-case basis)

- ▶ Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds RFP
 - Total funding: *approximately* \$10,200,000
 - Application period will open once base funds RFP is closed
 - Tentative release date: April 15th, 2024
 - Project length: 12 – 36 months
 - Project cost: \$350,000 – \$1,500,000
(exceptions eligible on a case-by-case basis)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS



Comprehensive Conservation
Management Plan (CCMP)
& Comprehensive Habitat
Management Plan (CHMP)



Environmental
Justice and
Disadvantaged
Communities



Climate
Change



Build America
Buy America
(BABA)



CCMP

Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP)

- ✓ A plan that establishes long term priorities for funding within the Basin

Link to [CCMP](#)

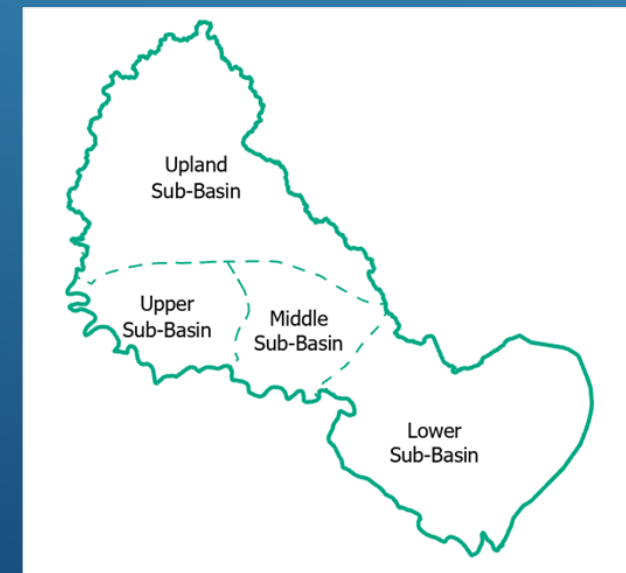
CHMP

Comprehensive Habitat Management Plan (CHMP)

- ✓ An amendment to the habitat restoration component of the CCMP
- ✓ Recommends habitat restoration and management projects for different sub-regions of the Basin (4 in total)

Link to [CHMP](#)

CCMP & CHMP



Basin Environmental Challenges

- ▶ Sewerage
- ▶ Agricultural Runoff
- ▶ Stormwater Runoff
- ▶ Saltwater Intrusion & Wetland Loss (Habitat Management)

Activities

- ▶ Implementation (Construction, septic tank maintenance, etc.)
- ▶ Planning
- ▶ Design
- ▶ Education & Outreach
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Monitoring

CCMP & CHMP: PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

WHY IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PART OF PRP?

- ▶ Environmental justice is part of EPA's mission
- ▶ A government-wide Justice40 Initiative
- ▶ Interactive maps to identify disadvantaged communities, support the Justice40 Initiative, and inform equitable decision making across the federal government
 - CEJST (Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool)
 - EJSCREEN (Environmental Justice Screening & Mapping Tool)
 - Community Outreach

Links to:

[Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad](https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen)
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DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

- ▶ Geographically represented using census block data
- ▶ PRP uses the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) criteria for defining a disadvantaged community
- ▶ IRA Disadvantaged Communities are defined by:
 - Any census tract that is included as disadvantaged in the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)
 - Any census block group at or above the 90th percentile for any of EJScreen's Supplemental Indexes when compared to the nation or state,
 - and/or any of the Tribal lands category in EJScreen
- ▶ More inclusive than using CEJST or EJScreen's Supplemental Indexes alone

See [RFP Appendices](#) for more info on identifying these communities

CLIMATE CHANGE

- ▶ RFP encourages submission of proposals that address/promote climate change adaptation
- ▶ Inclusion of project tasks which mitigate effects of climate change and/or promote climate change resilience
- ▶ Projects to address current or future needs
 - Frequency / Intensity of Storms
 - Sea Level Rise / Coastal Inundation

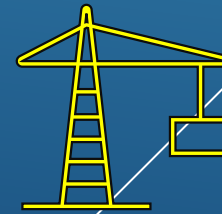
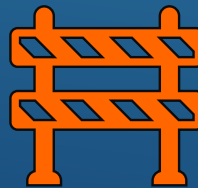


BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA (BABA) ACT

- ▶ It only applies to projects where construction will take place, or certain construction materials will be purchased to be affixed permanently.
- ▶ BABA does not apply to planning or design-type projects.
- ▶ All iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used must be produced in the United States.

Except for select construction materials:

- cementitious materials
- aggregates
- aggregate binders



SUBMITTING PROPOSALS



Review the RFP for complete guidelines and instructions



Use the provided workplan and budget templates



Submit all proposals electronically to PRPgrant@thebeachuno.org



Direct questions to Blair Bourgeois at bbourgeois@thebeachuno.org
(504) 280-1044



- ▶ Track program performance
- ▶ How are projects impacting the Basin?
 - Water Quality
 - Habitat Quality
 - Disadvantaged Communities
 - Climate Change
- ▶ Additional questions are asked to learn more about each project
- ▶ Helps support education & outreach about PRP

CHANGES TO THE WORKPLAN TEMPLATE

IMPORTANT DATES

▶ **APRIL 11th @ 4pm**

- Deadline for proposals for FY21 & FY22 base funds RFP

▶ **APRIL 15th**

- Posting of FY22 IIJA RFP

▶ **MAY 16th**

- PRP Management Conference Meeting

▶ **MAY 31st @ 4pm**

- Deadline for FY22 IIJA funds RFP applications

HELPFUL RESOURCES

▶ EPA Websites

- [PRP Website](#)
 - [EJScreen & Environmental Justice](#)
 - [Climate Change](#)
 - [BABA website](#)
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THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
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QUESTIONS

