

# **Climate Pollution Reduction Grant**

**Item #16**

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# Grant Background

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- On September 20, 2023, EPA launched a \$4.3 billion Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) competition for states, local governments, tribes, and territories to fund policies and programs to cut climate pollution.
- These implementation grants will build on \$250 million in CPRG planning grants EPA awarded in 2023.
- Projects must be consistent with the MSA's Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAP) that were due to EPA on March 1, 2024.



# Grant Objectives



Stimulate transformation toward a decarbonized economy and be replicable.

Result in benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities.

Leverage other federal funding opportunities.

Achieve GHG emission reductions that are long-lasting and certain.

Incorporate high labor standards, emphasize job quality, and support equitable workforce development.

Ensure accountability by providing clear assumptions, metrics, timelines, authorities, and budget details.

# Grant Tiers



<b>Tier</b>	<b>Grant Ranges</b>	<b>Funds Targeted for Each Tier</b>	<b>Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded</b>
Tier A	\$200,000,000 – \$500,000,000	\$2 billion	4-10
<b>Tier B</b>	<b>\$100,000,000 – \$199,999,999</b>	<b>\$1.3 billion</b>	<b>6-13</b>
Tier C	\$50,000,000 – \$99,999,999	\$0.6 billion	6-12
Tier D	\$10,000,000 – \$49,999,999	\$0.3 billion	6-30
Tier E	\$2,000,000 – \$9,999,999	\$0.1 billion	10-50

**\*No matching funds are required for this grant**



# Grant Scope of Work

CPS-Owned Community Solar Project

Direct Financial Benefit for Low-Income Residents and Small MWBE Businesses

On-site Behind the Meter Solar Installation for SAWS at H2Oaks

Battery storage on circuits that feed SAWS H2Oaks facility

Transmission/Distribution Upgrades



# Timeline



# Staff Recommendation



Staff recommends approving the submission of a grant application, and acceptance of funds if awarded, to the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition in an amount of up to \$200,000,000.00.

**THANK YOU!**  
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