

Climate Planning Professional Services Agreement

**EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
Item #33**

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CPRG Background

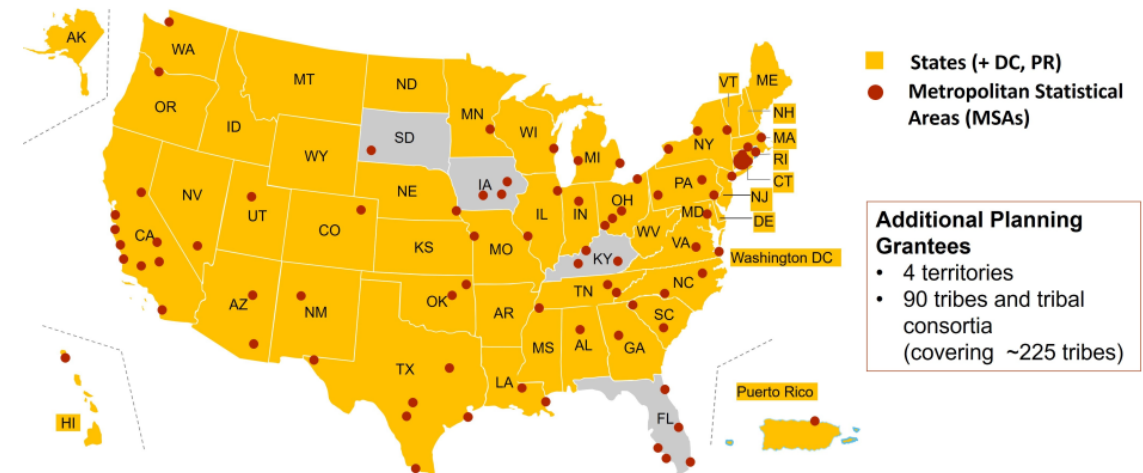
On September 20, 2023, EPA launched a \$4.3 billion Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) competition for states, local governments, tribes, and territories to fund policies and programs to cut climate pollution.

Phase One:

Non-competitive \$1M planning grants to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies for MSAs.

Phase Two:

Competitive implementation grants for regions with a CPRG Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP).



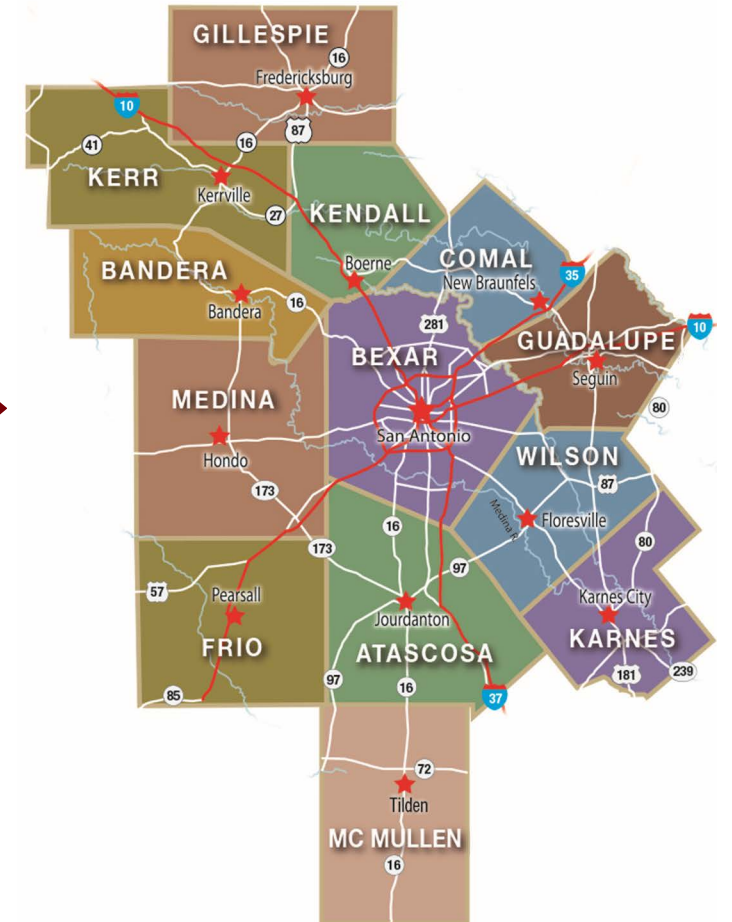
Alamo Area CPRG Overview

SA Climate
Ready Plan
Update (*required
every 3-5 years*)



SUSTAINABILITY

Regional
Comprehensive
Climate Action Plan
(CCAP)



Alamo Area CPRG Scope



Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

- Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory
- GHG Emissions Projections
- GHG Reduction Targets
- Low-Income & Disadvantaged Communities Benefits Analysis
- Plan to Leverage Federal Funding
- Workforce Planning Analysis

SA Climate Ready Plan (CAAP) Update

- Assess CAAP Implementation Status
- Update Municipal & Community GHG Reduction Targets Based on Climate Science
- Identify Priority Municipal & Community Mitigation Strategies
- Based on Quantified Impact & Funding Opportunities

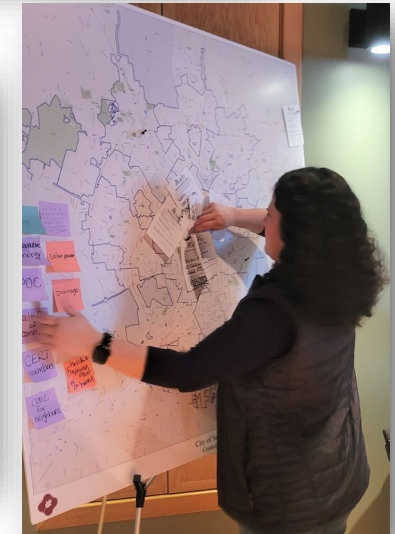
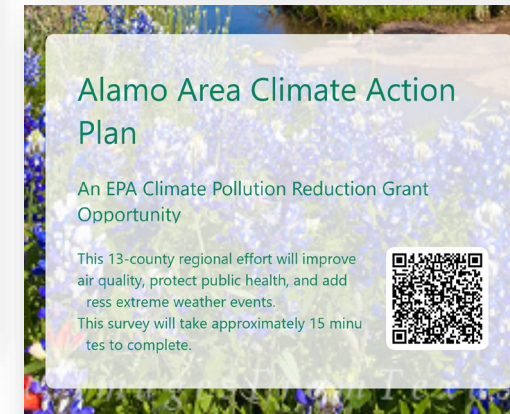
Consultant Scope

- Plan Development
- Technical Analysis
- Community Engagement
- Communications & Graphic Design
- Plan Governance Coordination
- Grant Reporting Support

Community Engagement

Core to developing both the 13-county CCAP and the SA Climate Ready Update:

- Resident and community-based organization engagement.
- Government, Institutional, industrial, and commercial sector input.
- Foundation in equitable engagement methods.
- Multilingual and accessible.
- Engagement with Advisory and Technical Committees.



Fiscal Impact



- This initiative is fully funded through the US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.
- The fiscal impact of this agreement is \$626,000.00.

Staff Recommendation



Staff recommends the approval of an Ordinance authorizing an agreement with WSP USA, Inc. for the development of the Alamo Area Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and an update to the SA Climate Ready Plan, as deliverables of the U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG).

THANK YOU!
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