

CITY OF HELENA
Citizen Conservation Board
Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 4:30-6 pm
Zoom Online Meeting:
<https://www.helenamt.gov/Calendars/Board-Committee-Meetings/Citizen-Conservation-Board-Meetings-2023>
City-County Building, Room 426

Call to Order and Roll Call

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Draft – October 12, 2023

Public comment

Guest Speaker – Denise Roth Barber, MT DEQ Climate Pollution Reduction Coordinator (invited)

Regular Items

- A. Officers' Report
- B. Consider Unfinished Business
 - 1. Presentation and Discussion re: Ten Mile Watershed Improvement Projects - Dick Sloan
 - i. Public Comment
 - ii. Motion (if appropriate)
 - 2. Discussion re: Climate Pollution Reduction projects to recommend to the City Commission – waste, energy, transportation, water, etc.
 - i. Public Comment
 - ii. Motion (if appropriate)
 - 3. Discussion re: CCB Workplans for 2023-2026 – waste, energy & transportation, water
 - i. Public Comment
 - ii. Motion (if appropriate)
- C. Updates from City Staff – Miranda Griffis, Sustainability Cdtr., and Leea Anderson, Public Works Dept.
- D. Consider Emerging Issues/New Business
 - 1. Public Comment
 - 2. Motion (if appropriate)
- E. Consider priority items for February Commission Presentation
 - 1. Public Comment
 - 2. Motion (if appropriate)

Member Communications/Proposals for Next Agenda

Public Communications

Announcements

Adjournment

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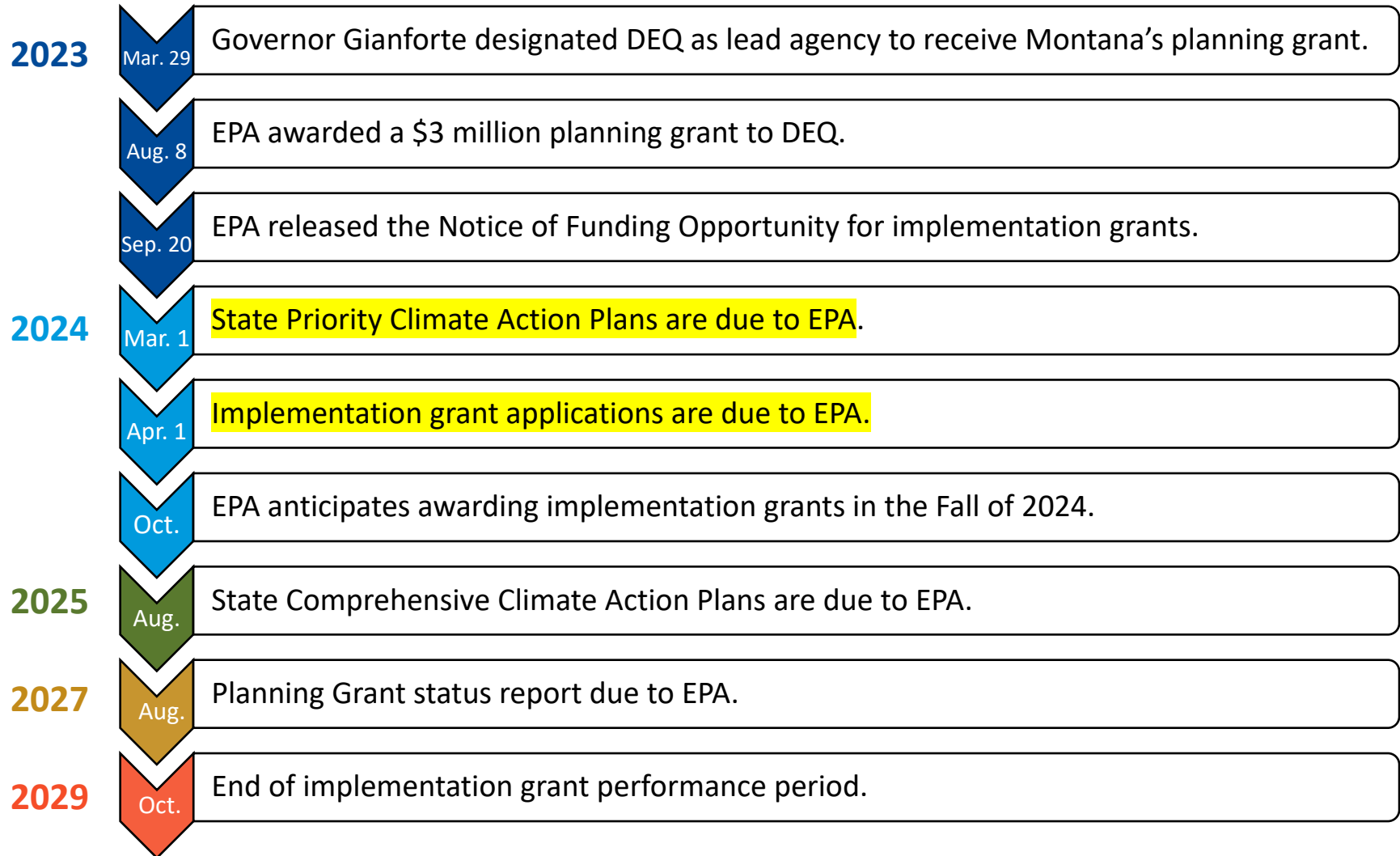
EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

- Authorized under the federal Inflation Reduction Act.
- **GOAL: To reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other harmful air pollution.**
- Two-Phases:
 1. Planning
 2. Implementation

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>



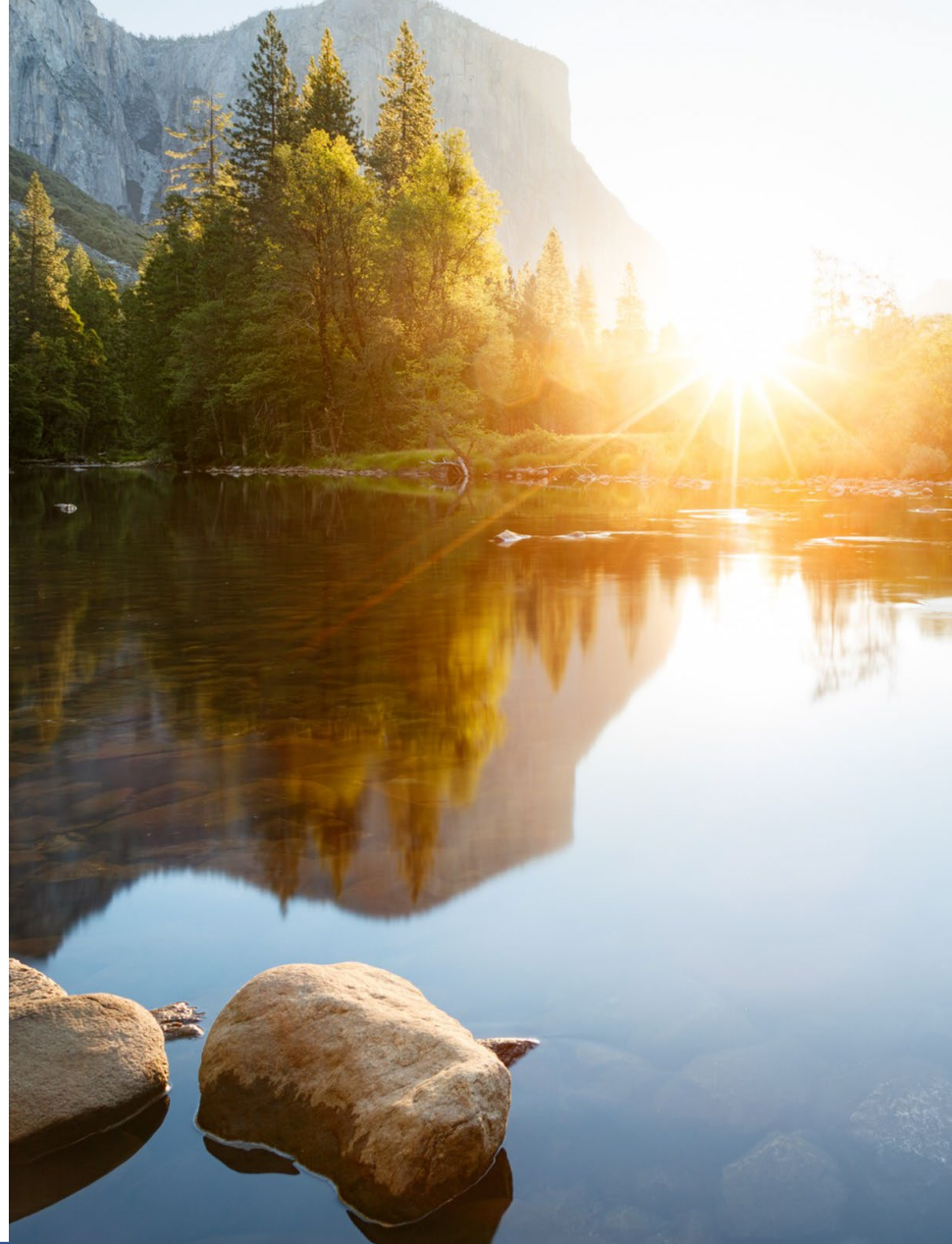
Timeline



Phase 1

MT's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

- Right-sized for Montana, while understanding & drawing from the national conversation
- Non-regulatory, innovative, and incentive-based
- Highlight state priorities
- Keep the door open for local, tribal, and private efforts
- Focus on sectors with emissions reduction potential



Phase 1 Planning Grants

Phase 1 of the CPRG program involves planning grants to support the development of **Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAP)** that incorporate measures to reduce GHG emissions across key economic sectors.

- The State of Montana received a planning grant, which will be administered by the DEQ
- Four tribal governments in Montana also received planning grants:
 - Chippewa Cree Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Blackfeet Tribe, and the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes

Reduction Measures can include activities from these sectors



Electric Power



Transportation



Industry



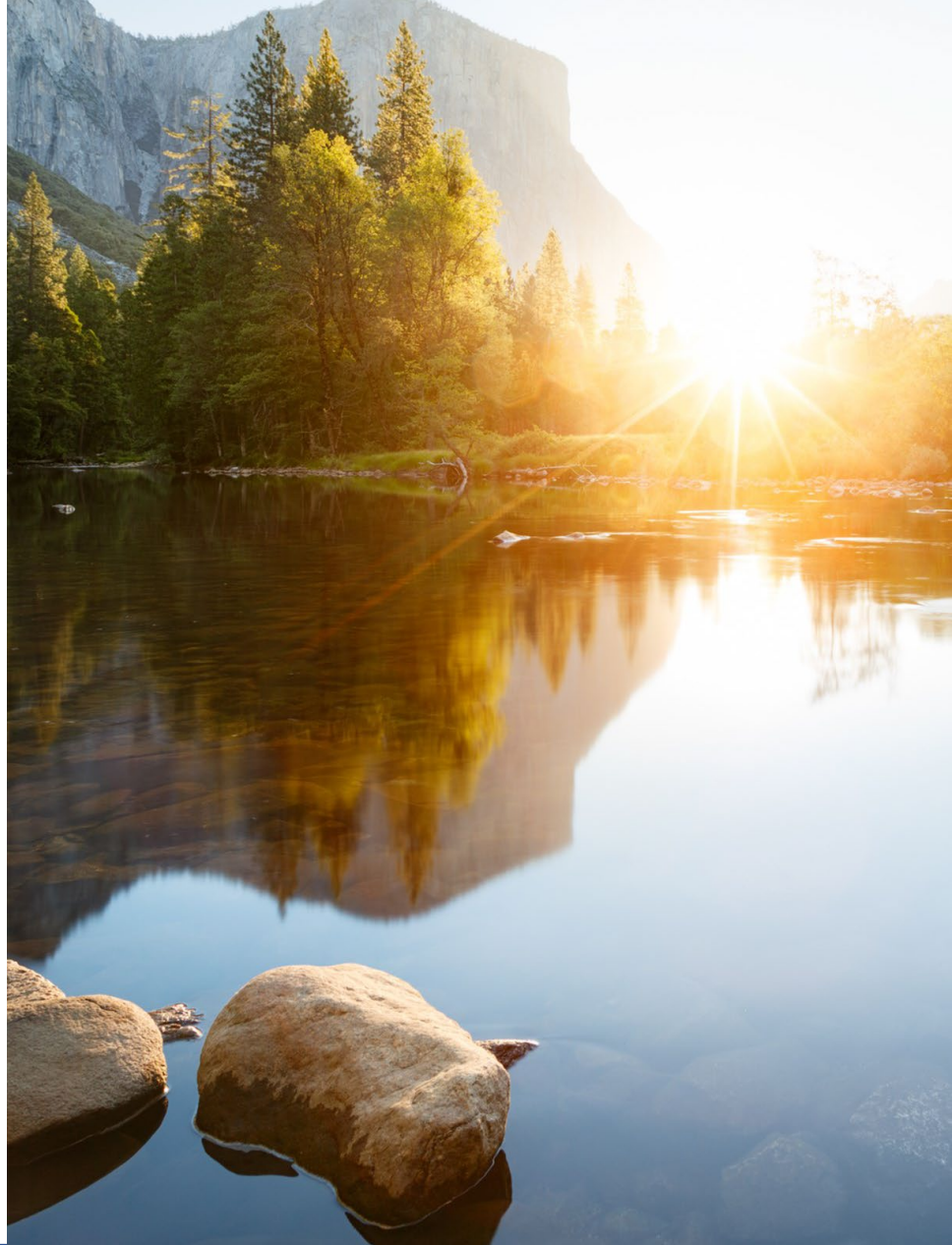
Residential & Commercial Buildings



Waste and Materials Management



Agriculture/Natural & Working Lands



Important Criteria for Montana's PCAP Reduction Measures

- Is the measure incentive-based, rather than regulatory?
- Can the measure's impact on emissions reductions be readily quantified?
- Is the measure one that can readily be implemented/acted upon ('shovel-ready')?
- Does the measure provide benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities, and if so, how?
- Does the measure provide clear metrics and possess assurances of performance?
- Does the measure leverage other federal resources (grants, loans, tax credits and/or other incentives), beyond the EPA implementation grant appropriation?

Phase 2 Implementation Grants

On September 20, **EPA launched a \$4.6 billion competition** for states, local governments, tribes, and territories to fund policies and programs to cut climate pollution.

Grant Goals

- Implement measures that will achieve *significant* cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions *by 2030* and beyond
- Achieve substantial community benefits (such as reduction of criteria and hazardous air pollutants), *particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities*
- Complement other funding sources to maximize GHG reductions and community benefits
- Pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be “scaled up” across multiple jurisdictions

Funding Availability

	Grant Ranges (million)	Funds Target for Each Tier (billion)	Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded
Tier A	\$200 to \$500	\$2	4-10
Tier B	\$100 to <\$200	\$1.3	6-13
Tier C	\$50 to <\$100	\$0.6	6-12
Tier D	\$10 to <\$50	\$0.3	6-30
Tier E	\$2 to <\$10	\$0.1	10-50
	Total	\$4.3 billion	30-115

Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary	Points	% of Total
1. Impact of GHG Reduction Measures	60	24%
2. Overall Summary and Approach	45	18%
3. Budget and Timely Expenditure of Grant Funds	45	18%
4. Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities	35	14%
5. Environmental Results – Outputs, Outcomes, and Performance Measures	30	12%
6. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance	30	12%
7. Job Quality	5	2%
TOTAL	250	

Details on each of these criteria can be found in the EPA's "CPRG General Competition NOFO, at <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-09/CPRG%20General%20Competition%20NOFO.pdf>

Eligible Implementation Grant Applicants

State and territorial agencies, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, tribes/tribal consortia, and coalitions thereof.

Individual applicant

- Single entity leading design and implementation of the measures.

Coalition

- Two or more eligible applicants with strong and substantial commitment such that withdrawal by one member would fundamentally alter project outcomes.
- Coalition applications must include a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by all coalition partners demonstrating mutual commitment to project.

Subawards

- A non-governmental entity is eligible to receive a subaward even if it is not eligible to receive a grant from EPA directly. All subawards must comply with applicable subaward provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, the EPA Subaward Policy, and EPA's General Term and Condition for Subawards. See [CPRG General Competition NOFO](#) for details.



Next Steps

1. Outreach and engagement with eligible implementation grant applicants
2. Identify shovel-ready GHG reduction measures for potential implementation grant applications
3. Ensure eligible measures that align with state priorities are covered in the PCAP
 - Submit project concepts no later than Jan. 5, 2024.
4. Public review process

We want your input.

- As soon as possible, but no later than Jan. 5, 2024, please submit your ideas for emissions reduction projects to be considered for inclusion in Montana's Priority Climate Action Plan
- Please submit these ideas using our online survey, on DEQ's CPRG page: <https://deq.mt.gov/about/climate-resilience>
- How do you think the state should select and prioritize the measures that will be included in the Priority Climate Action Plan?
- Who should we make sure to engage in the planning process?

For more information, please contact:

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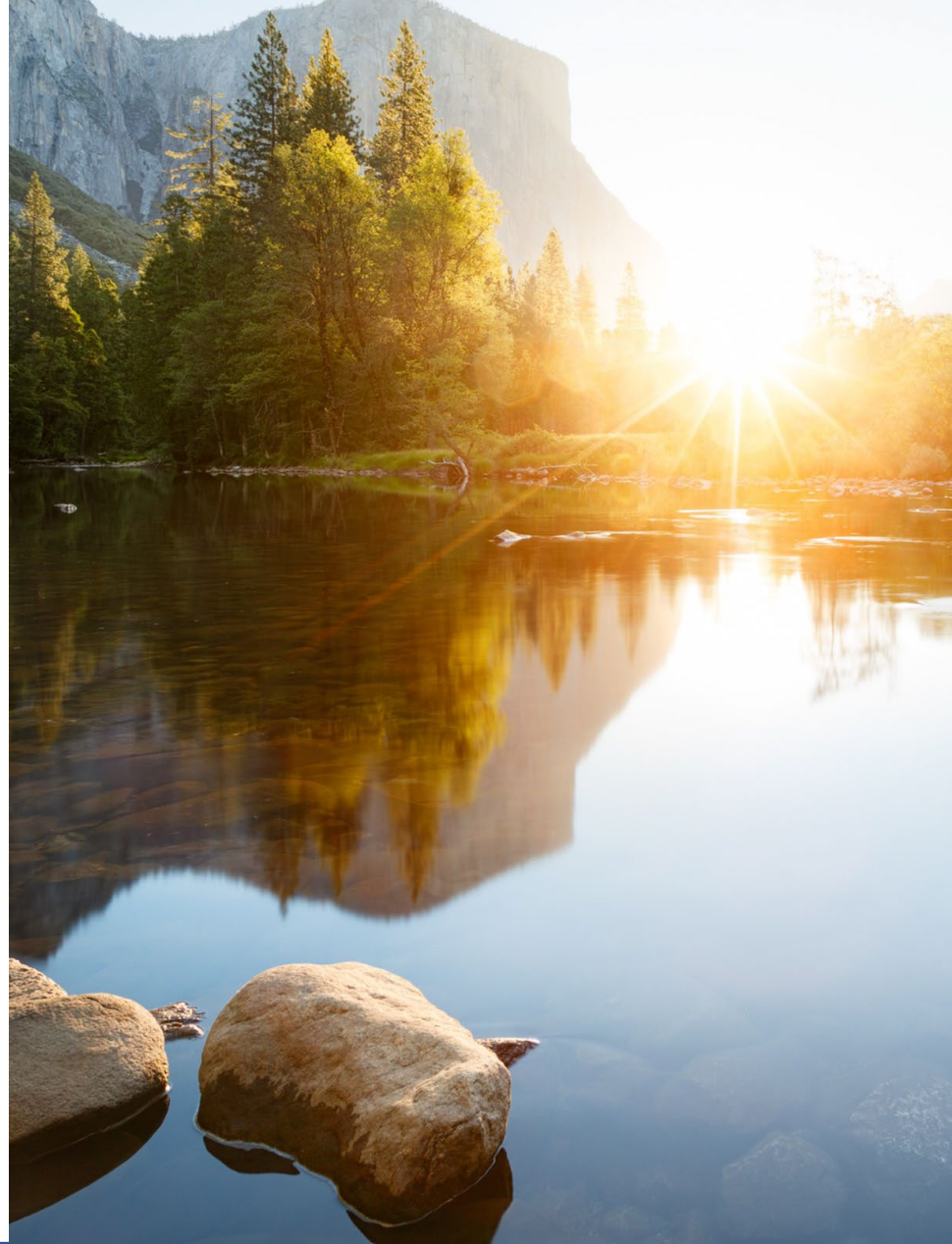
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Links

- [Climate Emissions & Resilience Planning | Montana DEQ](#)
- [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants | US EPA](#)
- [Greenhouse Gas Inventory Data Explorer | US EPA](#)
- [State GHG Emissions and Removals | US EPA](#)
- [Methodology Report: Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks by State: 1990-2020 | US EPA](#)



THANK YOU!

