

November FAQs

Q: Will applications be submitted and go through ARC or directly to the agency?

A: Planning grant lead agencies submit the Priority Climate Action Plan to EPA by March 1. Eligible applicants (States (including CPRG planning grantees and State Agencies), Municipalities, Tribes, and US Territories) submit implementation grant applications to the Environmental Protection Agency by April 1.

Q: What efforts are being made to reach out to LIDACs and identify needs and opportunities?

A: In addition to virtual stakeholder meetings, we have contacted our regional commissions throughout the state. We were able to attend in person meetings in 3 out of 12 [Regional Commissions](#).

We are also working with Georgia Tech and Partnership for Southern Equity to collect community input that will be included in the Priority Climate Action Plan.

Q: Are utility regulators (Public Service Commissioners) being engaged?

A: They are one of our stakeholders including Georgia Power and Southern Company.

Q: Is there a way to be connected with coalitions applying?

A: Not at this moment.

Q: Do public universities and colleges fall under the "government agency" category?

A: It is best to refer to the [EPA's Implementation Grant](#) website for guidance.

Q: Is EPD receiving contractor support for this effort?

A: Yes, Georgia EPD is receiving contractor support.

Q: How is EPD thinking about the potential impacts of a proposal like the RNG example on LIDAC communities?

A: For all measures, including the renewable natural gas (RNG) example, we must consider the benefits and the concerns of Low-income and Disadvantaged communities (LIDACs). We must also consider the economic/workforce impact and if there will be a reduction of other pollutants (NOx, SO2, CO, PM, etc.)

Q: What are the GHG reduction measures being considered by EPD for the PCAP?

A: We are starting with the [20 Drawdown Georgia solutions](#) and working from there. Please refer to our list of priority measures, now available on our website. Until Georgia EPD submits it's PCAP, the draft list of priority measures is subject to change.

Q: Is EPD planning to submit an implementation application?

A: At this time, we don't have anything to share about our implementation grant. The state is exploring several options and will make an announcement when a decision is made.

We are going to focus on our priority climate action plan right now. We want to make sure that the PCAP is complete and thorough so local governments can apply to implementation grant funds.

Q: Would EPD be able to assist local governments with modeling air quality impacts and CO2 reductions as part of their Implementation Grant submissions?

A: At this time Georgia EPD is focusing on developing the PCAP. We will evaluate support for others on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Is there a formal process for non-Governmental entities to sign up as a partner organization?

A: At this time there is no formal process in Georgia.

Q: Do partners need to be based in Georgia?

A: It is best to refer to EPA's guidance found here [About CPRG Implementation Grants | US EPA](#). Two things to keep in mind are that some governments are forming multi-state coalitions and multi-MSA coalitions. Also, the measure that you may want to apply for implementation funds, must be included in the PCAP where the project is physically located.

Q: Is the Georgia EPD PCAP focused on the sectors of transportation and buildings?

A: Please refer to our list of priority measures, now available on our website. Until Georgia EPD submits its PCAP, the draft list of priority measures is subject to change.

Q: Would it be appealing to build on other programs, such as Clean School Bus?

That is an option. Phase I PCAP encourages an analysis of intersection with other federal funding available.

Phase II Implementation Grants require a program funding description. EPA wants to know if the program demonstrates a strong need for EPA CPRG implementation funding, if and how other funding streams have been explored, and why these sources are not sufficient. Applicants must list federal and non-federal funding sources the applicant has applied for, has secured, and/or will secure to implement the GHG reduction measures, if applicable.

Q: If I would like to ask if a specific type of project would be eligible, who would I direct that question to?

A: Please submit projects and ideas to georgia.cprg@dnr.ga.gov.

Q: Are y'all looking at transportation beyond fuel? Modal shifts for passengers and freight, for example?

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Q: Has EPD heard from any state agencies from out of state with the idea of an interstate coalition?

A: If that did happen, it will need to be approved by our Steering Committee and Governor's Office.

For more information, please refer to EPA's website.

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