

June 2024 Q&A

Q: What about infrastructure to facilitate alternative commuting methods?

Adapting to consumer mode shift was one of the strategies in the Peach State Voluntary Emission Reduction Plan (PSVERP). Georgia recognizes consumers have been and may continue to shift their modes of transportation. Under the consumer mode shift strategy were three specific measures for infrastructure to facilitate alternative commuting methods: zero-emission buses, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and bikes and bike infrastructure. Local governments could apply for funding under these programs.

Q: What is the purpose of the LIDAC committee?

A requirement of the grant is to engage with Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities (LIDACs). The voluntary emission reduction measures in the PSVERP have the potential to benefit LIDACs across the state. Partnering with regional commissions has helped us to identify community-based organizations to assist us. We would like to increase our outreach to these communities and plan to distribute a survey to the public. We are asking LIDAC committee members to help with distribution.

Q: What has interaction been with DOTs? Do we know which grants they went after?

Georgia EPD led a steering committee comprised of state-level agencies and departments to align the PSVERP with State of Georgia interests and capacities. Georgia's Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL) were part of this steering committee. The Steering Committee convened to discuss and review a list of emissions reduction measures for inclusion in the PSVERP and to provide input and feedback.

Here are the links to some of their programs:

[Georgia National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Program](#)

[Georgia Carbon Reduction Strategy](#)

Q: Several GA cities/counties have developed climate action plans? How can other cities/counties find support for their plan?

This grant is to specifically support the state plan, but we do have links to EPA announcements. The announcements may be an avenue to find additional funding opportunities. This link is for signing up to receive EPA funding announcements.

[State and Local Climate and Energy News | US EPA](#)

The following links are also resources to help find current federal funding opportunities.

[Georgia Climate Pollution Reduction Grant | Environmental Protection Division](#)

[Environmental Protection Agency Funding Announcements from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act](#)

[Department of Energy Clean Energy Infrastructure Program and Funding Announcements](#)

[Department of Transportation Key Notices of Funding Opportunity](#)