



Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)



Agenda



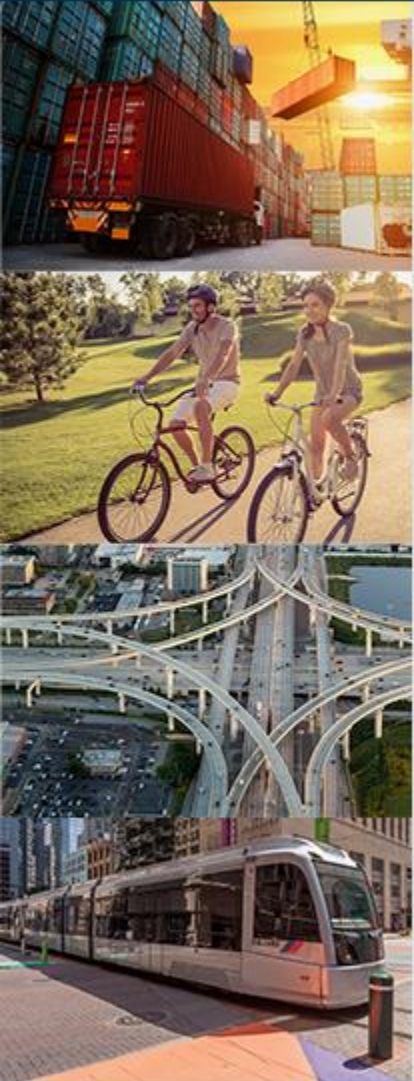
1. What is CPRG?
 - Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)
 - Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)
 - Status Update
2. How can CPRG benefit our region?
3. How can you get involved?
 - Submit project ideas
 - Share your thoughts
 - Prioritize sectors
 - Pass it on
 - Live and Virtual meetings
4. Next Steps

CPRG Background



- Created by Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act
- EPA will implement CPRG in two phases:
 - Phase 1: \$250 Million Non-Competitive Planning Grant
 - Phase 2: \$4.6 Billion in Competitive Implementation Grant
- H-GAC is administering a \$1 million CPRG grant to develop a plan with strong strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollutants

CPRG Deliverables



Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

- Due **March 1, 2024**
- Near-term, implementation-ready, **priority greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures**
- **Prerequisite** for implementation grant



Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

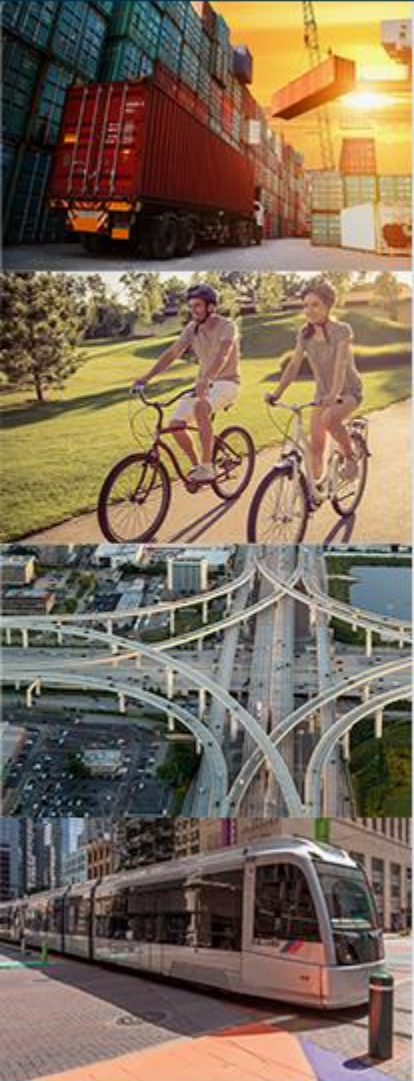
- Due in **2025** (later for tribes and territories)
- **All sectors** / significant GHG sources and sinks
- **Near- and long-term** GHG emission reduction goals and **strategies**



Status Report

- Due in **2027** (N/A for tribes or territories)
- **Updated** analyses and plans
- **Progress and next steps** for key metrics

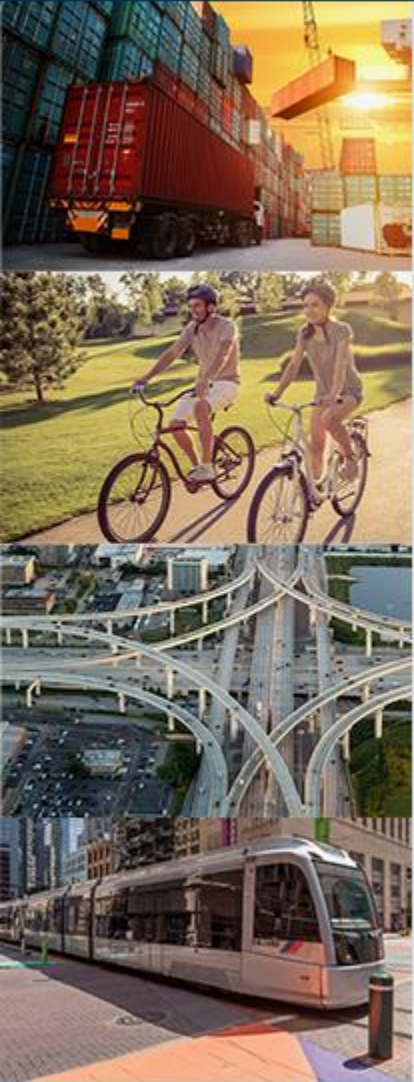
Benefits of Participation in CPRG



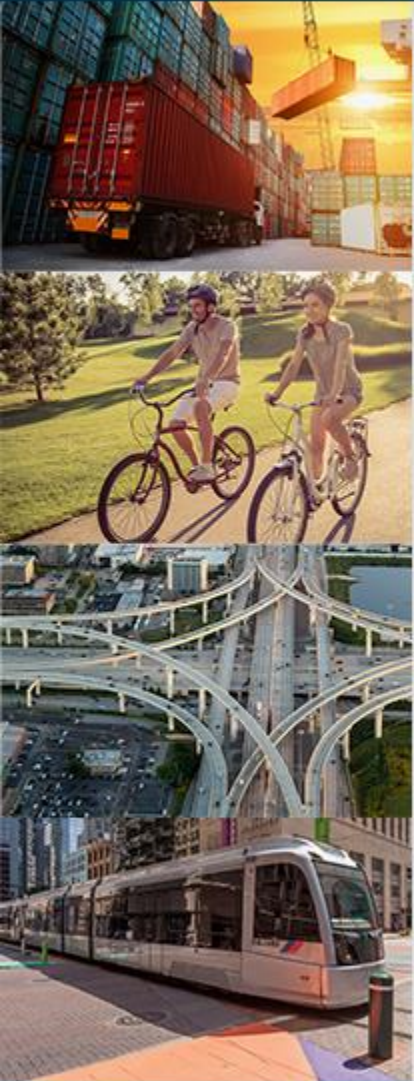
- Multi-Pollutant Reduction Opportunity – (Ozone and Particulate Matter)
- Access to Federal Project Implementation Funding
- Focus on Justice 40 and Low Income Communities
- Strengthen Local Government Partnerships through Regional Planning
- Increase Understanding and Knowledge of Regional Needs
- Path to Sustainable and Resilient Future

Public Engagement

- H-GAC is coordinating with other appropriate agencies in the development and adoption of the grant deliverables.
- The CPRG grant application identifies three public sector partners and one NGO.
- The process for developing the Priority and Comprehensive plans will require input from multiple stakeholders across the region.



Submit Project Ideas



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CPRG Call for Projects

- H-GAC is seeking project ideas and proposals to include in the regional climate action plans.
- Applicants may include multiple projects across one or more sectors.
- New, accelerated, and expanded existing projects will be considered.


www.h-gac.com/climate-pollution-reduction-grant-program

Share Your Thoughts



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Agricultural Strategies



- Fund electric agricultural equipment technologies
- Support technologies and techniques that reduce nitrous oxide emissions from fertilizer application
- Promote anaerobic digesters to capture methane and generate renewable energy or produce renewable fuel

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

1. Please review the potential strategies below and let us know if you would support initiatives in that area.

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Support Oppose Undecided

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Prioritize Sectors



Which sector impacts you the most?

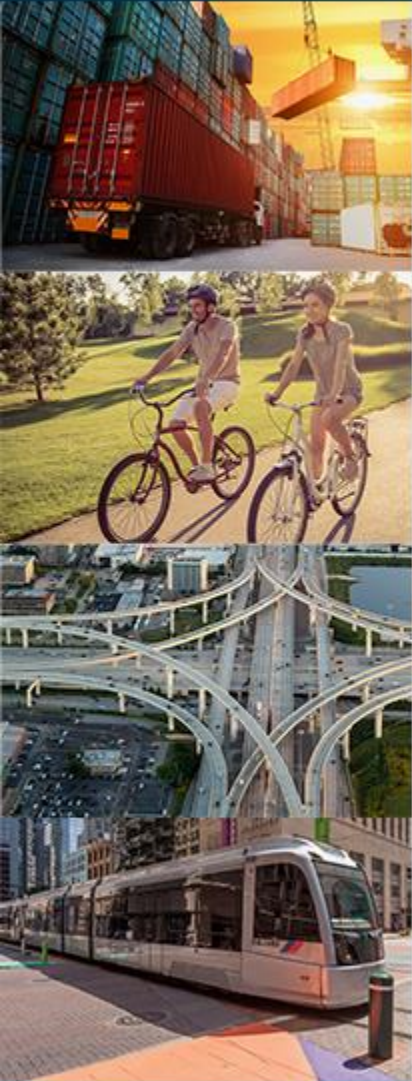
- Waste, Water and Sustainable Materials Sector
- Carbon Removal Sector
- Agricultural Sector
- Industrial Sector
- Buildings Sector
- Electric Power Sector
- Transportation Sector

[View Results](#)

SUBMIT



Pass it on



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Let's take a step toward a more sustainable future for our region!

SOLUTIONS BY SECTOR

- Waste, Water and Sustainable Materials
- Carbon Removal
- Agriculture
- Industrial Buildings
- Electric Power
- Transportation

For more information on the program, visit <https://bit.ly/CPRP-Program>

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

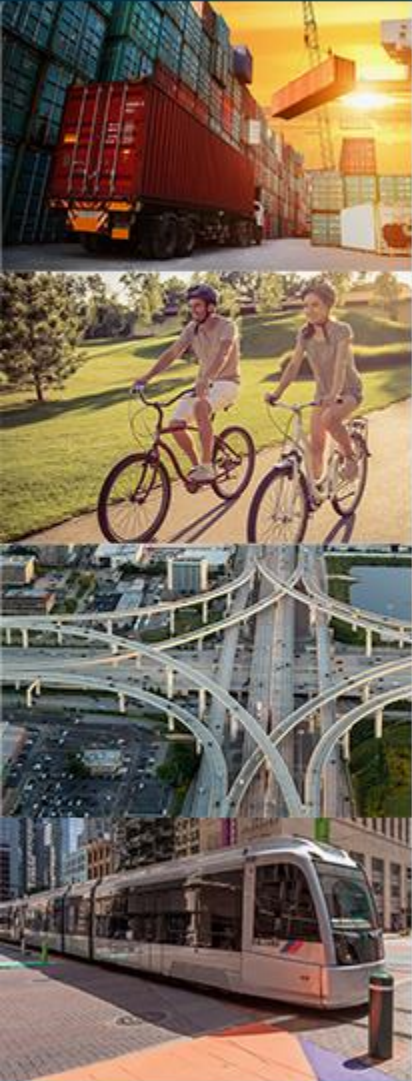
Tell us what you care about most when it comes to the environment and sustainability.



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Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

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Three Crucial Phases for Climate Pollution Reduction Plan

The CPRG consists of three essential phases:

- 1. Priority Climate Action Plan (Due March 1, 2023)**
 - Designed for communities committed to making a difference
 - Focuses on immediate actions with flexibility
 - Targets specific sectors for maximum impact
 - Emphasizes a foundational approach that will build on past environmental planning efforts
- 2. Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (Due in Summer 2025)**
 - Expands on the groundwork of the Priority Climate Action Plan
 - Aiming for substantial, long-term impact
 - Encompasses a wide array of measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors
 - Requires comprehensive analyses for robust implementation
- 3. Status Report (Fall 2027)**
 - Initiates a continual improvement process
 - Requires a thorough review and analyses of elements from the earlier plans
 - Documents progress and next steps for key metrics
 - Provides confirmation that pollution reduction strategies are on target

Available for the Entire Region

This grant opportunity extends to our entire region. H-GAC is proud to lead the way for all 13 counties in our region to team up and take a positive step to reduce pollution in our area.

The Implementation Phase

On September 20, 2023, EPA announced the competition for \$4.6 billion in implementation grants under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program. This opportunity is open to entities like H-GAC, that received a CPRG planning

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Would you like more information about this topic?
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Let Us Know What You Think!

H-GAC would like to engage community members across our 13-county region and learn what GHG and air pollution reduction strategies matter most to them. Please visit [our community engagement website](#) to learn more about what types of strategies could be considered and provide feedback.

CPRG Call for Projects Now Open!

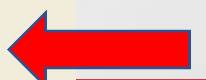
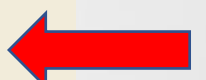
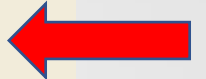
If you have an idea for a community-scale GHG or air pollution reduction project that is located within the H-GAC thirteen county region, please complete the [CPRG Call for Projects registration form](#).

Once registered, you may log into the [CPRG Call for Projects Online Application Portal](#) and submit one or more online applications.

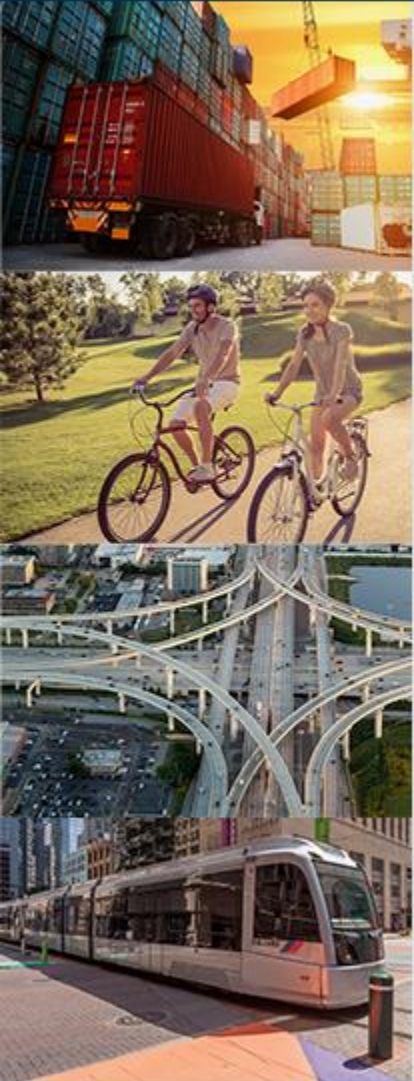
The online application process is open now through January 15, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Sign Up for Updates

Provide us with your email address to receive updates about the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program.

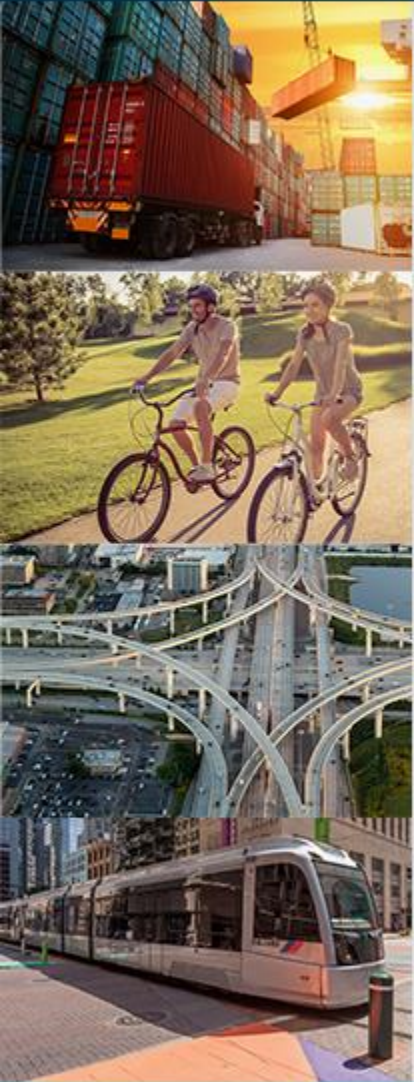


Next Steps



- 12/11: CPRG Website Live
- 12/15: Call for Project Open
- 12/15: Online Community Input
- 01/11: Hybrid Public Meeting
- 02/15: Draft GHG Inventory
- 02/20: PCAP Strategies Board Preview
- 03/01: Priority Climate Action Plan due to EPA
- 04/02: Implementation Grant Application Due
- 2025: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Due

Questions



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