

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

October 23, 2023

4 p.m.



Opening Agenda Items

- Agenda Item 1: Call to Order
 - Quorum
 - Conflict of Interest Declarations on Action Items
- Agenda Item 2: Action on Minutes from August 28, 2023 Meeting
- Agenda Item 3: Public Comment

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPMG) Update

Andy Waple, Deputy Executive Director

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Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG)

Program Overview:

- Planning grants to develop broad, flexible, regional climate pollution reduction strategies (\$250M)
- Competitive grants to implement broad, flexible, strategies developed in planning stage that could be implemented by a range of eligible entities (\$4.6B)

Regional Climate Plan Status Update:

- RFP for consultant support issued on 8/30/23, proposals due on 10/02/23 (6 proposals received)
- Two teams shortlisted for interviews (10/26) by selection committee (SPC, Allegheny Co. Health Dept., Lawrence and Westmoreland Counties)
- Work to commence in early November
- Steering Committee and Regional Advisory Committee Kick-off meetings to be scheduled for late November/early December
- Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) due to EPA on March 1, 2024

Climate Pollution Implementation Grants

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released on September 20, 2023 - **\$4.3B in funding available**
- Applications due April 1, 2024
- Potential project sponsors are required to coordinate with entity leading climate pollution reduction planning process
- Projects, program and policies to be included in the PCAP
- SPC to engage potential project sponsors during planning process
- SPC to hold project sponsor workshop(s) in early January, 2024

Program Objectives:

- Implement ambitious, actionable emissions reduction measures that will achieve significant, cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 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 these GHG reductions and community benefits
- Pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be “scaled up” across multiple jurisdictions

Climate Pollution Implementation Grants

- Eligible applicants include: states, local governments, local air pollution control agencies, regional planning commissions or a coalition of eligible applicants
- Applications can include GHG reductions from the following sectors: Electric Power, Transportation, Industry, Residential & Commercial Buildings, Waste and Materials Management, Agriculture/ Natural and Working Lands
- Applications may include multiple measures across one or more of the above sectors. A new, stand-alone GHG reduction measure that will be implemented solely through CPRG funding
- An expansion of a GHG reduction measure that is already being implemented, where the expansion of the measure will be funded through CPRG funding
- A new GHG reduction measure for which the applicant has already secured partial funding and needs additional funding from the CPRG program to secure the total funding needed to fully implement the measure
- Funds will be available across five funding tiers. Applications will be evaluated and selected for award on a tier-by-tier basis.

Climate Pollution Implementation Grants

Tier	Grant Ranges (million)	Funds Targeted 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 Categories

- Overall Project Summary and Approach (45 possible points)
- Impact of GHG Reduction Measures (60 possible points)
- Environmental Results – Outputs, Outcomes, and Performance Measures (30 possible points)
- Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities (35 possible points)
- Job Quality (5 possible points)
- Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (30 possible points)
- Budget and Timely Expenditure of Grant Funds (45 possible points)
- Total Possible Points: 250

Questions?



Draft 2024-2025 United Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Dom D'Andrea, Director of Transportation Planning

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UPWP: July 2024 – June 2025

Overview:

- 1-year contract between PennDOT and SPC
- Focused yet Flexible
- 8 Functional Program Areas:
 - Plans and Programs
 - Regional Transit
 - Transportation Demand Management
 - Regional Freight Planning
 - Operations & Safety
 - Data & Modeling
 - Strategic Initiatives/Environment
 - Outreach & Coordination

Highlight Priorities and Initiatives:

- Implementation of SPC Organizational Assessment
- Regional Collaboration and Coordination
- Securing Federal Discretionary Funding for High Priority Infrastructure Projects
- Connectivity Improvement Program Implementation
- *SmartMoves Connections – A Regional Vision for Public Transit* Implementation
- Local Government Assistance

UPWP: July 2024 - June 2025

Plans & Programs:

- 2025-2028 TIP updates
- Resiliency Planning
- Innovative Finance and Project Delivery
- Local Government Funding and Technical Assistance

Transit Planning:

- *SmartMoves Connections* Implementation
- Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan

Regional Freight Planning:

- Regional Freight Plan Update
 - Inland Waterways

UPWP: July 2024 - June 2025

Transportation Demand Mgt.:

- Travel Demand Management (TDM) Program Expansion, Outreach and Coordination
- Coordination of activities with Transportation Management Associations
- Active Transportation Plan Update
- Complete Streets policy initiatives

Operations & Safety

- Regional Traffic Signal Program
- Road Safety Audits & Corridor Operations Plans
- Traffic Incident Management Program
- Congestion Management Program
- ITS Strategic Planning

UPWP: July 2024 - June 2025

Data & Modeling

- Travel Demand & Accessibility and Economic Modeling
- Air Quality Modeling
- Continue Big Data Utilization and Sharing
- Performance Metric Tracking Dashboard Enhancements
- Census Data

Strategic

Initiatives/Environment

- Environmental Justice
- Electric Vehicle initiatives/outreach and funding
- Climate Action Plan

UPWP: July 2024 - June 2025

Outreach & Coordination/Support Activities

- Communications and Outreach Strategic Plan
- Public Participation Plan
- Limited English Proficiency Plan Update (Demographics)
- Continued Website Enhancements
 - Interactive Mapping
 - Resource Centers

Questions?



Update: Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities & Economic Revitalization Activities

Jenn Lasser, Director of Workforce & Economic Development

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Upcoming Public Meetings: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ronda Craig, Public Involvement Coordinator



Public Meeting Schedule

- Oct 26, Indiana County, In-Person, 3-5pm @ CareerLink Building 300 Indian Springs Rd, Indiana
- Oct 30, Greene County, In-Person, 11-1pm @ Greene County Fairgrounds, 107 Fairgrounds Rd, Waynesburg
- Nov 1, Allegheny County, In-Person, 3:30-5pm @ Allegheny County Courthouse, County Stat Conference Room-2nd Floor, 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh
- Nov 2, Westmoreland County, In-Person, 2-4pm @ Westmoreland County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room, 2 N Main St, Greensburg
- Nov 9, Fayette County, In-Person, 5:30-7:30pm @ 2 W Main Street, (Formerly the Gallatin Bank Building), Uniontown
- Nov 13, Beaver County, In-Person, 12:30-2:30pm @ Beaver County Courthouse, Commissioner Meeting Room 2nd Floor Suite 201, 810 3rd St, Beaver
- Nov 21, Washington County, In-Person, 3-5pm @ Washington County Courthouse, Square Building, Public Meeting Room Suite 103/104, 100 Beau St, Washington
- Nov 29, City of Pittsburgh, Virtual, 5-7pm, WebEx
- Dec 1, Lawrence County, In-Person, 11:30-1pm, @ Gallo's Italian Villa, 2420 Wilmington Rd, New Castle
- Dec 6, Butler County, In-Person, 6-8pm @ Middlesex Twp. Municipal Building, 135 Brownhill Rd, Valencia
- Dec 8, Armstrong County, In-Person, 3-5pm @ Butler Community College at Armstrong (BC3), 1100 4th Avenue, Ford City
- Comment or Questions? Ask Ronda! 724-762-2569 or rcraig@sprregion.org

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Message/Update: PennDOT's EV Community Conversation on Nov. 8

Vince Valdes, Executive Director

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Other SPC Business

Next Meeting Date: December 11, 2023

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