

The **NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (NMED)** & the  
**ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (EMNRD)**  
**CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT**  
**FACTSHEET**

Grant Synopsis		
Grant Title	Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)	<p><b>What is climate pollution?</b>            “Climate Pollution” includes greenhouse gases that warm the planet, such as carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, &amp; fluorinated gases.</p> <p><b>What are measures?</b>            “Measures,” for CPRG purposes, are policies, programs, &amp;/or projects that reduce climate pollution.</p>
Fed. Funding Source	Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022 [section 60114] <sup>1</sup>	
Grant Administrator	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	
Grant Purpose	To develop & implement ambitious plans for reducing <b>climate pollution (→)</b> & maximize community benefits.	
Description	The CPRG is administered in two primary “Phases:” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Phase 1 – Planning grants</b> for two key deliverables:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAP), &amp;</li> <li>○ Comprehensive Climate Action Plans (CCAP).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Phase 2 – Implementation grants</b> to fund “real-world” <b>measures (→)</b> that reduce climate pollution.</li> </ul>	

CPRG Phase 1 – Planning grants <sup>2</sup>	
Dollar Value of Grant Awarded to the State	EPA awarded roughly \$3 million to NMED, which later formally agreed with EMNRD to co-develop the State of New Mexico’s PCAP & CCAP.
Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) Overview	Due to EPA March 1, 2024, the PCAP will list the most effective & highest priority measures that the state intends to implement in the short term to significantly reduce climate pollution (by 2030) & over a longer term (by 2050).
PCAP Requirements	A greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, quantified GHG reduction measures, <b>Low-Income/Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC)</b> <sup>3</sup> benefits analyses, a review of authority to implement proposed measures, & status reports delivered to EPA.
Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) Overview	Due to EPA in the summer of 2025, the CCAP will list all of the measures that the state aims to implement to achieve the Governor’s goals of reducing climate pollution by 45 percent by 2030 (compared to 2005 levels) & ensuring net-zero emissions by 2050.
CCAP Requirements	Same as <b>PCAP Requirements</b> (above), plus: GHG emissions projections, GHG reduction targets, benefits analyses, an evaluation of intersections with other funding availability, & a workforce planning analysis.

CPRG Phase 2 – Implementation grants <sup>4</sup>	
Dollar Value of Competitive Grant	\$4.6 billion nationwide, with 30 to 115 grants ranging between \$2 million & \$500 million expected to be awarded.
State Leadership	NMED, in partnership with EMNRD, is leading two applications for competitive implementation grant opportunities (due April 1, 2024). The first will be an individual NMED application, & the second will be an NMED-led coalition application.
Grant Details	The EPA will award implementation grants to eligible applicants who score the highest in their ranking system. That ranking system factors in the magnitude of total reduced emissions, cost-effectiveness, demonstration of funding needed, benefits delivered to communities (especially LIDAC), community engagement, job quality, & plans for spending the funds, among other criteria.



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Grant Requirement	To solicit funds from CPRG Phase 2, EPA requires that measures in an application be listed in an applicable PCAP. The only entities intending to submit PCAPs in NM are NMED/EMNRD, the City of Albuquerque, the Navajo Nation, Sandia Pueblo, Santa Ana Pueblo, & the Pueblo of Tesuque Coalition. There are various other requirements in the EPA's Notice of Funding Opportunity. <sup>5</sup>
Eligible Applicants	State of NM agencies, municipalities (including cities, counties, & councils of governments or similar regional organizations comprised of municipalities), & federally recognized Tribes/Tribal Consortiums.

## How to get involved

The Public	The state intends to hold at least three community listening sessions for the general public to provide input on the priority climate action list, which will guide the state in its initiatives. These sessions' dates & times will be determined soon & will be announced on NMED & EMNRD email listservs, by the state's community engagement contractor (the Center for Civic Policy), & at <a href="https://www.climateaction.nm.gov/">https://www.climateaction.nm.gov/</a> .
State Agencies	State agencies & departments can simply request meetings or consultation with the <i>NMED Climate Change Bureau Chief</i> , Claudia Borchert, or the <i>EMNRD Climate Policy Bureau Chief</i> , Rachel Finkelstein.
Municipalities	Many NM municipalities are already engaged with NMED/EMNRD, but those wishing to join should reach out to <a href="mailto:nm.cprg@env.nm.gov">nm.cprg@env.nm.gov</a> .
Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos	NMED/EMNRD have already begun to engage with Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos, but those wishing to join these conversations or request guidance should reach out to <a href="mailto:nm.cprg@env.nm.gov">nm.cprg@env.nm.gov</a> .

## What CPRG means for New Mexico

List of the State's Proposed Measures	The state's first draft of the priority climate action list will be made publicly available soon at <a href="https://www.climateaction.nm.gov/">https://www.climateaction.nm.gov/</a> . Updated & revised lists will also be posted in the same location as soon as they become available. In the meantime, email <a href="mailto:nm.cprg@env.nm.gov">nm.cprg@env.nm.gov</a> to receive a copy of the first draft.
Implications & Benefits of the Proposed Measures	<b>The state expects numerous benefits for New Mexicans</b> , including reducing the climate pollution that is [1] warming our state, [2] increasing heat-related illness, [3] increasing the spread of diseases from animals & insects to people, [4] degrading our preserved natural wonders & natural resources, [5] worsening local drought & wildfires, & [6] increasing extreme precipitation events that cause localized flooding in our communities. <b>Beyond these main benefits, the state expects New Mexicans to also gain:</b> [1] reductions in air pollutants & associated death & illness, [2] increases in high-quality jobs, & [3] growth in New Mexico's clean economy.

<sup>1</sup> Read the federal **Inflation Reduction Act of 2022** at <https://shorturl.at/gmwOT>.

<sup>2</sup> Learn more about **CPRG (Phase 1) Planning Grants** at <https://shorturl.at/sALW0>.

<sup>3</sup> The federal government uses the term "**LIDAC**" in their CPRG Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs). The State recognizes that this term may not reflect its communities. However federal LIDAC language can be found in CPRG Planning Guidance (<https://shorturl.at/xQV01>) & CPRG Implementation NOFO (<https://shorturl.at/bkRS7>). EPA maps LIDAC data by census block groups at <https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>.

<sup>4</sup> Learn more about **CPRG (Phase 2) Implementation Grants** at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9urrhy>, & learn more about the overall process in EPA's summary at <https://tinyurl.com/EPA-CPRG-P2-slides>.

<sup>5</sup> Read the EPA's **CPRG (Phase 2) Implementation Grant NOFO** at <https://tinyurl.com/332cd73z>.