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EPA Energy Efficiency Incentives under the IRA

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Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

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Planning Grants

\$250 million – Summer 2023

Develop strong greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies through non-competitive cooperative agreements

Deliverables:

- Priority Climate Action Plan* due March 1, 2024
- Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due Summer 2025
- Status Report due at close of grant

\$3 million for each state

\$1 million for most-populous MSAs

- Houston
- DFW
- San Antonio
- Austin
- El Paso
- McAllen

TCEQ oversees statewide CPRG

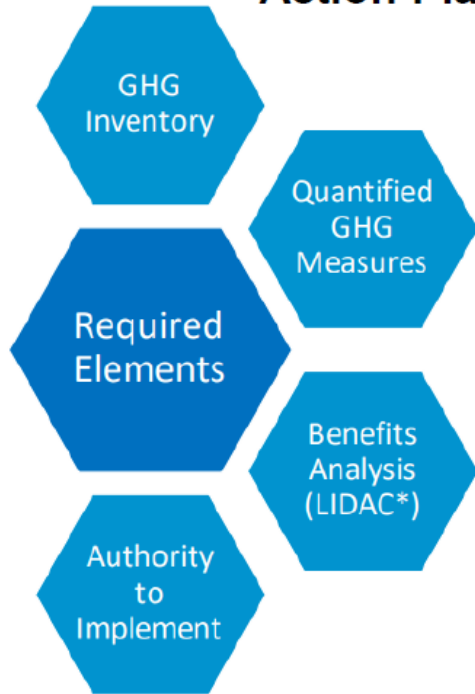
Implementation Grants

\$4.6 billion – September 2023

Competitive grants to help put plans into action*; Additional guidance forthcoming

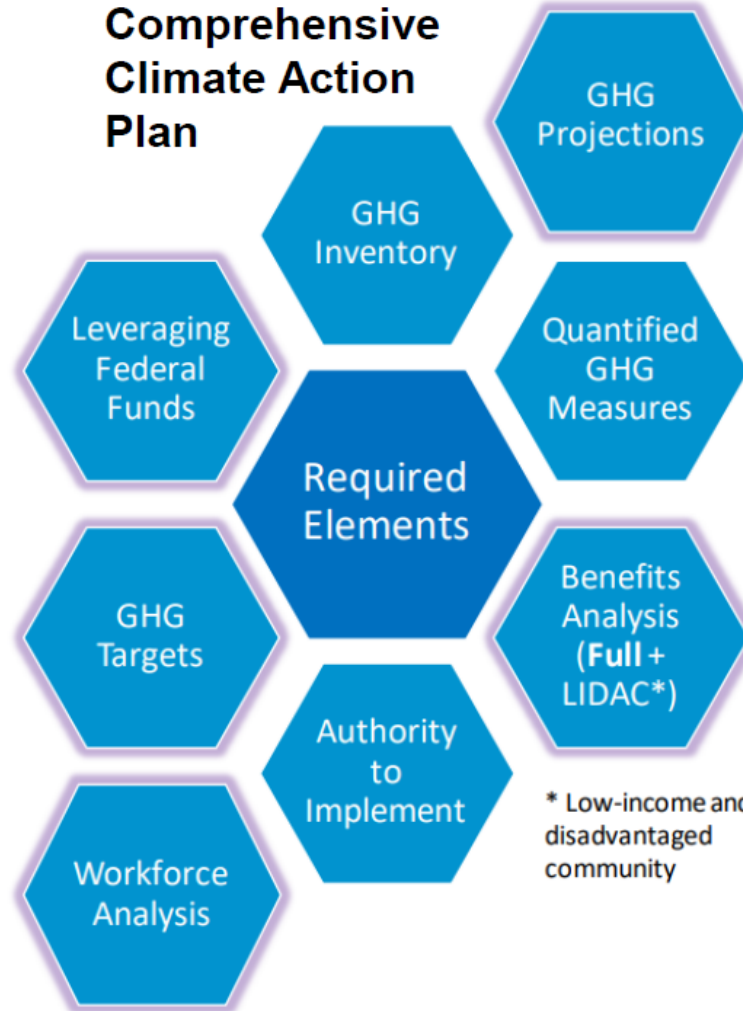
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Priority Climate Action Plan



- Due March 1, 2024
- Identifies near-term action items to prepare for implementation grants
- Can focus on specific sector(s) or sources
- Limited set of requirements that set foundations for informed decisions
- May build on previous climate planning efforts

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan



- Due 2 years from the date of award for states and metro areas (summer 2025) and at close of grant for tribes and territories
- Covers GHG reduction measures across **all significant sources/sinks and sectors**
- Establishes near-term **and long-term** GHG emission reduction targets
- Adds additional required analyses to support robust implementation

* Low-income and disadvantaged community

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

Last month, \$20 billion in funding was announced – what does it do?

- Mobilize private capital into clean technology projects
- Lower energy costs for American families
- Create good-paying jobs and protect people's health
- Benefits everyone, including underserved communities

Get more GGRF
info here

National Clean Investment Fund – \$14 billion

- Establish financial institutions to deploy qualified projects with accessible, affordable financing
- Grants to 2-3 national nonprofit clean financing institutions to partner with private sector

Clean Communities Investment Accelerator – \$6 billion

- Establish programs that support industry networks of community lenders; capacity building
- Grants to 2–7 nonprofits to deliver funding and technical assistance in underserved communities



I'm Interested – What Now?

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG):

- Local governments *in one of the 6 MSAs* – find your [Lead Organization](#) and reach out to be included in future communications
- Local governments *statewide* – TCEQ is the lead, but no guidance is available yet; for questions, reach out to Kasey Savanich, Senior Project Manager, Office of Air kasey.savanich@tceq.texas.gov
- Find more information on the [CPRG webpage](#)

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund:

- If eligible, apply for one or both NOFOs (see previous slide for links)
- [Solar for All](#) – residential rooftop and community solar investments in underserved communities
- Find more information on the [GGRF webpage](#) or email ggrf@epa.gov

**As always, your COG is here to help, and COGs have each others' backs!
Feel free to reach out to me, or my colleagues at NCTCOG and WCTCOG.**



Thank You – Questions?

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