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Priority Greenhouse Gas Reduction Planning Initiative Funded by the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) in partnership with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Office of Environmental Protection (MBCI OEP) is leading the Clean Air Mississippi Project (CAMP) and invites all Mississippians to be involved. CAMP is a statewide clean air planning initiative funded by separate Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) awarded





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to both MDEQ and MBCI OEP by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Through CAMP, the State of Mississippi and the MBCI OEP have the opportunity to gain access to competitive grant funding made available through EPA's \$5 billion CPRG program with a goal of addressing existing and new community, government, industry, and/or non-governmental projects aimed at reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and related air pollutants. MDEQ and MBCI OEP welcome all input related to emissions reduction measures, from simple ideas to more complete concepts, including shovel-ready projects.

CAMP has two phases:

Phase 1: Planning

Spring 2023

CPRG Program announced by EPA:

- States and specific metropolitan areas were eligible for allocated planning funding.
- MDEQ and MBCI both submitted Grant Applications.

Summer/Fall 2023 **EPA makes CPRG Planning Grant Awards:**

- MDEQ and MBCI received CPRG planning grants and are working collaboratively on key deliverables discussed below.
- The planning initiative was branded as the Clean Air Mississippi Project (CAMP) for ease in identification.
- Planning and outreach efforts commenced.

Spring 2024 CAMP Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) Due:

- Develop a simplified greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory.
- Prioritize measures to reduce GHG emissions and co-pollutants.
- Analyze emission reductions achieved through implementation of reduction measures.

Summer 2025 CAMP Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) Due:

- Identify and quantify significant GHG sources/sinks and sectors present in the state.
- Establish emission reduction goals.
- Provide strategies and identify measures to achieve those goals.

Phase 2: Implementation

- Provides competitive funding to implement GHG reduction measures identified in the PCAP.
- EPA anticipates awarding grants between \$2 million and \$500 million to eligible entities.
- Additional information, including the funding notice, deadlines, and application details are available here <u>About CPRG Implementation Grants | US EPA</u>.

Camp Benefits

- Cleaner air for Mississippi
- Job creation
- Lower energy costs

About EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program

The CPRG program provides grants to governmental entities to develop and implement plans to reduce emissions and air pollution. The program was established as a \$5 billion investment in the Inflation Reduction Act. The program is funding \$250 million in noncompetitive planning grants and \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants.



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