



# Frequently Asked Questions



## Background

### **What is the Clean Air Mississippi Project (CAMP)?**

The [Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality \(MDEQ\)](#) is leading the [Clean Air Mississippi Project \(CAMP\)](#) in partnership with the [Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Office of Environmental Protection \(MBCI OEP\)](#) and invites everyone to be involved. It is a statewide clean air planning initiative funded by separate Climate Pollution Reduction Grants awarded to both MDEQ and MBCI OEP by the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#). In short, it is an opportunity to support job creation and lower energy costs for families, and deliver cleaner air in places where you live, work, play, and go to school.

### **What is the goal of CAMP?**

The goal is to identify existing and new community, government, industry, and/or non-governmental projects aimed at improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Through [CAMP](#), the State of Mississippi and MBCI OEP will have the opportunity to gain access to competitive grant funding made available through [EPA's \\$5 billion Climate Pollution Reduction Grant \(CPRG\) program](#).

### **How did Mississippi receive this funding?**

Mississippi is one of 46 states (and Washington, DC) that accepted non-competitive planning funding through [EPA's CPRG program](#). The CPRG program provides each state with \$3 million in grant funding (100% federal; no state match required) to complete climate and emissions reduction planning. In addition, 81 Metropolitan Statistical Areas



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(MSAs) received \$1 million each in non-competitive grant funding to complete similar planning activities. The Memphis MSA was one of the 81 that received a grant. The Memphis MSA includes the Mississippi counties of DeSoto, Marshall, Tate, and Tunica, all of which may participate in planning activities for both Memphis and Mississippi.

### **What will MDEQ and MBCI OEP produce through CAMP?**

MDEQ and MBCI OEP are each required to produce three deliverables: a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) by March 1, 2024 (or April 1, 2024 for MBCI OEP); a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) by summer 2025; and a status report by the end of the grant award period in summer 2027. The PCAPs and CCAPs will contain "measures," or activities that reduce emissions or enhance greenhouse gas sinks.

### **Where can I learn more?**

MDEQ is posting information about the [CAMP here](#) where you may also sign up for notifications and help guide planning efforts by taking a quick [survey](#). You may also email [CAMP](#) representatives at [CAMP@mdeq.ms.gov](mailto:CAMP@mdeq.ms.gov) or call MDEQ's Air Division at 601.961.5171.

## Planning

### **What are planning "measures" for reducing emissions?**

MDEQ and MBCI OEP are required to identify greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures and quantify the GHG emission reductions from these measures as part of the PCAP and CCAP. Measures describe activities or programs that reduce GHG and other air pollutants. Measures in the

PCAP and CCAP must be quantified, e.g., attribute a GHG emission reduction to that measure using approved tools. Measures are primarily discussed at the economic sector level (agriculture, commercial and residential buildings, electricity, industry, natural and working lands, oil and natural gas systems, transportation, and waste and materials management) and vary in impact on GHG emissions.

## **What are some examples of measures that may be included in the plan?**

The PCAP and CCAP both require grant recipients to provide quantified GHG emission reduction measures. These measures represent strategies of how states will reduce GHG emissions to meet reduction goals. EPA published a directory of [Quantified Climate Action Measures](#) that presents information on quantified GHG measures in state and local climate action plans published between January 2018 and August 2023. For example, measures for the transportation and building sectors could include the following:

- Transportation: transitioning to low- or zero-emission vehicles, reducing carbon intensity of fuels, and expanding transportation options (biking, walking, public transit).
- Commercial and Residential Buildings: increasing energy efficiency through incentive programs, weatherization retrofits, building codes and standards, and increasing electrification.

## **How does the plan address workforce development?**

MDEQ and MBCI OEP are developing a workforce planning analysis for the CCAP due in summer 2025. This analysis will be comprehensive and address the creation of jobs, training opportunities, and other aspects of workforce development.

## **Implementation Funding**

### **Is my city/town/community eligible for implementation funding?**

All states, MSAs, and tribes that accepted planning funding are eligible to apply for implementation funding. Implementation grant applications may be submitted by the lead agency or any government or tribal entity that did not directly receive planning grant funds but is seeking to implement one or more measures in the PCAP. Any measure submitted as part of a competitive implementation grant application must be in a PCAP. Additionally, if your area is within the Memphis MSA (Mississippi's DeSoto, Marshall, Tate, and Tunica counties), you may also be eligible to apply for measures within the [Memphis MSA plan](#).

### **Are any new regulations expected through CAMP?**

There are no new mandates or regulations required through CAMP. EPA is not requiring states, tribes, or local

MDEQ anticipates working closely with other state agencies, community-based organizations, colleges and universities, and others to align planning efforts with the expertise of partners.

### **What is a GHG inventory?**

A GHG inventory is an historical accounting of the amount of greenhouse gases emitted to, or removed from, the atmosphere over a specific time period from all activities across the economy. A state GHG inventory documents the activities that cause GHG emissions and removals within the state. The State of Mississippi's GHG inventory for CAMP is organized by the following economic sectors: Transportation, Electric Power, Industry, Residential and Commercial Buildings, Agriculture and Working Lands, and Waste Management.

### **Will MDEQ and MBCI OEP be doing additional public outreach for the CCAP?**

Yes, additional public engagement will be conducted for the CCAP, which is due to EPA in summer 2025. We anticipate having both virtual and in-person meeting opportunities for interested community members to learn more and share feedback. The best way to stay up to date on engagement opportunities is to sign up for notifications on the [CAMP website](#).

governments to declare new/expanded regulations or enforce new/expanded mandates through this program. MDEQ and MBCI OEP will focus on voluntary/incentive-based activities that reduce GHG emissions and other air pollutants.

### **Will MDEQ and MBCI OEP release information about the implementation funding?**

EPA has announced the competition for CRPG implementation grants in which eligible applicants can apply for funding to implement measures contained in a state, tribe, or MSA PCAP. EPA anticipates awarding individual grants between \$2 million and \$500 million. Interested applicants may find further information on EPA's website, including the Notice of Funding Opportunity, deadlines, application information, and trainings/webinars.



## **Contact Information**

Visit <https://cleanairmsproject.com/> to learn more.

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