

# SPC Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program

## Project Candidate Intake Form

### Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s CPRG Program consists of two phases:

1. Planning Grant phase
2. Implementation Grant (IG) phase

SPC was awarded \$1 million in CPRG planning grant funding to create a Regional Climate Pollution Reduction Plan. The planning process is underway and will cover a 10-county region within southwestern Pennsylvania, including the City of Pittsburgh.

The EPA also announced \$4.6 billion in new competitive CPRG-IG funding to develop and implement actionable greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures.

**The purpose of this intake form is to identify and coordinate project candidates that can guide the creation of a regional CPRG-IG application.**

Project candidates within our region that are interested in reducing climate pollution must coordinate with SPC to ensure that any proposed strategies are included in our forthcoming Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), due on March 1, 2024 as part of the planning grant phase. Following receipt of project candidates through this form, SPC will craft a regional application that enables these projects and will support similar projects throughout the 10-county region.

### Completion Instructions

This intake form is directly aligned with the EPA's [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). Points refer to the EPA's evaluation criteria and are provided for reference. Reviewing the NOFO prior to completing the intake form may be helpful. Pages 31-50 within the NOFO provide useful information as you prepare to share all your pertinent project information.

Please complete all applicable sections as concisely and accurately as possible as most fields are character limited. This is a very detailed form and we recognize that you may not have information for all of the fields. All of the information you can provide is valuable and will support a regional grant application.

*Thank you for your time in completing this intake form. Your project candidate input for the regional application is greatly appreciated.*

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SECTION 0:

# Basic Project Information

**Project title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project website (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide a project description:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Climate Action Measures

The EPA maintains a searchable directory of [quantified climate action measures](#).

### Select the relevant Climate Action Measure type(s):

- Agriculture Operational Practices
- Clean and Renewable Electricity
- Electrification
- Emission Control Technology – CCS
- Energy Efficiency
- Fuel Efficiency
- Industrial Process Efficiency
- Low Embodied Carbon Materials
- Low-Carbon Fuels
- Non-CO2 Emissions Management and/or Control
- Sequestration
- Travel Demand Management
- Waste Diversion

**Is there a specific measure in the directory that this project is related to?** \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Sector

### Select the most appropriate project sector:

- Residential
- Commercial/Institutional
- Industrial
- Energy Generation

## Project Location

**Describe the general project location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**List the relevant ZIP code(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location coordinates (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

### Select the relevant county/counties:

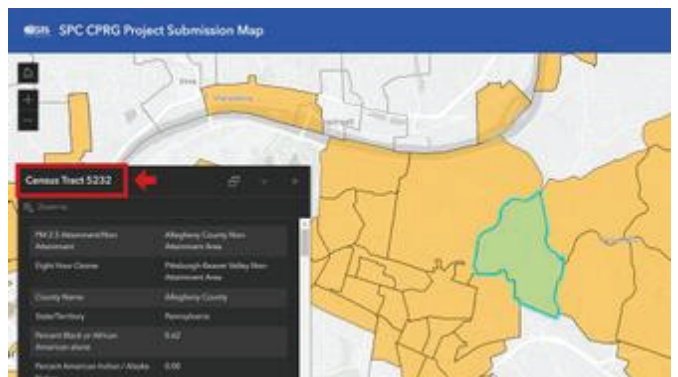
- Allegheny
- Beaver
- Fayette
- Indiana
- Washington
- Armstrong
- Butler
- Greene
- Lawrence
- Westmoreland

If projects are currently ongoing or planned in specific disadvantaged communities, please **select the relevant census tracts that are identified in CJEST, EJScreen, or air quality non-attainment or maintenance areas**.

SPC has set up an [interactive online map](#) that combines each of these data sets for easy reference. Open the map in a new browser window and click on the individual highlighted tracts. Copy the Census Tract ID# into the text field below.

### List the relevant census tracts:

\_\_\_\_\_



**Project Sponsor**

**Sponsor organization type:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor organization name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor organization website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there partner organizations that will also be involved in this project?**

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**Is your organization registered in SAM.gov**

**Is your organization registered in? Grants.gov?**

**Does your organization require technical assistance to become registered in SAM.gov or Grants.gov?**

**Does your organization have capacity for, and experience with, grant application writing?**

**If yes, please expand:**

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**Do you request that information about your project remain confidential?**

**Project Readiness**

**Indicate proposed project start date, timeline, and expected milestones to complete.**

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**What are other related funds that you have applied to and, if awarded anything, what were you awarded?**

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**Please include staff expertise and qualifications related to the project.**

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SECTION 1:

## Overall Project Summary and Approach

(45 points total)

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**Project Candidate:**

**Description of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction measure (20 points)**

**Demonstration of Funding Need (10 points)**

**Transformative Impact (15 points)**

SECTION 2:

## Impact of GHG Reduction Measures

(60 points total)

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**Project Candidate:**

**Magnitude of GHG Reductions from 2025 through 2030 (20 points)**

**Magnitude of GHG Reductions from 2030 through 2050 (10 points)**

**Cost Effectiveness of GHG Reductions  
(15 points)**

**Documentation of GHG Reduction Assumptions (15 points)**

SECTION 3:

## Environmental Results – Outputs, Outcomes, and Performance Measures

(30 points total)

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**Project Candidate:**

**Expected Outputs and Outcomes (10 points)**

**Performance Measures and Plan (10 points)**

**Authorities, Implementation Timeline, and Milestones (10 points)**

SECTION 4:

## **Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities**

(35 points total)

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**Project Candidate:**

**Community Benefits (25 points)**

**Community Engagement (10 points)**

SECTION 5:

## **Job Quality**

(5 points total)

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**Project Candidate:**

**How does this project support the creation of quality jobs? (5 points)**

SECTION 6:

## **Programmatic Capability and Past Performance**

(30 points total)

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**Project Candidate:**

**Past performance (10 points)**

**Reporting requirements (10 points)**

**Staff expertise (10 Points)**

SECTION 7:

## **Budget**

(45 points total)

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**Project Candidate:**

**Budget detail (20 points)**

**Expenditure of awarded funds (15 points)**

**Reasonableness of costs (10 points)**