

Nebraska Climate Pollution Reduction Program

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The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) is using funds from an EPA planning grant to develop and implement climate action plans to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Nebraska. The department will encourage public participation from a variety of stakeholders across the state in developing voluntary measures that will have environmental and economic benefits across the state, including low-income and underserved communities.

PHASE 1: PLANNING

SPRING
2023

Program Opened

- EPA launched program March 1.
- NDEE developed workplan and submitted it to EPA April 28.

MARCH
2024

Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

- Develop greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory.
- Identify and quantify priority measures to reduce GHG and other air pollutant emissions.
- Analyze emissions reductions to be achieved through implementation
- Analyze benefits to underserved communities.

AUGUST
2025

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

- Develop inventory of all GHG sources and sinks.
- Project GHG emissions and set reduction targets.
- Identify reduction measures in all sectors.
- Analyze benefits statewide and for underserved communities.

PHASE 2: IMPLEMENTATION

- ◆ Competitive Implementation Grants can fund measures proposed in the PCAP.
- ◆ EPA anticipates awarding grants for \$2 million to \$500 million dollars to states and municipalities.
- ◆ The application deadline is April 1, 2024.
- ◆ The PCAP and CCAP must also identify other potential federal and state funding sources for implementing measures.

ABOUT EPA'S CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS (CPRG) PROGRAM

EPA's CPRG program provides grants to states and larger metropolitan areas to develop and implement plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This \$5 billion program established by the Inflation Reduction Act is providing \$250 million for non-competitive planning grants and \$4.3 billion for competitive implementation grants.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- ⇒ Kickoff webinar held Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2:00 to 3:00 pm
- ⇒ Join the Climate Pollution email listserv
- ⇒ NDEE will hold virtual meetings with stakeholder work groups in November & December 2023
- ⇒ NDEE plans in-person public meetings around the state in January 2024
- ⇒ NDEE is coordinating with MAPA and the City of Omaha as they develop plans for the Omaha metro area



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<http://dee.ne.gov/ndeqprog.nsf/onweb/cprg>

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>

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