



## Frequently Asked Questions on Project Intake Proposal

Please see EPA's Question and Answer document for additional information at <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-12/cprg-implementation-grants-general-competition-questions-and-answers.pdf>

### **Who is eligible for to submit project proposals?**

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and Indiana municipalities are eligible entities to receive Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) funding from the US EPA. IDEM is seeking proposals from project partners to submit as one application to the US EPA. If awarded, IDEM may pass down funding by use of contracts, subawards or participant support costs. Please review the Notice of Funding Opportunity (beginning of page) for specific answers to eligibility.

States and municipalities are eligible, but IDEM is looking at partnering with groups to submit a lump sum application.

### **Can you submit multiple projects and will these need to be different applications?**

You can submit multiple projects, as there is no limit to the amount of applications you can submit. If there are different partners or different projects, we would strongly recommend filling out multiple questionnaires. If there is a lead applicant among the multiple projects, please identify the applicant in the intake proposal questionnaire. If it is instead, for example, the same project but in different locations, we would suggest filling out one form.

### **Are there dollar limits (high or low) on the amount of money a project can cost?**

There are no dollar limits at this point on project costs. There are also no requirements on minimum or maximum percentage of project cost that is eligible for funding. Our main criteria for evaluating these projects are cost effectiveness, greenhouse gas reductions, environmental justice considerations, and US EPA's Evaluation Criteria (scoring categories available page 31 of NOFO). Given that IDEM is applying for grant funding for a suite of projects located statewide, please consider US EPA's tiered funding chart below. With this being an all in or out type of program, the likelihood of securing funding decreases as the total request increases.



<b>Tier</b>	<b>Grant Ranges</b>	<b>Funds Targeted for Each Tier</b>	<b>Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded</b>
Tier A	\$200,000,000 – \$500,000,000	\$2 billion	4-10
Tier B	\$100,000,000 – \$199,999,999	\$1.3 billion	6-13
Tier C	\$50,000,000 – \$99,999,999	\$0.6 billion	6-12
Tier D	\$10,000,000 – \$49,999,999	\$0.3 billion	6-30
Tier E	\$2,000,000 – \$9,999,999	\$0.1 billion	10-50

**Can someone submit the same project to both IDEM and CIRDA, Chicago, etc.?**

US EPA will not fund duplicative work, for example, US EPA will not fund CIRDA and IDEM for the same measure being implemented for the same exact or overlapping geographic vicinity. Therefore, IDEM encourages applicants to coordinate with IDEM and CIRDA on project proposals.

**When will awards be announced?**

The US EPA anticipates awarding funds for the general competition by October 2024. IDEM will notify Indiana participants soon after this date. If selected, this will be when you will enter into a contract or partnership with the State of Indiana.

**Does the project have to break ground in a certain timeframe after funds are received from IDEM?**

The estimated start date for awards is October 1, 2024. US EPA will evaluate proposals with an emphasis on the magnitude of near-term GHG reductions that will be achieved by the measure.

**Can a project that has already been implemented receive funding?**

The already implemented project cannot receive funding under the Indiana Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). An expansion of a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction measure that is already being implemented, where the expansion of the measure will be funded through CPRG funding is allowed.

Using CPRG funds to aid regulated entities (e.g., subaward from a tribe or territory to private entity) to comply with EPA regulatory requirements is not an eligible activity under this program.

**Are matching funds required?**

No cost sharing/matching funds or leveraged resources are required as a condition of eligibility under this competition. Funds awarded under this program cannot be used to meet the matching funds requirements under another federal grant program.

**Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements**

Small Project General Applicability: small projects where assistance agreements or subawards are less than \$250,000 would not be subject to BABA requirements.

**Who do I contact with questions?**

You can send questions to the CPRG email address at [CPRG@in.gov](mailto:CPRG@in.gov) or call the phone number 317-233-8470. Both forms of communication will put you in direct contact with IDEM staff working on the Indiana Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.