

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program

Questions and Answers

Q1. Please confirm that the Grantee has the option to conduct a competitive procurement to secure the services of an expert consulting firm(s) should such support be needed for the planning tasks or other supporting analyses.

A1. A grantee may secure experts, consultants, and/or other needs through appropriate procurement pathways including competitive contracts as needed to fulfill the requirements of the subgrant.

Q2. Please confirm that the Grantee may be able to request and receive exemptions to certain insurance requirements depending on the extent of coverage needed by the District for this Project.

A2. A grantee may request exemptions to insurance requirements. More information will be needed to determine if such exemptions will be granted.

Q3. We understand that the following counties in Virginia are part of the Washington, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia MSA: Loudoun, Clarke, Fauquier, Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William. Please confirm that no additional "Counties" need to be included for the Commonwealth of Virginia portion of the MSA.

A3. "Metropolitan Statistical Areas" (MSAs) are defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Current MSAs were defined in March 2020 by the OMB Bulletin No. 20-01 which defines the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) as including the following counties:

District of Columbia, DC; Calvert County, MD; Charles County, MD; Frederick County, MD; Montgomery County, MD; Prince George's County, MD; Arlington County, VA; Clarke County, VA; Culpeper County, VA; Fairfax County, VA; Fauquier County, VA; Loudoun County, VA; Madison County, VA; Prince William County, VA; Rappahannock County, VA; Spotsylvania County, VA; Stafford County, VA; Warren County, VA; Alexandria city, VA; Fairfax city, VA; Falls Church city, VA; Fredericksburg city, VA; Manassas city, VA; Manassas Park city, VA; Jefferson County, WV.

Q4. We understand that the following counties in Maryland are part of the Washington, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia MSA: Charles, Prince George's, Montgomery, and Frederick. Please confirm that no additional "Counties" need to be included for the State of Maryland portion of the MSA.

A4. Calvert county is also included.

Q5. We understand that the following county in West Virginia is part of the Washington, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia MSA: Jefferson. Please confirm that no additional "Counties" need to be included for the State of West Virginia portion of the MSA.

A5. Correct

Q6. If the applicant has not yet completed outreach to counties that have not been previously involved with the applicant in developing regional climate plans, to the extent required to get a full letter of support, what level of documentation or narrative is required to demonstrate the applicant's intent to

secure participation of these new counties and or to include them in the PCAP and CCAP for completeness?

A6. DOEE encourages any applicant to explain how they will invite new partners to be engaged, including specific stakeholders or groups. Letters of support from partners are optional, and DOEE recognizes that planned activities under any awarded grant may require establishment of new partnerships. Final Metropolitan area plans should include GHG reduction measures that apply to the metro area broadly and that can be implemented by the municipalities comprising the metro area. Such plans will enable municipalities to be well-positioned to apply for competitive implementation grants.