

# Request for Applications - Climate and Energy Engagement and Outreach 2023

Pre-application Meeting

October 10, 2023

*Urban Sustainability Administration  
Department of Energy and Environment*



# Outline

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**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY  
AND  
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)**

Climate and Energy Engagement and Outreach 2023  
(Short name: CPRG Engagement)  
RFA-FY24-GBCB-831

**Publication Date:** 9/29/23

**Application Deadline:** 10/31/2023 at 11:59 p.m.

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# Welcome

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## - Introductions

- Have a question about the RFA? We'll be taking questions at the end of the presentation. Please submit your questions in the chat!

- You may also email your questions to [23 CPRGEngagementGrant@dc.gov](mailto:23_CPRGEngagementGrant@dc.gov) at any time
- All questions received and answers will be posted on the RFA website: <https://doee.dc.gov/page/request-applications-climate-and-energy-engagement-and-outreach-2023>

# Important Dates

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- Virtual pre-application meeting:  
October 10, 2023 3PM
- Questions about this RFA must be received  
by October 24<sup>th</sup>
- Application Deadline is **October 31, 2023**, at  
11:59 PM EST

# Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (from EPA) Background

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- The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program provides funding to States to develop ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution
  - Phase 1: Planning – **This is where we are now**
    - Priority Climate Action Plan: Due March, 2024
    - Comprehensive Climate Action Plan: Due Summer, 2025
  - Phase 2: Implementation – EPA has announced competitions for \$4.6 billion in CPRG implementation grants
    - Implementation grants will need to directly tie to PCAP

# Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Background

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- Engagement – DOEE’s responsibilities:
  - PCAP and CCAP should identify disadvantaged communities in the jurisdiction covered by the plan, meaningfully engage with such communities in the development of each plan and continue this engagement into the future.

# Request for Applications – Project Overview

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- DOEE seeks eligible entities to collect community feedback, understand community priorities, and continue to engage community members, especially low-income disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), around clean energy and climate change.
- This input will support the development of a federally-funded Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the District of Columbia to address greenhouse gas emissions while benefitting local communities.
- The amount available for the project is \$125,000.

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# Request for Applications – Project Overview Continued

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- The grantee will be responsible for designing an engagement plan and conducting the planned engagement activities.
  - Grantee will provide DOEE with an engagement plan for collecting community input
  - The grantee will execute the plan.
  - The grantee will summarize its experience and offer analysis and recommendations for DOEE

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# Eligibility

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- Non profit organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Universities
- Private enterprises
- Government agencies are not eligible to apply

# Scoring Criteria

	Scoring Criteria	Points
1	Demonstrates substantial and successful experience designing and leading an engagement plan.	15
2	Describes a process for determining and integrating the climate-related planning needs and priorities of diverse stakeholders in Washington DC, especially those of low income and disadvantaged communities.	25
3	Presents a creative, comprehensive, cost-effective proposal for completion and execution of an engagement plan within the stated timeframe	25
4	Demonstrates experience working with historically under-represented, low income, and disadvantaged communities.	10
5	Demonstrates substantial technical level understanding and knowledge on climate change.	10
6	Demonstrates experience working with disadvantaged communities within the District.	5
7	Presents a detailed, reasonable, and cost-effective budget and budget narrative.	10

# Application Documents

## ONLINE

<https://doee.dc.gov/page/request-applications-climate-and-energy-engagement-and-outreach-2023>

## EMAIL

Send a request to [23\\_CPRGEngagementGrant@dc.gov](mailto:23_CPRGEngagementGrant@dc.gov) with "Request copy of RFA-FY24-GBCB-831" in the subject line

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### Request for Applications - Climate and Energy Engagement and Outreach 2023

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A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the following means:

**Download** from the Attachments below.

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**The deadline for application submissions is October 31, 2023.** The online application must be time-stamped by 11:59 p.m. on the date the application is due.

# Application Resources

For support developing DOEE grant applications, visit the DOEE Grants Trainings available at:

[doee.dc.gov/node/1590721](https://doee.dc.gov/node/1590721)

### Session 3: Let's Talk Budget!

In this third of four trainings, viewers will understand the different categories and the level of detail that should go into a budget justification narrative.



Supporting Documents:

- [Example Budget Table](#)
- [Work plan template](#)

### Session 4: Putting All the Pieces Together

In this final training of the 4-part training series, viewers will learn about putting together the project description. Viewers will also learn about the post award requirements and what to do if you're not awarded.



# Additional Information

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- DOEE expects to notify each Applicant in writing of its award status within six to twelve weeks after the application due date.
- For support developing a DOEE grant application, see the DOEE Grants Trainings series available at: [doee.dc.gov/node/1590721](https://doee.dc.gov/node/1590721).
- DOEE will create an email list to send updates and information regarding the RFA.
- You can be added to the email list by emailing [23\\_CPRGengagement@dc.gov](mailto:23_CPRGengagement@dc.gov) with the subject line: “RFA - Add me to the email list.”

If you encounter any problems with the Grants Management System, please contact [doee.grants@dc.gov](mailto:doee.grants@dc.gov)

# Questions?

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Thank you!