



# Help Metro combat climate change

*Metro is creating a comprehensive plan to reduce greenhouse gases along with partners from public agencies, community groups and businesses across the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area.*

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This plan is funded by the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program offered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This program funds states, regions and tribes to develop and implement plans to reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) and other pollutants. Metro’s grant funds the region to create two plans that identify actions to reduce GHGs—particularly actions that:

- Make a significant contribution toward meeting local, regional and state climate goals.
- Can readily be implemented.
- Align well with the growing number of state and federal funding opportunities that focus on reducing GHGs.



## Current Phase: Developing the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (2024–25)

In July 2024, Metro brought partner organizations together to kick off the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), which is the next step in the CPRG process. The CCAP is similar to the PCAP, but its scope is broader. Whereas the PCAP focused on high-impact, short-term, agency-led actions that were well-aligned with CPRG implementation funding, the CCAP will:

- Include a comprehensive inventory of current greenhouse gas emissions and projections of future greenhouse gas emissions for the metropolitan area.
- Cover a wide variety of actions that can help meet local, regional and state climate goals over the next 20 years—including actions that can be led by businesses and community organizations.
- Identify a variety of climate-related funding opportunities, potentially including those offered by state and federal agencies as well as philanthropic organizations.

Metro will provide many opportunities for the public and for partner organizations to shape the CCAP, and coordinate with the many other climate-related efforts that are currently underway in the metropolitan area.



## Previous Phase: Priority Climate Action Plan (2023–24)

In March 2024, Metro submitted the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) to EPA. The PCAP focused on high-impact actions that can readily be implemented by public agencies within the next five years. Actions in the PCAP were eligible to apply for \$4.3 billion in CPRG implementation grants. In April 2024, Metro and its agency partners submitted five applications for a total of \$113 million to implement the PCAP. These applications focused on:

- Purchasing cleaner buses.
- Helping transit move through traffic more efficiently.
- Making both new and existing affordable housing units more energy efficient.
- Reducing emissions from processing solid waste.

In addition, the States of Oregon and Washington each applied for roughly \$200 million in CPRG implementation funding, and both applications proposed to use some of these funds to support local and regional climate efforts. In July 2024, EPA awarded a grant to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Metro is working with DEQ to understand how this grant can support climate efforts within the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area.



### Get involved

Some ways to learn more and get involved in CPRG grants:

- Contact Eliot Rose, Metro’s CPRG project manager, for more information about how to engage with Metro’s CPRG grant: [eliot.rose@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:eliot.rose@oregonmetro.gov)
- Visit [Metro’s website](#) to learn more about the Portland-Vancouver metro area’s CPRG planning grant.
- Visit the [Oregon](#) and [Washington](#) CPRG sites to learn more about state-level CPRG work affecting the Portland-Vancouver area.
- Visit the [EPA CPRG website](#) to learn more about the CPRG planning and implementation grants.