

Montana Emissions Reduction Planning

Public Meeting
February 8, 2024





Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Overview of EPA's CPRG Program**
- **Measures Proposed for Montana's Priority Climate Action Plan**
- **Open Public Comment / Q&A**
- **Next Steps & Closing**

EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

- Authorized under the federal Inflation Reduction Act.
- **GOAL: To reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other harmful air pollution.**
- Two-Phases:
 1. Planning
 2. Implementation

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

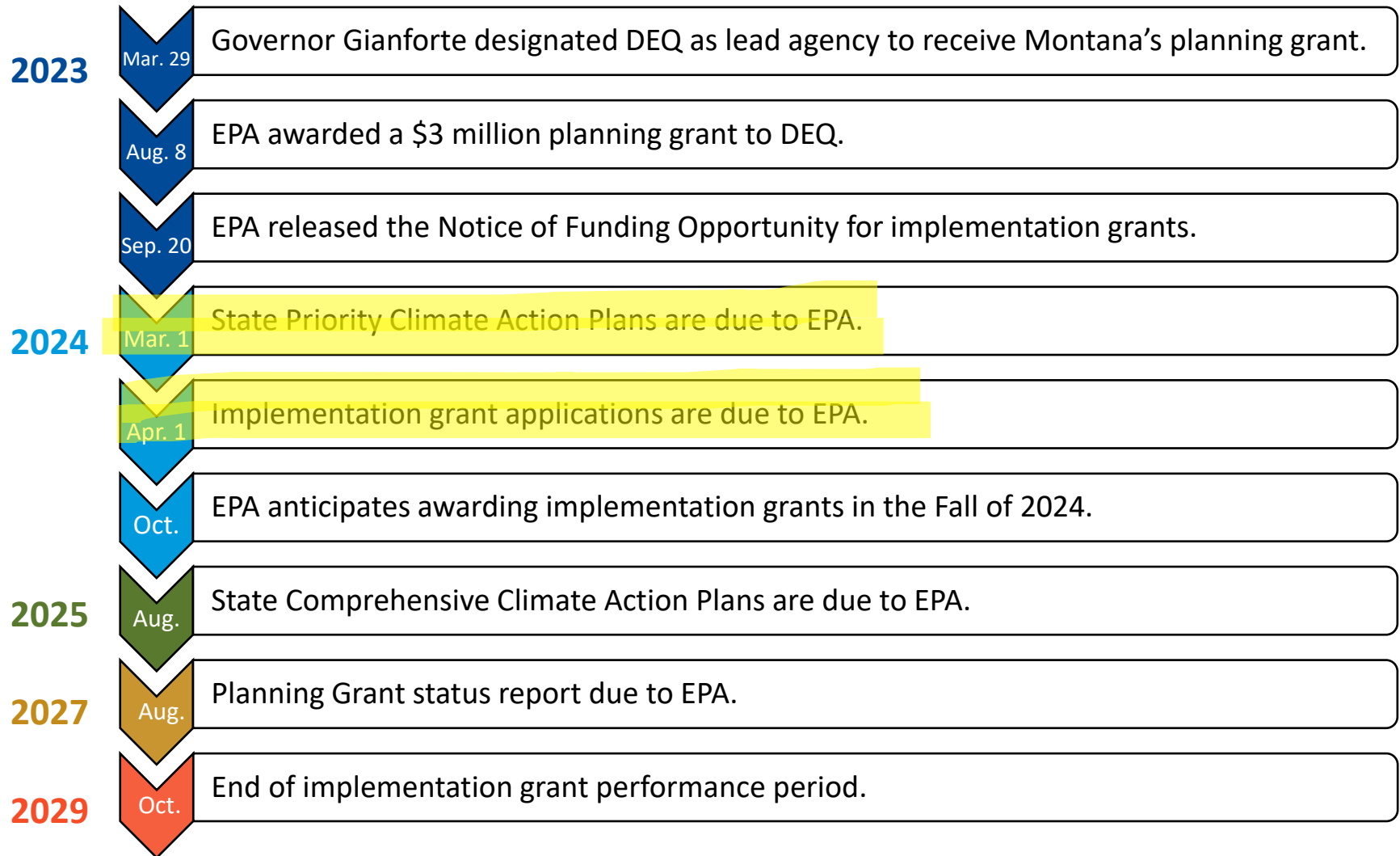


Planning Grants

Phase 1 of the CPRG program involves planning grants to support the development of **climate action plans** that incorporate measures to reduce GHG emissions across key economic sectors.

- The state of Montana and four tribal governments in Montana received planning grants:
 - Chippewa Cree Tribe
 - Northern Cheyenne Tribe
 - Blackfeet Tribe
 - Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes

Timeline

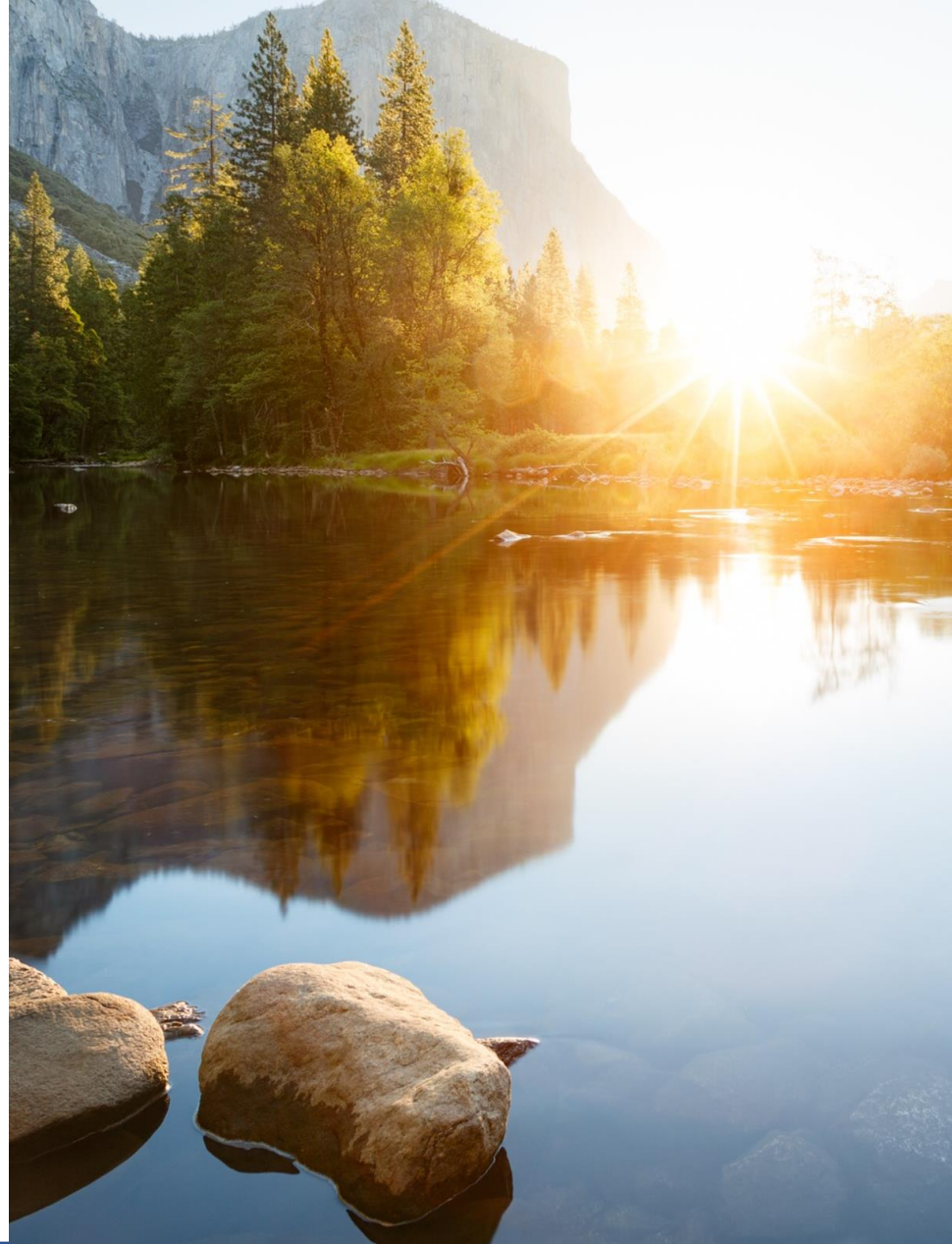


MT's Reduction Measures Criteria

DEQ reviewed suggestions and published a list of measures that reflect Montana priorities, while drawing from the national conversation.

The team took into consideration:

- EPA's objectives, project and applicant eligibility, scoring criteria, and other parameters of the CPRG implementation grant program.
- Montana's policy objectives, state resources, and capacity
- The extent to which a measure is innovative, non-regulatory and implementation-ready
- Level of stakeholder interest and support
- Other state and federal funding sources and opportunities



EPA's Measure Criteria

Criteria

Significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions

(Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrous Oxide, Hydrofluorocarbons, Perfluorocarbons)

Near-term (5 years)

Implementation ("shovel") ready

Benefits to Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities

Workforce Development

Draft Measures List

- Draft list of measures can be found on DEQ's CPRG page:

<https://deq.mt.gov/about/Climate-Resilience>



Draft List of Priority Measures

As of Feb. 1, 2024



Public Comment Form

Public comment period open through
Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024



Next Steps

- DEQ is accepting comments on the draft list of measures until Feb. 15.
- DEQ will submit the State of Montana's PCAP March 1.
- Montana agencies decide on applying for Implementation grants
- Implementation grants are due April 1.

THANK YOU!

