

EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program: Priority Climate Action Plan

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Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

Part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the CPRG program is one of the tools EPA is implementing to reduce climate and air pollution.

Objectives:

- Create comprehensive pathways for reducing pollution and ensuring that investments maximize benefits
- Provide flexible planning resources for jurisdictions to maximize emission reductions
- Drive transformative and scalable decarbonization efforts in key sectors across jurisdictions

Two Phases:

- Phase 1 (Planning Grants) to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies
- Phase 2 (Competitive Implementation Grants) to implement priority actions





Priority Climate Action Plan: Requirements

Required:

- GHG Inventory;
- Quantified GHG reduction measures;
- Low-income and disadvantaged communities' benefits analysis; and
- Review of authority to implement.

Encouraged:

- Benefits analysis;
- Leveraging other funding; and
- Workforce planning analysis.







Oregon's PCAP Approach

- Build on existing analyses, policies, and programs
- PCAP grant application
- Actions chosen to align with grant criteria
- Collaborative
- One single application with the state leading
 - In alignment with EPAs guidance
 - Represents local and statewide actions
 - Streamlined implementation through IGAs and MOUs





PCAP and Grant Scoring Considerations

- Readiness for implementation
- Quantifiable emission reductions
- Existing authority
- Scalability
- LIDAC
- Co-benefits

EPA Implementation Funding Evaluation Criteria						
Overall Project Summary and Approach	Impact of GHG Reduction Measures	Environmental Results – Outputs, Outcomes, and Performance Measures	Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities	Job Quality	Programmatic Capability and Past Performance	Budget and Timely Expenditure of Grant Funds
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PCAP: Tribal Nations

 9 federally recognized Tribes in Oregon can point to the State's PCAP to apply for implementation funds

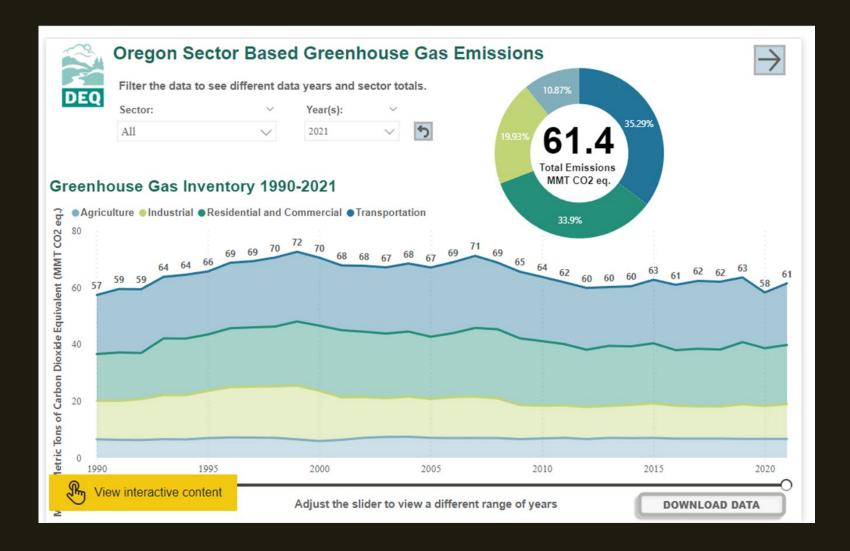
 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) is also developing a PCAP that can support Tribes

Engagement with interested Tribes in Oregon has guided actions for inclusion for Tribal priorities





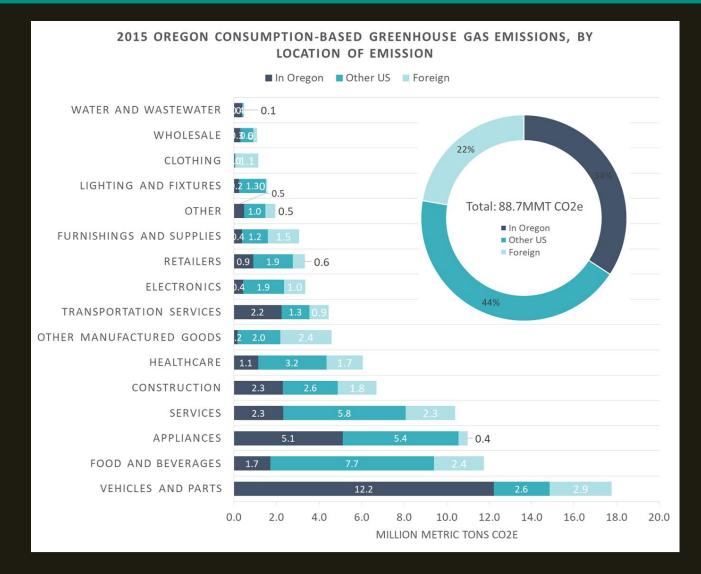
PCAP: Sector Based GHG Inventory







PCAP: Consumption Based GHG Inventory

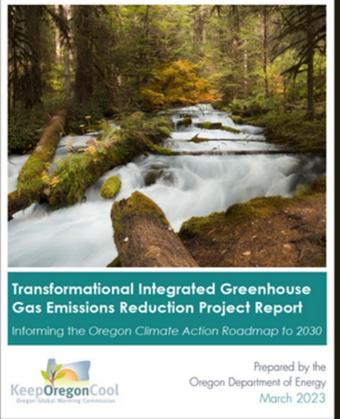






PCAP: Roadmap and TIGHGER-Informed







Proposed State Focus and Possible Actions

Transportation

 Commercial and Residential Buildings

Waste and Materials
 Management





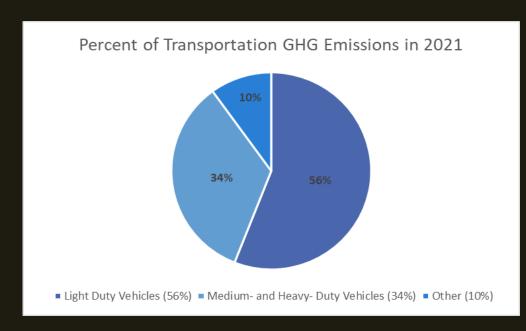






PCAP: Transportation

- Transportation accounts for 35% of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in Oregon
- Possible Actions:
 - Zero emission vehicle incentives for light duty for low and moderate income
 - Zero emission vehicle incentives for medium and heavy duty
 - Support development of ZEV charging infrastructure



Source: Estimated data from the 2023 Oregon Biennial ZEV Report





PCAP: Commercial and Residential Buildings



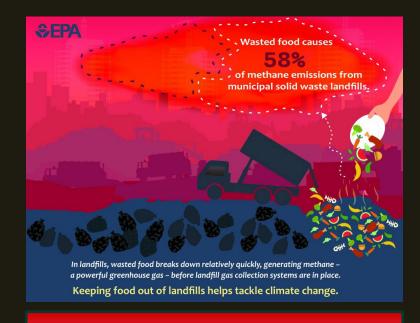
- Possible Actions
 - Incentives to improve the efficiency of existing and new buildings
 - Incentives to reduce embodied carbon in the built environment





PCAP: Additional Materials Management

- Food waste, plastic use, and methane from landfills have significant GHG levels.
- Possible actions
 - Expand Pacific Coast Food Waste Commitment industry partnership
 - Grants for food waste recovery infrastructure and landfill gas controls
 - Grants for reduction of single use plastic



. . .and emissions associated with producing wasted food are 6 – 7 times higher than disposal





Timeline

- Draft PCAP out early January
- Public comment on PCAP from Jan- early Feb, 2024
- Final PCAP due to EPA Mar 1, 2024
- Implementation grant applications due Apr 1, 2024
- Continued focus on CCAP due Aug 2025





