

CPRG Assistance Project Menu of Direct Assistance Options

Thank you for your interest in the CPRG Assistance Project! The CPRG Assistance Project is a collaboration of several organizations to provide free support to help MSA Leads navigate the CPRG program. We can provide a limited amount of direct assistance to city, county, MPO and Air District staff at municipalities who are engaged in the CPRG planning process at the MSA level.

Assistance is offered on a first come first serve basis, but we will prioritize supporting MSAs that do not have outside consultant support and/or have limited internal capacity and experience with climate action planning.

Direct Assistance Offerings:

- **PCAP Development**
 - Tutorial on using PCAP templates

- **Greenhouse Gas Impacts**
 - GHG inventory assistance
 - Access to data tables including transportation, rooftop solar potential, and building emissions from the Google Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE).
 - Carbon intensity forecasts
 - Access to annual monthly forecast of the carbon intensities coming from the power sector supplying the grid out to 2050.

- **Low Income, Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) Benefits Analysis Assistance:**
 - Guidance on LIDAC Benefits Analysis requirements for the PCAP, CCAP and grant application.
 - Access and training on the following software and data that can illuminate how resources and assets are distributed across communities and how specific equity concerns are connected to one another, enabling smarter policy and program design, reducing the potential for unintended consequences, and identifying synergistic intervention opportunities.
 - Greenlink Equity Map (GEM) - Access to Greenlink Equity Map (GEM) tool, its related tools (Process Guide and Community of Practice), and additional future developments of the platform. GEM allows its users to answer the questions of “what, how much, where” for their LIDAC workstreams.
 - Equity indicator correlations – Analysis that goes one step further than GEM by taking the data and running a statistical analysis to figure out how tightly connected equity indicators are with one another. This adds a layer of detail and sophistication to the LIDAC analysis and increases the ability for topical prioritization which should be beneficial for the planning process and specific applications.

- **Multi-jurisdictional Coordination**

- o Guidance on multi-jurisdictional coordination and soliciting input. This includes survey question examples, meeting facilitation guidance and coalition development strategies.
- o Guidance on working with multiple jurisdictions to prioritize GHG measures for PCAP and implementation grant.
- **GHG Measure/Program/Policy Design**
 - o Guidance on measure design in relation to NOFO criteria
 - o Advising on GHG Measure approach and strategy
 - o Review of measure ideas, stakeholder input etc.
- **Direct Assistance for Implementation Grants**
 - o Coaching / advisory support related to CPRG application evaluation points
 - o Review of project concept / ideation for fit to aspects of the funding opportunity.
 - o Guidance on how to craft a compelling proposal that will allow applicants to distinguish themselves and their measures/ideas.
 - o Review and editing of draft proposal content for responsiveness to the funding opportunity and any gaps that remain, as well as punctuation, grammar, common voice, etc.
 - o Guidance on proposal submission process in government platform (e.g., GgGrants.gov such as advising on completion of SF family of forms, other submission elements).
 - o Grant writing, on a limited basis as determined by USDN.