

Information Item

Date: May 8, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

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Subject:
Information on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Strategic Focus Area: Healthy Environment

Strategic Objective: Support Green Initiatives

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program will provide grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. This two-staged grant program provides funding of \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants in phase 1, and \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants in phase 2.

The EPA opened the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant opportunity for Notices of Intent to Participate (NOIP) from all states and the 67 largest metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) in the country. The state NOIP deadline was March 28 and the MSA NOIP deadline was April 28. Four states did not submit the NOIP, which provided formulaic funds to twelve additional MSAs.

The Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) has gathered representatives from the Winston-Salem MSA (88 largest MSA) and the Greensboro – High Point (76 largest MSA) in order to submit a combined NOIP as the lead applicant for a triad-based project proposal. By working with PTRC and Greensboro-High Point, the City of Winston-Salem has a higher likelihood of being able to participate in a regional climate planning process, which would also allow the opportunity to apply for the competitive implementation grants in phase 2.