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**FW: EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant update**

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Here is what I called earlier about. FYI in case you can use it.

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Thanks for the introduction, Adam! I want to apologize to this group – it was our intention to invite agencies from Washington to the listening sessions Adam mentioned and it didn't happen because of an admin error. I'm sorry. The good news is that, after hearing more from EPA about how this program is going to work, I genuinely don't think that anyone in this group missed out on any changes to participate in the grant or provide feedback that will help to shape our work program. Below is the email that I just sent out to all of the folks who were invited to the listening sessions. Please let me know if you have any questions or responses to the bulleted items below.

Thank you,

Eliot

Hello all:

Thank you for attending the listening sessions Metro held a few weeks ago regarding the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) grants. We heard general support for Metro leading this planning grant with a focus on positioning agency partners in the region to pursue the implementation grants that EPA is planning to make available next year. We also heard specific ideas about how grant funds could best be used to support climate work in different communities and emissions sectors. And most importantly, we heard many great suggestions about how we can work together to accomplish this work on the tight timeline that EPA has laid out. We have a great path forward. Below is a summary of what we have since learned from EPA, Metro's next steps and how you can support the process.

We followed up with EPA and DEQ, which is leading Oregon's CPRG grant, and relayed the feedback we heard at the listening sessions. EPA acknowledged the tight timeline, especially for start-up and completion of the first deliverable - the Priority Climate Action Plan - by March 2024. They encouraged our region to build on existing climate plans and focus on the sectors where agency partners in the region have the most potential leverage to reduce GHGs in order to complete that plan as efficiently as possible. EPA is also expediting the process by taking steps to allow grantees to begin spending grant funds as soon as possible and allowing grantees to use grant funds to finalize the scope of the deliverables and engagement plan, rather than figuring everything out before submitting a work plan.

Given that direction, Metro is planning to submit a Notice of Intent to Participate as the lead agency by April 28, which is the next step in the application process. We will then work with the EPA program officer assigned to us to develop and submit a work plan by May 31. Through this process we will clarify with EPA when and how we can work with our agency partners to develop a more detailed approach to this work that addresses the many ideas that we heard at the listening sessions – including reviewing existing climate plans and initiatives, developing scopes for the deliverables in this project, and recommend a plan for engaging the public and other stakeholders in development of these plans – and we will be in touch with more details about how our partners can provide their ideas and feedback on this approach.

In the meantime, there are several ways in which you can help support this process:

- Submit a letter of support using the attached template. Please email me any letters of support by April 26<sup>th</sup>. Letters of support are optional, but EPA is encouraging us to submit them.
- Email me if your agency is interested in directly participating in the development of the detailed Work Plan, the Priority Climate Action Plan and the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. Please let me know a primary staff contact with whom I can share updates and coordinate with as we kick off the work.
- You are also welcome to email me with further thoughts about what activities the plans developed under this grant should cover or about key stakeholders that need to be engaged along the way. I will compile this feedback for consideration as we develop the work plan and engagement plan discussed above.

**Eliot Rose** (*he/him/his*)

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Hi Folks,

I wanted to provide an update on the EPA grant that I've had the opportunity to discuss with this group.

Yesterday I met with Metro staff to discuss EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program (CPRG). While I've had the chance to discuss this grant with many of you, this was our first meeting with Metro on it. With the Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP) deadline approaching (April 28) we are beginning to have more clarity and wanted to touch base.

I learned that Metro has held two workshops with Oregon agencies about this grant. Interest among attendees was to use this program to unlock future funding opportunities across the region, among different sectors. Coming out of those workshops was the appointment of Metro as lead organization for the CPRG planning grant. I've CC'd Eliot Rose, who is leading that effort at Metro, on this email.

In my conversation with Eliot we spoke about developing a stakeholder table with all interested counties represented and tapping a consultant to lead personnel components and further develop workplan. We also explored the possibility of a set-aside for Clark and Skamania agencies, with the understanding that set-aside stipulations will not extend beyond Round 1 grant funding.

In the coming days and weeks we can expect to hear more from Metro on this grant.

Cheers,

Adam

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