

Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition

October 12, 2023

Standard Order of Business

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Approval of Minutes

- Distributed Prior to Meeting

- Need Motion to Approve & 2nd
  - September 2023 Minutes

Financial Report Approval

- See insert at right
- Need Motion to Approve & Second

Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition

Financial Report
As of September 30, 2023

Beginning Balance -August 31, 2023			$ 92,725.53
Revenues			
Bank Interest		$ 3.84	
Member Contributions		433.00	
Total Revenues			$ 436.84
Subtotal			93,162.37
Expenditures			
Ray Clark		5,000.00	
Total Expenditures			5,000.00
Ending Balance -September 30, 2023			$ 88,162.37



20-Year Review Update

Ray Clark



Approval of Special Event – December 14

Greg Boike



MGRC Activity Report

Greg Boike & Alex Smith



Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant

Alex Smith

Georgia Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

- On June 30, 2023, GAEPD was awarded $3 million for creating a State-wide Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)
- EPA released on September 20,2023, released a NOFO for the second phase of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program
  - This competition is open to those with a Climate Action Plan or those parties seeking funding to implement one or more measures included in an applicable PCAP.
- Program's purpose is to enable the following GHG reduction goals
  - Implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030
  - Pursue measures that will achieve substantial community benefits
  - Complement other funding sources (but not those already receiving federal funding
  - Pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be "scaled up"

Georgia Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

- NOFO listed Sectors of interest include:
  - Transportation Sector
  - Electric Power Sector
  - Building Sectors
  - Industrial Sector
  - Waste, Water, and Sustainable Materials Management Sector
  - Agricultural Sector
  - Carbon Removal Measures

- Actions or eligible activities (summarized list)
  - Electric vehicle charging infrastructure
  - Building code modifications and standards addressing industrial GHG emissions
  - Incentives to reduce and divert waste
  - Installation of renewable energy and energy efficient measures at wastewater treatment facilities
  - Green Infrastructure
  - Program implementation that encourage a shift from vehicles to walking and biking (Complete Streets)

Key Dates and Deadlines

September 20, 2023:	NOFO: REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS ISSUANCE
February 1, 2024:	OPTIONAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY IS DUE
March 15, 2024 :	DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING QUESTIONS
April 1, 2024:	NOFO CLOSES – APPLICATIONS DUE BY 11:59 PM (ET)
July 2024:	ANTICIPATED NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING SELECTION
October 2024:	ANTICIPATED AWARD

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)
TITLE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition
ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Request for Applications
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07
ASSISTANCE LISTING NO: 66.046
FUNDING AVAILABLE: Approximately $4.3 Billion

https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-09/CPRG%20General%20Competition%20NOFO.pdf



2022-2023 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) National Grants

Alex Smith

Applications are due December 1, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET via Grants.gov.

DERA Eligibility

- Programmatic Priorities
  - Those Projects that maximize public health benefits
  - Are cost-effective
  - Serve areas of highest population density
- Eligible Applicants include
  - Nonprofit organization or institutions which represents or provides pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that operate diesel fleets; or
  - Has, as its principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality
- Eligible Vehicles, Engines & Equipment
  - Buses;
  - Class 5- Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles;
  - Marine engines;
  - Locomotive engines; and
  - Non-road engines, equipment or vehicles used in: Construction; Handling of cargo; Agriculture; Mining; or Energy productions (including stationary generators and pumps)

DERA Funding Limit And Cost Share

Eligible Technologies	EPA Funding Limit	Mandatory Cost Share
Drayage Truck Replacement	50%	50%
Vehicle or Equipment Replacement with EPA Certified Engine	25%	75%
Vehicle or Equipment Replacement with CARB Certified Low NOx Engine	35%	65%
Vehicle or Equipment Replacement with Zero-tailpipe Emission Power Source	45%	55%
Engine Replacement with EPA Certified Engine	40%	60%
Engine Replacement with CARB Certified Low NOx Engine	50%	50%
Engine Replacement with Zero-tailpipe Emission Power Source	60%	40%
EPA Certified Remanufacture Systems	100%	0%
EPA Verified Highway Idle Reduction Technologies when combined with new or previously installed exhaust after-treatment retrofit	100%	0%
EPA Verified Highway Idle Reduction Technologies without new exhaust after-treatment retrofit	25%	75%
EPA Verified Locomotive Idle Reduction Technologies	40%	60%
EPA Verified Marine Shore Connection Systems	25%	75%
EPA Verified Electrified Parking Space Technologies	30%	70%
EPA Verified Exhaust After-treatment Retrofits	100%	0%
EPA Verified Engine Upgrade Retrofits	100%	0%
EPA Verified Hybrid Retrofit Systems	60%	40%
EPA Verified Fuel and Additive Retrofits when combined with new retrofit, upgrade, or replacement	Cost differential between conventional diesel fuel	Cost of conventional diesel fuel
EPA Verified Aerodynamics and Low Rolling Resistance Tires when combined with new exhaust after-treatment retrofit	100%	0%
Alternative Fuel Conversion	40%	60%

Application Evaluation Process

Step 2:

Evaluation Criteria

Applicants should explicitly address these criteria as part of their application package submittal in the project narrative, following the content requirements set forth in the NOFO.

Evaluation Criteria
Overall Project and Approach
Goods Movement
Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities
Project Sustainability
Project Resilience to Climate Impacts
Workforce Development
Environmental Results
Programmatic Capability and Past Performance
Budget
Application Fleet Description

Key Dates and Deadlines

August 2, 2023:	NOFO: REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS ISSUANCE
August – October, 2023:	WEBINARS ON DERA NATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM
November 10, 2023:	DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING QUESTIONS
December 1, 2023:	NOFO CLOSES – APPLICATIONS DUE BY 11:59 PM (ET)
March 2024:	ANTICIPATED NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING SELECTION
June to August 2024:	ANTICIPATED AWARD



General Discussion

MGCAC Members

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 4:00 PM

Middle Georgia Regional Commission