Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act provides an investment of $5 billion to support efforts by states, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, tribes, and groups thereof to develop and implement strong, local greenhouse gas reduction strategies.

- Two Phases – Planning and Implementation.
- Completion of a Plan in phase one is a prerequisite for Implementation.
- Planning funding is non-competitive and available to Metropolitan Statistical Areas and States.
- Implementation funding is competitive and projects must be included in the planning analysis.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Planning Phase

- A total of 81 MSA's from across the country are expected to participate. States of IL and MO are also participating
- East-West Gateway eligible to receive $1,000,000 from EPA
- Anticipated grant period is Aug 2023 – August 2027
- A significant portion of the work will be sub-awarded and contracted out
- Plan must cover full geography of the Metropolitan Statistical Area
- This regional "climate action plan" will not over-ride or supplant any other plans or jurisdictional authority
- Local city and county governments are not required to participate, but will still be eligible for implementation funding

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Grant Requirements

- Prepare a current greenhouse gas inventory for the MSA
- Prepare a “preliminary climate action plan” by March 2024
- Complete a “comprehensive climate action plan” within two years of funding agreement (implementation funding TBD)
- Plan must include benefits analysis (economic and health), a workforce analysis, and estimates of pollution reduction
- Anticipated types of projects include:
  - building energy efficiency
  - local solar installation
  - electric vehicle infrastructure
  - transit improvements