

EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants:

Introductory webinar for state, territory, local, and tribal governments

February 15, 2023 | 2 PM Eastern

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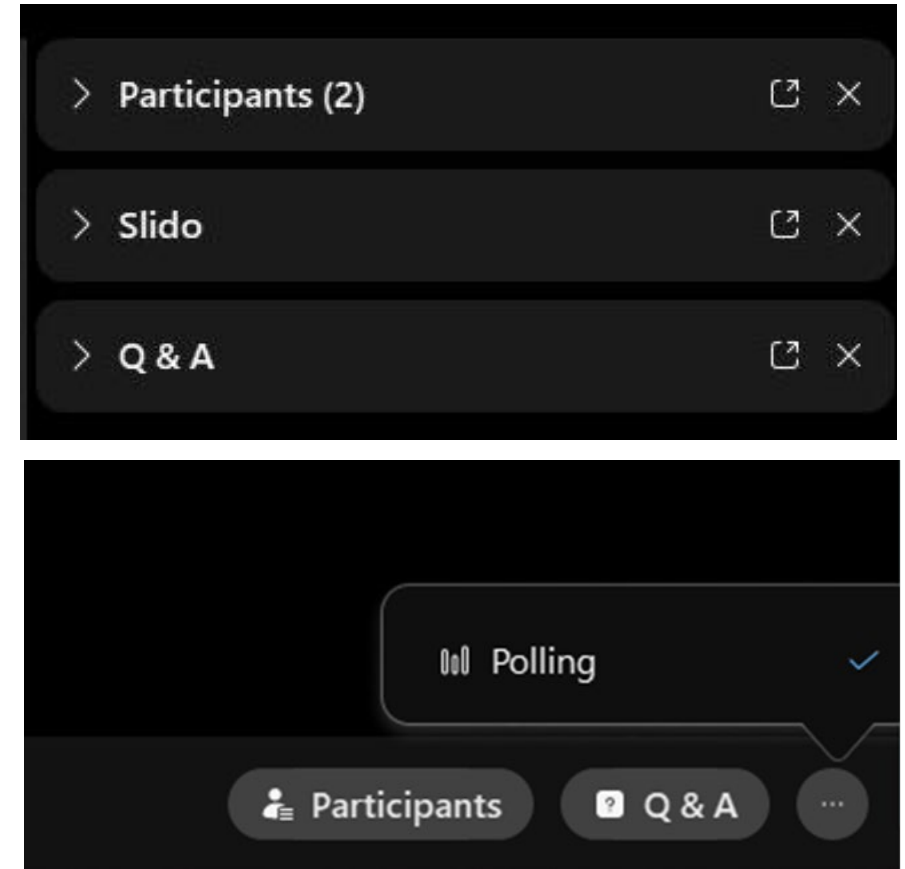
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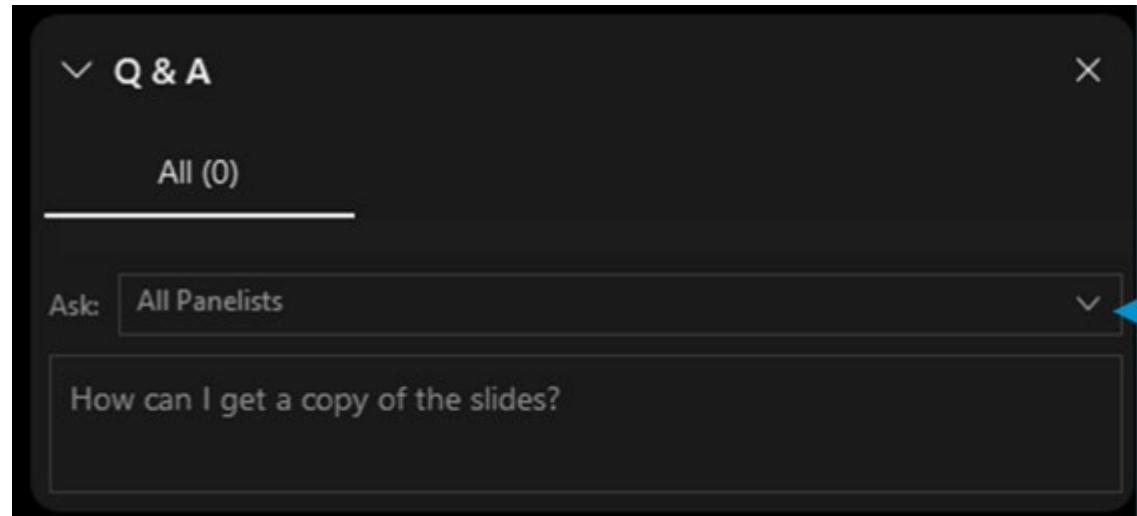
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Q&A

- Participants are muted
- Questions will be moderated at the end
- To ask a question:
 1. Select “All Panelists” from the drop-down menu
 2. Enter your question in the Q&A box
 3. Hit “Enter”

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- EPA will post final materials on the website:

www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants

Today's Agenda

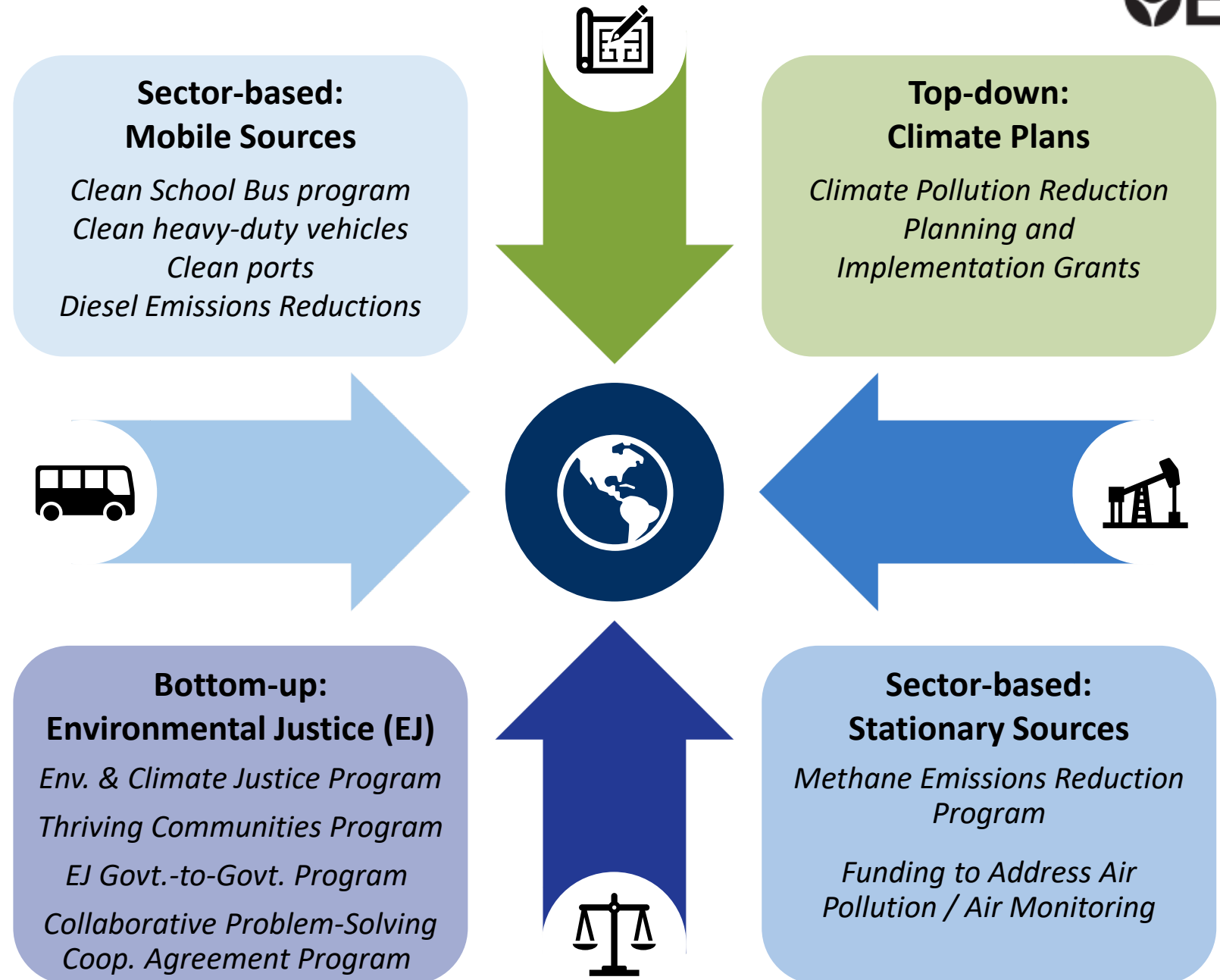
- Opening Remarks
 - Jennifer Macedonia, Associate Deputy Assistant Administrator for Implementation, Office of Air and Radiation
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
 - Megan Bracht, Associate Director, Air Quality Policy Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Office of Air and Radiation
- Question and Answer Session

Opening Remarks

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TACKLING CLIMATE AND AIR POLLUTION FROM MULTIPLE ANGLES



Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

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Agenda

- Program Objectives and Guiding Principles
- Eligible Entities
- Planning Grant Allocations
- Key Dates
- Planning Grant Application Process
- Upcoming Webinars
- Other Resources

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

Non-competitive planning grants to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies (\$250M)

Competitive implementation grants to put (part of) the plan into action (\$4.6B)

Program objectives:

1. Encourage states, air agencies, municipalities, and Tribes to **work together to create comprehensive pathways for reducing pollution** and ensuring that investments maximize benefits, especially for low income and disadvantaged communities.
2. Provide state, local, and Tribal partners with **flexible planning resources** to assess and prepare to deploy resources provided by the Inflation Reduction Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, American Rescue Plan, and Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act, and to develop new state and local laws and policies to maximize emission reduction.
3. Drive **transformative and scalable decarbonization efforts** in key sectors by enacting innovative policies and programs that can scale across jurisdictions

Planning grant program design: Guiding principles



Achieve broad **geographical and population coverage**



Balance greatest possible coverage of **greenhouse gas emissions sources** with equity of access to grant funding



Provide planning grants as a **vehicle for driving change**, and **improving coordination** across federal funding streams

Eligible Entities: Planning Grants

- States and Territories (including District of Columbia and Puerto Rico); air pollution control agencies; municipalities; Tribes; or groups of such eligible entities.
- There will be opportunities for states, territories, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes to receive planning grants directly. This will include a local set-aside and a tribal set-aside.
- In addition, municipalities and air pollution control agencies that do not receive direct funding will have the chance to work with their state or nearby metropolitan area on a climate action plan. Tribes may also participate as collaborating partners with states, municipalities, or air pollution control agencies.

Eligible Entities: Implementation Grants

- Those states, territories, District of Columbia; air pollution control agencies; municipalities; Tribes; or groups of such eligible entities that are **covered by** a plan developed with funding from a planning grant awarded under this section.
- “Covered by” includes:
 - State agencies, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes who partner on a climate plan developed with a planning grant, but did not receive direct federal funds.
 - Municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes seeking funding for measures identified in their state’s plan for implementation at their level.
- EPA will encourage planning grant recipients to design plans that are broad and cover a variety of programs and projects that could be implemented by a range of eligible entities.

Planning Grant Allocations

States

- All States eligible for funding; collaboration with local governments required

Territories

- All Territories eligible for funding

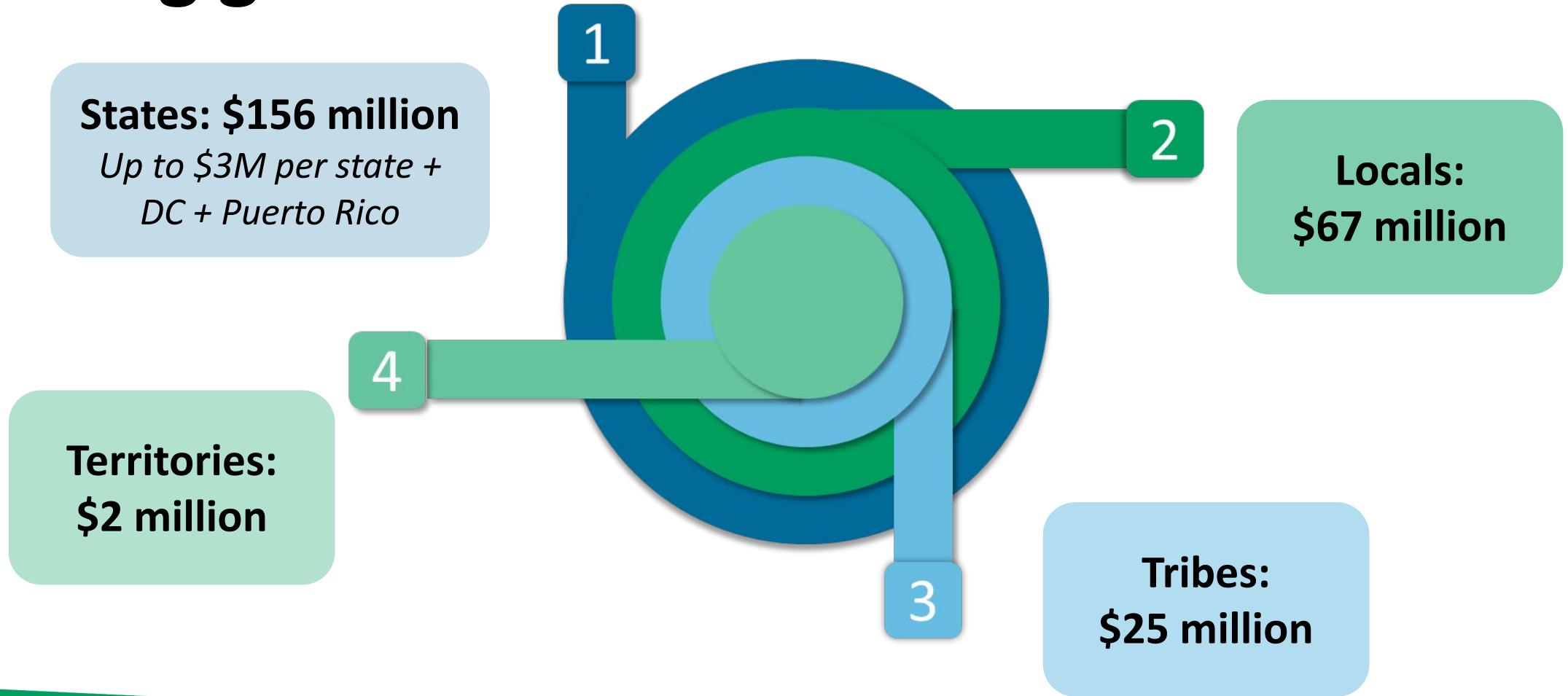
Municipalities & Air Pollution Control Agencies

- Local set-aside

Tribes

- Tribal set-aside

Planning grant allocations



Key Dates

As soon as March 1, 2023, EPA anticipates announcing the non-competitive planning grants for eligible entities.

States, municipalities, and air pollution control agencies

- **30-day opt-in period:** After the grants are announced, eligible states, municipalities, and air pollution control agencies will be asked to provide a notice of intent to participate.

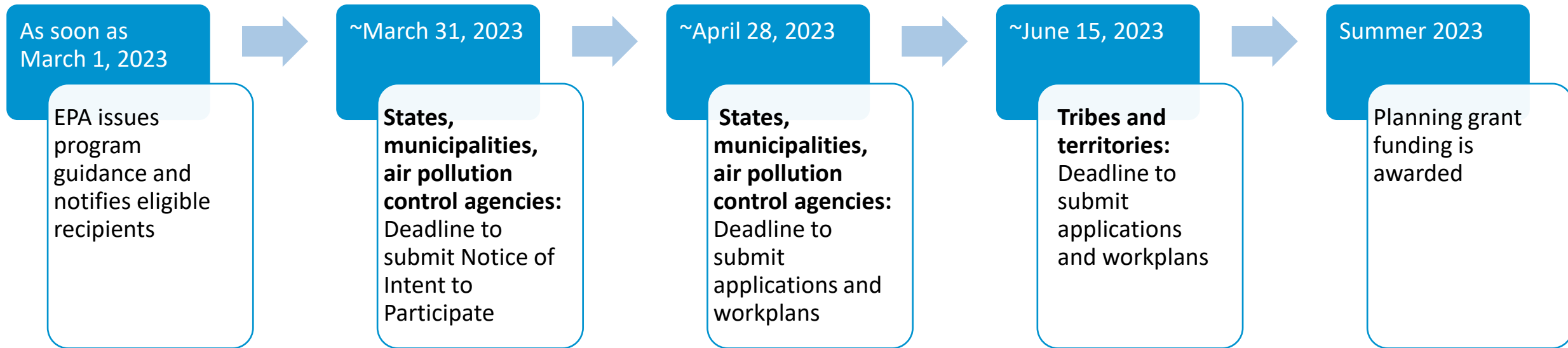
Tribes and territories

- Coordinate directly with EPA Regional Offices to opt in.

Implementation grants

- Later this year, EPA will issue a separate notice of funding opportunity regarding the implementation grants, which will be awarded under a competitive process.
 - Applications will be due in first quarter of calendar year 2024.

Planning Grant Application Process



Upcoming CPRG Webinars

EPA plans to hold at least two more webinars on the planning grants.

The March webinars will offer two different times to cover the same material on the program guidance. Webinar slides and recordings will be posted to the website.

- March 2, 2023, 2pm Eastern
- March 7, 2023, 2pm Eastern

Registration opens today (February 15).

Resources on federal funding

- **Inflation Reduction Act**
 - **White House *Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook***
www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/inflation-reduction-act-guidebook/
- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**
 - **White House *Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments and Other Parties***
www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/building-a-better-america-v2.pdf
- **Identifying and Applying for Grants**
 - **Grants.gov:** clearinghouse for all federal grant opportunities, includes training and resources
 - **EPA Grants Office:** training and resources on applying for grants: www.epa.gov/grants

Thinking of applying?

All applicants must have an active [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) and [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) registration in order to apply for a grant under this program. You should register in these systems **now** if you think you may apply for a federal grant. **The process can take a month or more for new registrants.** [Information about how to register.](#)

Question and Answer Session

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