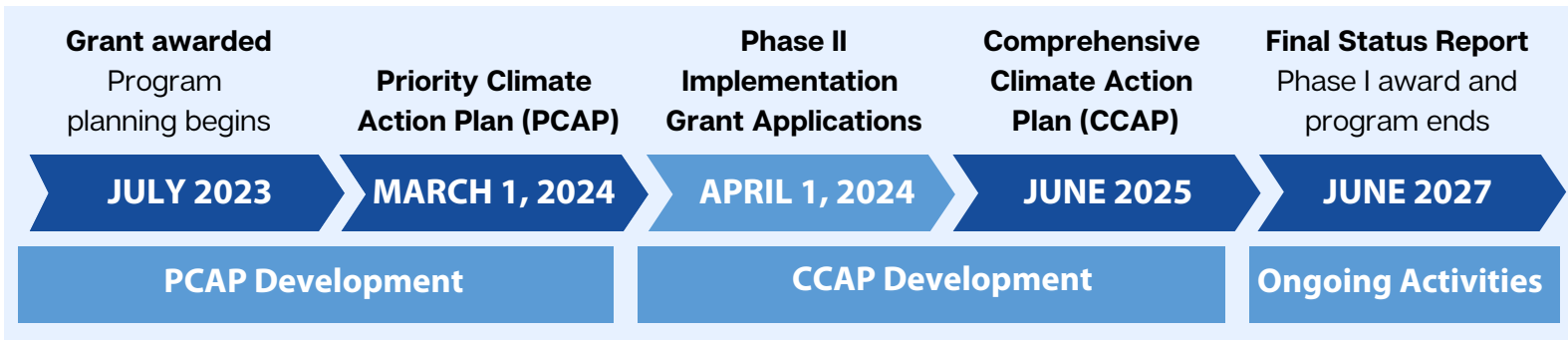







Palmetto Air Quality Collaborative (PAQC)

Co-led by the SC Office of Resilience and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Palmetto Air Quality Collaborative (PAQC) is an initiative to develop innovative strategies to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) and co-pollutants in South Carolina. This initiative intends to lay the groundwork for lowering air emissions, engaging communities, and capitalizing on workforce and economic development opportunities. The PAQC is funded through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program.



About the CPRG Program

- 2022**  **The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)** establishes funding for clean energy and GHG reduction projects and authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish the CPRG Program.
- 2023**  **CPRG Phase I Planning Grants** provide states with \$3 million and metro areas with \$1 million to develop climate action plans and identify GHG reduction measures. South Carolina is one of 46 states that accept CPRG funds. The Columbia and Greenville-Spartanburg metro areas also receive funding. Planning efforts include extensive public engagement as well as intergovernmental coordination.
- 2024**  **CPRG Phase II provides competitive Implementation Grants.** Proposed projects must tie to measures identified in a state's PCAP. State and local government agencies, regional Councils of Governments, and federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply. The EPA will award approximately 30 to 115 grants with award amounts ranging from \$2 million to \$500 million.



For more information about the PAQC, visit scor.sc.gov/paqc or scan this code with your smartphone.



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