

Bring federal climate investments to Minnesota



State funding will help Minnesota compete for federal dollars.

Challenge

Minnesota's Climate Action Framework and the 2023 Legislature set ambitious goals to ensure that Minnesotans can mitigate and adapt to a changing climate. The U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program offers \$4.6 billion in competitive grants for states, local governments, and tribal nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. In collaboration with other Climate Change Subcabinet agencies, the MPCA is seeking hundreds of millions of dollars of CPRG funds.

Proposal

\$5 million

Governor Walz recommends an appropriation of \$5 million to help the state apply for and fully leverage federal funds, bringing pollution reduction benefits to Minnesotans, especially Minnesota's low-income and disadvantaged communities.

Why it's important

State leveraging funds will make Minnesota more competitive for securing federal investments to reduce climate pollution. When scoring proposals, EPA will prioritize CPRG dollars to states that are ready to invest in climate change mitigation, particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities, which often feel the effects of climate change most.



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