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**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Leah Feldon, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item C, informational item: Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program  
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## Purpose of item

DEQ will provide the Environmental Quality Commission updates on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program. The presentation will include information about the \$3 million climate planning grant and a one-year update on Oregon's \$197 million grant to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## Prior EQC involvement

In 2024, DEQ informed the EQC about the CPRG Program, including its Climate Equity and Resilience Through Action (CERTA) grant award. This follow-up presentation will report on the progress to date related to the CPRG Program.

## Background

The [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program](#) is a federal funding opportunity for states, local governments, Tribes and territories to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. This grant program was created through the 2022 [Inflation Reduction Act](#) and is run through the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA).

Oregon received a \$3 million planning grant from the CPRG Program and is using this funding opportunity to convene stakeholders and conduct analyses of the impacts and potential responses to climate change in Oregon. This funding led to the creation of the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), which outlines how the state can reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next several years, specifically through 2029. DEQ submitted the PCAP to the EPA in February 2024. The planning grant includes two additional reports that DEQ will send to the EPA and will continue to inform Oregon about climate perspectives and opportunities.

In October 2024, the EPA awarded Oregon a \$197 million grant under the CPRG to implement the measures developed through the PCAP. DEQ leads the implementation of this grant, referred to as Oregon's Climate Equity and Resilience Through Action (CERTA) grant. DEQ is partnering with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Energy, Oregon Housing and Community Services, Oregon Health Authority and the Energy Trust of Oregon to implement CERTA across three key sectors:

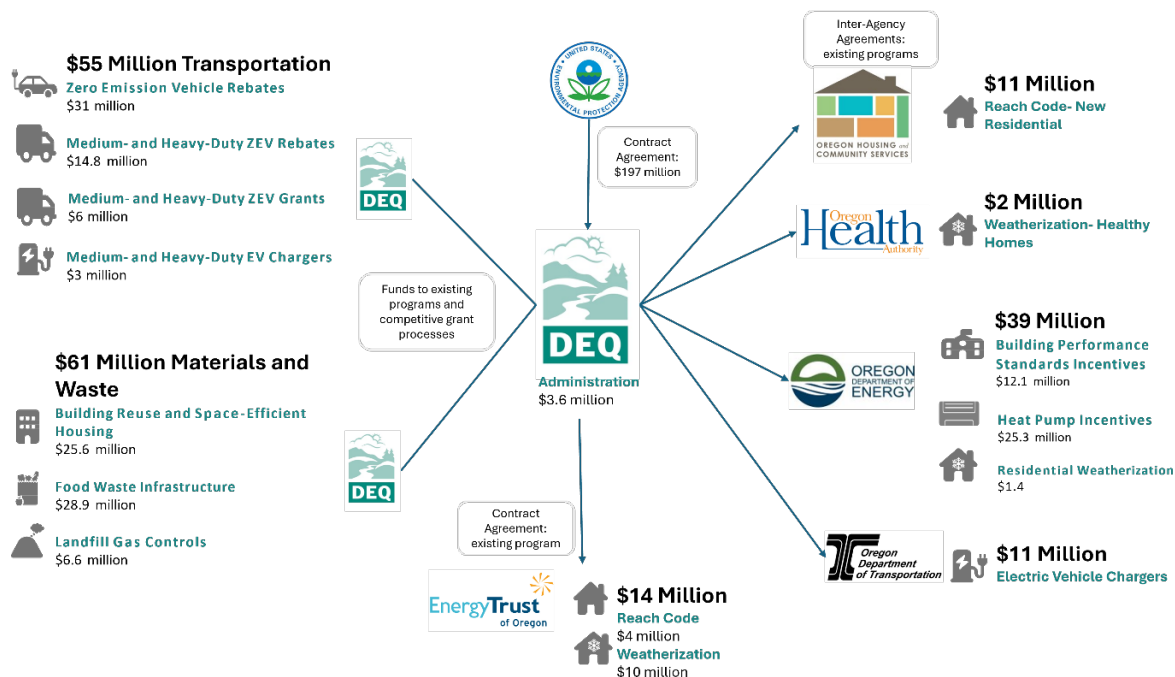
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- **Transportation** is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon and contributes to air pollution that negatively impacts public health. CERTA funds will provide rebates and grants for electric vehicles and trucks for Oregon residents, businesses and local government fleets. The funds will also build electric charging infrastructure across the state for electric vehicles and trucks.
- **Buildings and homes** generate a third of Oregon's [sector-based greenhouse gas emissions](#). CERTA funds will provide rebates and grants to developers, builders, landlords and homeowners to construct [low-embodied carbon](#) housing and improve the energy efficiency in housing and commercial buildings. Low-embodied carbon housing includes converting existing non-residential buildings to housing or building space-efficient housing. Upgrades to improve energy efficiency in buildings and homes include installing insulation and heat pumps, among other upgrades. These activities will save energy, reduce utility costs, improve indoor air quality and increase housing production.
- **Landfills and food waste** produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas. CERTA will provide funding to landfills to invest in new technologies, equipment, and food waste processing capacity, thereby improving methane capture and enhancing waste management efficiency. CERTA will also provide funding to community organizations to support community composting programs.

CERTA is an ambitious grant. It includes investments in both existing programs and new, innovative approaches to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. Oregon's strong track record of implementing greenhouse gas reduction and energy efficiency programs, combined with its ability to utilize additional funding effectively, made the state well-positioned to begin implementation immediately.



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## Content overview

DEQ will provide the EQC with an update on the progress of the CPRG Program to date. This presentation will cover the following areas:

- Results from the year one reports, which covers greenhouse gas emission reductions achieved so far, along with the status update of each program and details on associated expenditures.
- An overview of the challenges, successes and lessons learned throughout the program's implementation.
- Administrative updates, which encompass staff hiring, interagency agreements, grant requirements and developments in the federal landscape relevant to the CPRG Program.
- Reports on future planning initiatives.

## Key issues

This presentation serves as an informational update to the EQC about cross-agency work. It highlights how the grants aid existing regulatory programs by offering financial support and outlining future mitigation strategies.

## EQC involvement

No action is required by the EQC regarding these grants. DEQ will provide regular updates to the EQC on this subject.

## Supporting materials

- A. [CERTA website](#)
- B. [CERTA EPA submitted workplan](#)
- C. [CPRG website](#)

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