



Request for Information

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The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to solicit initial feedback on MHCP implementation priorities, strategies, and community engagement that are relevant to key federal funding programs.

SUBMISSIONS

Responses must be received by **SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**, at 5:00 PM. Written responses must be submitted via one of the following:

- [Online Form](#)
- Email: EGLE-OCE@Michigan.gov
- Regular United States mail to:

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
Executive Office, Office of Climate and Energy
P.O. Box 30473
Lansing, MI 48909-7973

This RFI is for information gathering purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation or obligation on the part of EGLE to provide funding. Respondents should clearly specify which Section and Question they are responding to in each portion of their submission. Respondents do not need to address every question and should focus on those where they have views or relevant expertise. Respondents may provide detailed responses and examples.



All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Respondents should only submit information that they wish to make publicly available and should not enclose any information considered confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

Due to volume of responses anticipated, it will not be feasible for EGLE to incorporate or respond to all input received. For more information, visit Michigan.gov/Climate.

A. ENGAGEMENT

Respondents may broadly comment on the implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan and/or more specifically on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, MI Healthy Climate Corps, and/or other climate-related programs.

- 1. In what ways, languages and/or formats would you like to provide input on or give feedback to the state's implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan, including but not limited to strategies that align with the CPRG?**
- 2. How should EGLE conduct engagement to include regionally diverse and equitably representative voices?**
- 3. As part of MHCP strategic implementation, we are planning regional in-person and virtual feedback sessions – what partnerships, structure, and outreach should we consider in development of these engagement activities?**
- 4. What else should be considered with respect to engagement around implementing the MHCP?**

B. PARTNERSHIPS AND COORDINATION

Respondents may broadly comment on the implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan and/or more specifically on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, MI Healthy Climate Corps, and/or other climate-related programs.

- 1. How should EGLE collaborate with other entities in the state and the Midwest, including but not limited to tribes, municipalities, and/or community-based organizations to coordinate planning and action in alignment with the MHCP?**

2. **Meaningful community engagement and collaboration is essential to equitably implementing the MHCP. Please describe any additional methods, opportunities, characteristics, and attributes to bring diverse expertise and perspectives and stronger collaboration into the implementation of the MHCP.**
3. **How can EGLE best facilitate the inclusive formation and sustainability of partnerships and collaborations around opportunities like the CPRG, GGFR, or other opportunities?**
4. **What else should be considered with respect to partnerships and coordination around implementing the MHCP?**

C. METRICS AND EVALUATION

Respondents may broadly comment on the implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan and/or more specifically on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, MI Healthy Climate Corps, and/or other climate-related programs.

1. **What should EGLE do to adopt robust metrics and reporting programs to track emissions reductions and the benefits of emissions reduction strategies throughout Michigan, particularly in disadvantaged communities?**
2. **What metrics, criteria, standardized reporting formats, and/or tools should be used to predict, demonstrate, and report the impact of projects on disadvantaged communities?**
3. **What else should be considered with respect to metrics and evaluation around implementing the MHCP?**

D. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, LOW-INCOME, AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

Respondents may broadly comment on the implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan and/or more specifically on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, MI Healthy Climate Corps, and/or other climate-related programs.

1. **How should EGLE engage with environmental justice, low-income, and disadvantaged communities to ensure that MHCP implementation strategies provide equitable access and meaningful engagement to address community needs?**
2. **What should EGLE do to implement the MHCP in a way that benefits and includes all, equitably builds the clean energy economy, provides inclusive new workforce training opportunities, and effectively addresses environmental injustices in disadvantaged communities?**

3. What are the barriers to increasing access to renewable energy, energy efficiency, and other zero-emission technologies for residents in low-income, disadvantaged communities (LIDCs) that EGLE can eliminate and avoid during implementation?
4. How can EGLE leverage private funding to increase renewable energy deployment in LIDCs?
5. What does your community need to successfully apply for, receive, and implement federal funding or programs in alignment with the MHCP?
6. What else should be considered with respect to environmental justice, low-income, and disadvantaged communities to ensure equitable implementation of the MHCP?

E. STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Where questions are not specific to a program or opportunity, respondents may broadly comment on the implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan and/or more specifically on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, MI Healthy Climate Corps, and/or other climate-related programs.

1. What criteria and evaluation steps should EGLE use to prioritize equitable actions and policies that will address disparate impacts, be durable, replicable, and provide certainty in pollution reductions and that are crucial to other decarbonization strategies and pathways?
2. What should EGLE do to leverage and capitalize on federal sources of funding and financing, including the IRA, BIL, and Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) and Science Act of 2022?
3. How should EGLE use the MI Healthy Climate Corps (see introduction) to build equitable and inclusive capacity for climate action in state agencies, local and tribal governments, and environmental justice communities?
4. What are the key considerations in developing a state-wide Solar for All program through the GGRF that helps meet the goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan? What criteria should EGLE use to equitably prioritize federal funding specifically targeting residential and/or community solar projects?
5. How can EGLE and the State of Michigan leverage the NCIF and CCIA (see introduction) under the GGRF to best implement the MI Healthy Climate Plan?
6. What should EGLE (or other state agencies) do to equitably increase the workforce capacity in climate and clean energy jobs?
7. What else should be considered with respect to strategy development around implementing the MHCP?

F. REGIONAL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

The USEPA has directly awarded \$1 million to the Grand Rapids-Kentwood and Detroit-Warren-Dearborn regions. The lead entity for Grand Rapids-Kentwood is GVMC. The lead entity for Detroit-Warren-Dearborn is SEMCOG. The SEMCOG plan will cover Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Livingston, Washtenaw, Monroe, and Lapeer Counties. For the following questions, responses should be focused on the regional Climate Action Plans being completed under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants.

- 1. How should SEMCOG/GVMC conduct engagement to include regionally diverse and equitably representative voices?**
- 2. As part of development of regional Climate Action Plans, we are planning in-person and virtual feedback sessions – what partnerships, structure, and outreach should we consider in development of these engagement activities?**
- 3. How should SEMCOG/GVMC engage with environmental justice, low-income, and disadvantaged communities to ensure that their implementation strategies provide equitable access and meaningful engagement to address community needs?**
- 4. Are there any projects you would like to see included or topics you would like to see addressed in the SEMCOG/GVMC Climate Action Plans?**

ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK:

1. In addition to the outlined sections above, we invite respondents to raise and suggest solutions/priorities to any other potential limitations/barriers that the State of Michigan should consider during implementation of the MHCP, including activities under the CPRG program.

EGLE promotes the equitable treatment and meaningful involvement of Michigan's residents regarding the development, implementation, and enforcement of laws, regulations, and policies. Equitable treatment means that no group of people bears a disproportionate share of the negative consequences resulting from governmental, industrial, or commercial operations and policies. Meaningful involvement means all people have an opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their environment and/or health.

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