

# **Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies 2003 Spring Meeting**

## **EPA Region 6 Perspective**



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# Region 6 Environmental Justice Activities



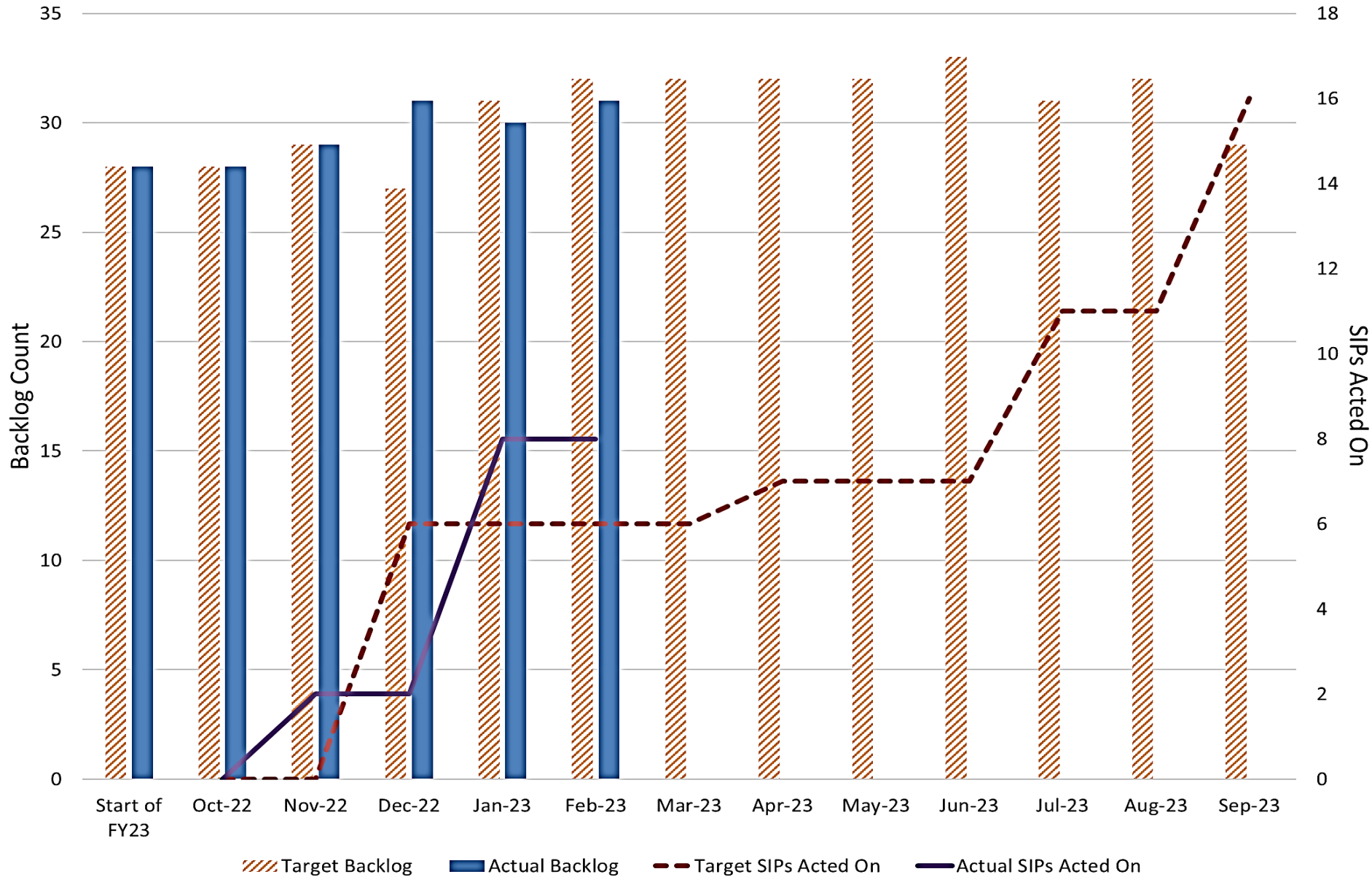
- **State Implementation Plans**
  - Incorporate EJ language in Federal Register Notices and provide through R6 Listserv
- **Air Permits**
  - Conduct EJ analysis/considerations on NSR permits reviews, including cumulative impacts and add'l permit conditions
  - For R6 Permits, conduct EJ analysis above/beyond CAA req'ts (e.g. air modeling for potential community risk impacts)
  - Work with communities to address air permit concerns
  - Provide technical support on Title VI complaints
- **Air Monitoring**
  - Encourage EJ considerations when siting new air monitors
  - Recommend new monitoring
- **General**
  - Work with EPA HQ on EJ criteria in competitive grant programs linked to Justice40
  - Increase outreach / meetings / collaboration with communities



# Region 6 Priority SIP Actions

- **Start-up, Shutdown, and Malfunction (SSM)**
  - *Improving the enforceability of SSM in SIPs*
  - NM removal of affirmative defense, completed March 2023
  - OK removal of director discretion, to be completed April 2023
  - LA revise multiple parts, last part final action Oct 2023
  - TX reinstated SIP call, final action December 2023
- **Reconsidering the Texas Regional Haze BART SIP**
- **SO<sub>2</sub> Attainment Plans**
  - *Providing extensive technical support on SO<sub>2</sub> attainment plans and redesignations*
- **Ozone SIPs**
  - *Marginal 2015 (El Paso)*
  - *Severe 2008 (DFW and Houston)*
  - *Moderate 2015 (DFW, Houston, San Antonio)*

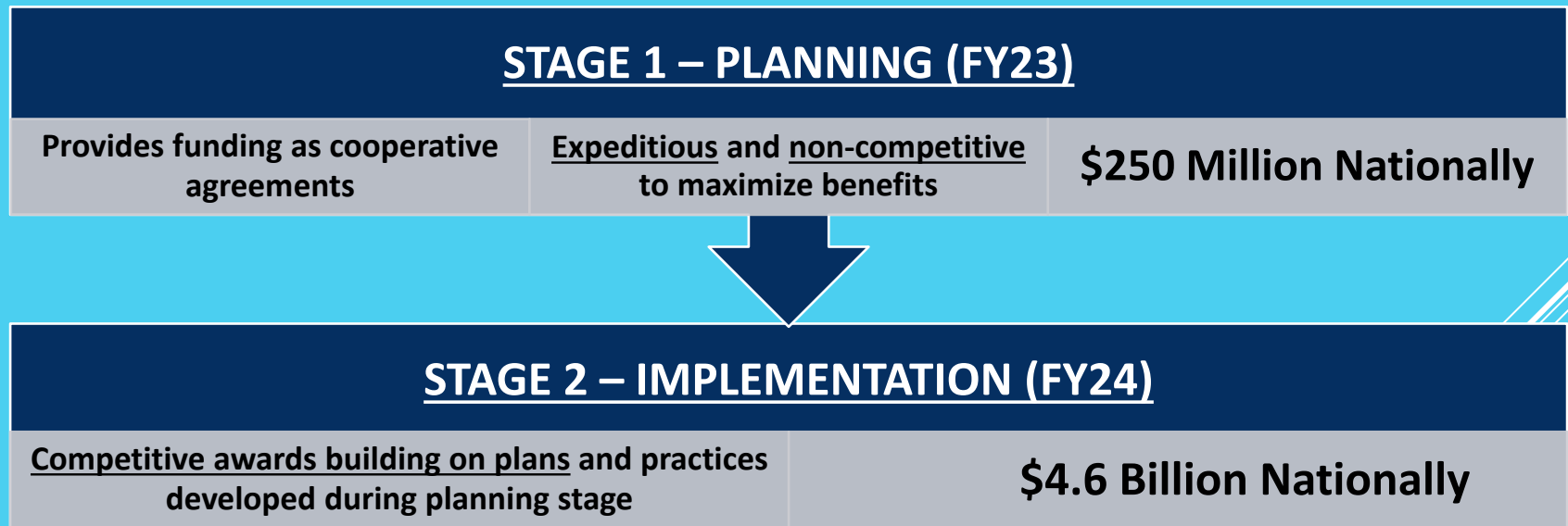
# FY23 Region 6 SIP Targets vs Actuals



# Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG)

The CPRG program provides grants to states, local governments, and tribes to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution

Two Stages:



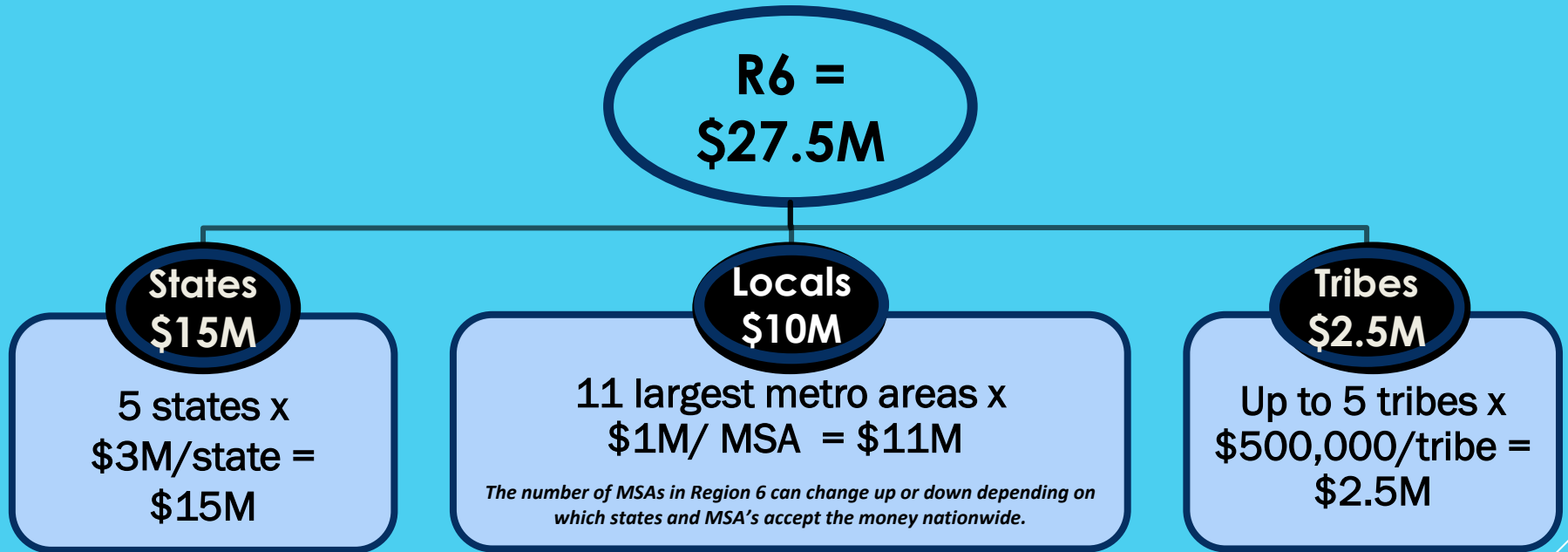


# Stage 1: CPRG Planning

## Provide substantial funding to States/Locals/Tribes for climate action planning

- **Help businesses remain viable/competitive in an increasingly decarbonized world and capitalize on new opportunities.**
- **Spur economic growth, create jobs by supporting new industries and developing training programs to prepare workers.**
- **Provide opportunity for communities (low-income & disadvantaged with EJ concerns) to have a seat at the table and help define solutions in their states and regions.**
- **Opportunity to realize substantial public health co-benefits through the reduction of toxic air pollutants.**

# Region 6 CPRG Planning Grant Funding



- Large, urban MSA overlap more with Justice 40 and EJ communities
- If States do not apply, then the largest 3 MSAs in that State are eligible for \$

# CPRG Planning - Key Dates & What's Next

Activity	States	Municipalities/ MSA	Tribes and Territories
Opt In / NOI due	3/31/2023	4/28/2023	NA
Application Deadline for Lead	4/28/2023	5/31/2023	6/15/2023
Grant Awards	Jul/Aug 2023	July/Aug 2023	Aug/Sept 2023

- **States:** If opted in, applications and work plans are due Apr 28
- **Region 6** hosts bi-weekly virtual CPRG Open Houses for MSAs to learn and ask questions, Next open house is 4/5/23
- **Visit EPA's website:** <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>
- **Submit questions to:** [R6CPRGQuestions@epa.gov](mailto:R6CPRGQuestions@epa.gov)



# Submittal Snapshot of R6 States and MSAs

## (3/31/23)

STATE	EPA REGION	NOIP Submitted	Lead Organization
Arkansas	6	3/30/2023	Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality
Louisiana	6	3/23/2023	Louisiana Dept. of Environmental Quality
New Mexico	6	3/14/2023	New Mexico Environment Department
Oklahoma	6	3/28/2023	Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality
Texas	6	3/31/2023	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

METRO AREA	MAIN STATE	MSA RANK IN STATE (BY POP)	METRO AREA COUNT	NOIP Submitted	Lead Organization
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metro Area	TX	1	4		
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area	TX	2	5		
San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area	TX	3	23		
Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown, TX Metro Area	TX	4	27		
Oklahoma City, OK Metro Area	OK	1	41		
New Orleans-Metairie, LA Metro Area	LA	1	46		
Tulsa, OK Metro Area	OK	2	55		
Albuquerque, NM Metro Area	NM	1	61		
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX Metro Area	TX	5	65		
Baton Rouge, LA Metro Area	LA	2	66		
El Paso, TX Metro Area	TX	6	67		

Preliminary list is based on submittals as of 3/27/23. To rec'v funding, applicants must submit an approvable workplan, budget and other req'd information

# QUESTIONS?



# THANK YOU

