

A collaborative program for states, tribes and local governments to avoid nonattainment and achieve ongoing emission reductions in areas designated as attainment or maintenance for ozone and/or PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

Goals 1) Leverage programs and planning to address air quality, climate, and environmental justice objectives;
2) Help meet the environmental, health, economic development, and quality of life goals in the participating area.

Background 45 current partners covering areas with more than 50 million population. Partners include states, tribal nations, cities, counties, councils of government, and regional planning commissions.

Requirements Advance Partners provide EPA with annual plan updates describing progress in implementing relevant programs in their communities (e.g., mobile sources, transportation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, stationary sources, woodsmoke, community monitoring, education and outreach), and outlining plans for the next year.

Benefits

- Avoid many of the costs of nonattainment while collaborating with stakeholders in your community
- Implement ozone and PM_{2.5} programs that support climate goals and address needs of EJ communities
- Obtain technical assistance from multiple EPA offices and other agencies like DOE and DOT
- Attend monthly meetings with partners sharing best practices and EPA training on programs and tools
- Receive monthly newsletter on grants and training opportunities

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