

WAC 173-446B-020 What definitions apply to terms used in this chapter? The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise. For those terms not listed in this section, the definitions found in chapter 70A.65 RCW apply in this chapter.

(1) "Appropriation" means funding provided by the Washington state legislature to a state agency or other entity for a specific purpose, as set forth in an enacted operating, capital, or transportation appropriations act, where such funding is distributed from one of the Climate Commitment Act accounts.

(2) "Climate Commitment Act accounts" or "CCA accounts" means the carbon emissions reduction account created in RCW 70A.65.240, the climate commitment account created in RCW 70A.65.260, the natural climate solutions account created in RCW 70A.65.270, the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250, the air quality and health disparities improvement account created in RCW 70A.65.280, the climate transit programs account created in RCW 46.68.500, the climate active transportation account created in RCW 46.68.490, and any other state treasury account(s) the legislature establishes specifically for the deposit of proceeds from the auction of allowances authorized in chapter 70A.65 RCW.

(3) "Direct and meaningful benefits" means benefits that are achieved through:

(a) The direct reduction of environmental burdens in overburdened communities;

(b) The reduction of disproportionate, cumulative risk from environmental burdens, including those associated with climate change;

(c) The support of community led project development, planning, and participation costs; or

(d) Meeting a community need identified by the community that is consistent with the intent of chapter 70A.65 RCW or RCW 70A.02.010.

(4) "Expenditure" means the actual end result or use of funds received through an appropriation of funding from one of the Climate Commitment Act accounts. A single appropriation may be used by a recipient to fund multiple distinct expenditures.

(5) "Greenhouse gas" or "GHG" has the same meaning as in chapter 173-441 WAC.

(6) "Long-term impact to emissions" means emissions reductions calculated using methods described in WAC 173-446B-060.

(7) "Overburdened community" has the same meaning as in RCW 70A.65.010.

(8) "Recipient" means the state agency or other entity that received an appropriation of funding from one of the Climate Commitment Act accounts, irrespective of whether the state agency or other entity subsequently provides any of the funding to another entity.

(9) "Subrecipient" means an entity that received pass-through funding from a recipient. Subrecipients are not directly subject to the requirements of this rule, but recipients may include reporting requirements in their contracts with subrecipients to assist the recipients in complying with reporting obligations.

(10) "Vulnerable populations" has the same meaning as in RCW 70A.02.010.

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