

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Local Government Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Environmental Protection Agency

### 2. Fiscal Year

2025

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Local Government Advisory  
Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

117

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

| 5. Current Charter | 6. Expected Renewal Date | 7. Expected Term Date |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|

No 12/04/2023 12/04/2025

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

AGEN

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

AGEN

### 13. Effective Date

10/30/1992

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

2

### 16b. Report Date

Report Title

10/10/2024 Community Action Roadmap Recommendations

01/15/2025 LGAC Transition Letter

### Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2

### 17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

### Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

|  | <b>Current FY</b> | <b>Next FY</b> |
|--|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>   | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>   | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>   | \$250,000.00      | \$330,000.00   |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>  | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>                                      | \$0.00            | \$100,000.00   |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>  | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>  | \$0.00            | \$6,000.00     |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>                                   | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b> | \$650.00          | \$3,500.00     |
| <b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>                    | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18e. Total Costs</b>  | \$250,650.00      | \$439,500.00   |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>   | 3.50              | 0.00           |

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The LGAC puts forth letters and reports of advice and recommendations for EPA in carrying out Agency programs. Members serve as primary advisors for the EPA on environmental issues affecting local governments. Policy recommendations are made to inform EPA on such important issues as: water infrastructure, drinking water, small communities, regulatory issues, integrated planning, climate adaptation and resiliency, sustainable communities, environmental financing, solid waste, brownfields, federalism, ozone standards, and watershed issues. The LGAC's work has been and will continue to be organized to support EPA's priorities and program-related goals and cross-cutting actions. Members' advice and recommendations are critical to EPA's efforts to encourage intergovernmental partnership in protecting the environment and public health. In FY 2025, the LGAC held one public meeting so far and presented one set of recommendations.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The LGAC is chartered for 35-40 elected and appointed officials representing a range of population sizes in all EPA regions. Local officials represent various types of governments (municipal, county, town, etc.). State officials represent legislative and environmental regulatory functions. Tribal and territorial officials represent tribally and/or territorially elected and appointed officials. Members are Tier 1 (parent committee members) or Tier 2 (subcommittee members). In some cases, a member may be both Tier 1 and Tier 2.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The LGAC generally meets approximately three to six times a year via teleconference and in-person meetings. The meeting agendas are consistent with the Administrator's priorities. The meetings are often held in coordination with EPA Regions and headquarter offices so the committee can interact with EPA officials and feature EPA regional and program projects and speakers. The LGAC's workgroups generally meet monthly.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

EPA seeks the advice and recommendations from local governments concerning implementation of EPA rules and regulations, EPA programs and delivery of federal services. This Committee is unique because it brings together perspectives from different types of government, sizes of communities and geographic locations to advise EPA on means of partnering with local governments to more effectively and efficiently address environmental concerns and implementation at the local level. Local government officials are the best source of this information. Since smaller jurisdictions often have different needs than larger ones, EPA continues to seek specialized advice about the needs of small towns and communities, as well as from the broader local government community.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A

**21. Remarks**

In FY2025 so far, the LGAC produced one set of recommendations on transitioning to the new Administration. All committee individual findings and recommendations are found within the

reports.

## Designated Federal Officer

### Paige Lieberman Designated Federal Officer

| Committee Members  | Start      | End        | Occupation                          | Member Designation    |
|--|------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Baird, Leirion   | 08/20/2020 | 01/20/2025 | Mayor, City of Lincoln, NE          | Representative Member |
| Baraka, Ras  | 08/10/2021 | 12/30/2024 | Mayor, Newark, NJ                   | Representative Member |
| Brown, Gary  | 08/10/2021 | 12/30/2024 | City of Detroit                     | Representative Member |
| Canonico, Tricia   | 01/05/2024 | 01/20/2025 | Ft. Collins, Colorado Councilmember | Representative Member |
| Corran, Becky  | 01/05/2024 | 01/20/2025 | City Councilmember                  | Representative Member |
| Eckel, Allison   | 01/05/2024 | 01/20/2025 | Burlington County, NJ Councilmember | Representative Member |
| Euer, Dawn   | 01/05/2024 | 01/20/2025 | State Senator                       | Representative Member |
| Glass, Evan  | 01/05/2024 | 01/20/2025 | Montgomery County, MD Councilmember | Representative Member |
| Holiday-Ingraham, Deana                                      | 01/18/2022 | 01/20/2025 | Mayor                               | Representative Member |
| Menefee, Christian   | 12/30/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Harris County, TX Attorney          | Representative Member |
| Nirenberg, Ron   | 08/10/2021 | 12/30/2024 | Mayor, San Antonio, TX              | Representative Member |
| Sorace, Danene   | 01/05/2024 | 01/20/2025 | City of Lancaster, PA Mayor         | Representative Member |
| Besich, Mila<br>[Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]      | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Mayor of Superior, Arizona          | Representative Member |
| DeSantis, Vincent<br>[Small Community Advisory Subcommittee] | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Mayor of Gloversville, NY           | Representative Member |
| Dumas, Kevin<br>[Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]      | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Town Manager                        | Representative Member |
| Godes, Jonathan<br>[Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]   | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Council Member                      | Representative Member |
| Gosar, Pete<br>[Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]       | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Commissioner                        | Representative Member |
| Jenkins, Velma<br>[Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]    | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Mayor                               | Representative Member |

|  |            |            |  |                          |
|--|------------|------------|--|--------------------------|
| Koch, Denise<br>[Small Community Advisory<br>Subcommittee]         | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Director                               | Representative<br>Member |
| Leon, Rey<br>[Small Community Advisory<br>Subcommittee]            | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Mayor                                  | Representative<br>Member |
| Palmer, Tyler<br>[Small Community Advisory<br>Subcommittee]        | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Supervisor                             | Representative<br>Member |
| Perkins, James<br>[Small Community Advisory<br>Subcommittee]       | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Mayor                                  | Representative<br>Member |
| Portis-Jones, Hattie<br>[Small Community Advisory<br>Subcommittee] | 01/03/2024 | 12/30/2025 | Council<br>member and<br>Mayor Pro Tem | Representative<br>Member |
| Rich, Kimberly<br>[Small Community Advisory<br>Subcommittee]       | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Alderman                               | Representative<br>Member |
| Shipp, Kyle<br>[Small Community Advisory<br>Subcommittee]          | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Mayor of<br>Pittsboro, NC              | Representative<br>Member |
| Shropshire, Kevin<br>[Small Community Advisory<br>Subcommittee]    | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Coordinator                            | Representative<br>Member |
| Swope, Sophie<br>[Small Community Advisory<br>Subcommittee]        | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Councilmember                          | Representative<br>Member |
| Zolezi, Michele<br>[Small Community Advisory<br>Subcommittee]      | 01/03/2023 | 12/30/2025 | Township Vice<br>President             | Representative<br>Member |

## **Number of Committee Members Listed: 28**

### **Narrative Description**

The LGAC generally supports EPA's goals by providing advice relevant and meaningful to inform the Agency on environmental matters affecting local governments. Its purpose is to provide advice and recommendations that assist the EPA in developing a stronger partnership with local governments through building state and local capacity to deliver environmental services and programs. The LGAC provides recommendations to the EPA on a broad range of topics, including: regulatory innovation and reform, environmental protection tools, pollution prevention, new technologies, performance measurement, and appropriate roles of the various governmental levels in efficient and coordinated environmental management. The LGAC also communicates with local government officials on sustainable water infrastructure and to assist them in commenting on key agency documents. The

committee continues to advise the agency on the effects of policy, rules & regulations to local governments and small communities.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

|   | Checked if Applies                  |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Outcome Comments**

Improving intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration on cross-cutting environmental issues.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

|                            | Checked if Applies                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Cost Savings Comments**

At this time, it is difficult to estimate a cost savings from advice due to the many intervening variables of agency and stakeholder actions necessary to actually see cost savings.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

1,468

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

LGAC has produced almost 1,500 recommendations since the committee was first established. In FY2025, the LGAC put forward 11 recommendations across two reports.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

41%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The agency responds directly to the committee in writing and through public meetings with the Administrator. The agency response letters, when created, are posted on EPA's website.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

52%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The agency is in the early stages of implementing the work that the LGAC provided recommendations on, so several recommendations are only partially implemented.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Yes, EPA responds to all recommendations either in writing or verbally. The EPA Administrator and EPA Senior level officials meet in person with the Committee on a regular basis and report back to the Committee on the agency's response to their recommendations.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### **Action Comments**

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

### **Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

|                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

### **Access Comments**

LGAC work products are available on EPA's website and to the public by request.