



March 8, 2024

Subject: Letter of Intent to Join E-Bike Rebate Coalition,
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia

Eric Meyer, Atlanta Regional Commission

Dear Mr. Meyer,

I am writing on behalf of Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (ACCGov) to express our strong interest in joining the coalition of cities pursuing the E-Bike Rebate Grant Program as an implementation measure within the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). As a community committed to sustainable transportation and environmental stewardship, we believe that promoting electric bicycles (e-bikes) aligns perfectly with our goals.

Here are some key points regarding our intent to participate:

Community Commitment: Consistent with ACCGov's Clean and Renewable Energy Plan adopted in August 2022, Athens-Clarke County is dedicated to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing air quality, and improving public health. We recognize that e-bikes play a crucial role in achieving these objectives.

E-Bike Rebate Program: We understand that the grant program aims to increase access to e-bikes for income-qualified individuals. Our community is eager to contribute to this effort by implementing a local e-bike rebate program.

Geographic Diversity: We represent a diverse community in terms of demographics, geography, and socioeconomic backgrounds. By joining the coalition, we aim to ensure that the benefits of e-bike rebates reach all residents, regardless of their income level.

Program Design Flexibility: We appreciate the flexibility provided to local governments in designing e-bike rebate programs. Our team is committed to tailoring the program to suit the unique needs and preferences of our community members.

Income-Qualified Rebates: We plan to offer point-of-sale rebates. Our income-qualified rebate levels will adhere to the guidelines set forth by the coalition application for the grant program. Specifically, up to 75% of rebates will be reserved for applicants with income below 80% of the area median income.

E-Bike Categories Covered: Our rebate program will cover Class 1 (pedal-assist only), Class 2 (pedal-assist and throttle), and Class 3 (pedal-assist only) e-bikes. We recognize the importance of supporting various e-bike types to meet diverse transportation needs.

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Maximum Rebate: We will adhere to the following rebates for e-bikes:

Type	Income Qualified Rebate	Standard Rebate
Regular e-bike (Class 1-3)	\$1500	\$500
Cargo e-bike (Class 1-3)	\$2000	\$1000

We believe that by collaborating with other cities in this coalition, we can amplify the impact of e-bike rebates and accelerate the adoption of sustainable clean transportation options. Our community eagerly anticipates the opportunity to contribute to this vital initiative. Furthermore, Athens-Clarke County is aware of and is prepared to sign the necessary Memorandum of Agreement by July 1, 2024, to facilitate the successful completion of the application process.

We look forward to working closely with the coalition and contributing to a greener, healthier future.

Sincerely,



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