



March 25, 2024

Members of the Grant Committee,

I am writing as Mayor of Broken Arrow, to express my strong support for Broken Arrow's innovative project proposal submitted for consideration under the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. This initiative is a bold step towards achieving significant reductions in climate pollution and advancing the sustainability goals within our community.

The project encompasses the strategic deployment of solar energy systems at key municipal facilities: the Animal Control Center, the Public Safety Complex (which houses the 911 Center), and the Nienhuis City Park, Operations Building, Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Additionally, it includes the implementation of a comprehensive building automation and LED lighting upgrade programs across several sites, aimed at maximizing energy efficiency and reducing operational costs. Notably, the initiative proposes the integration of solar and energy efficiency measures, along with the development of backup power capabilities at critical facilities such as the water treatment plant, wastewater plant and Public Safety Complex, ensuring better resilience and uninterrupted service in critical infrastructure.

I believe that the successful realization of this project will deliver multiple environmental and economic benefits, including significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, energy savings, operational savings, and improved reliability of services. Broken Arrow is a leader and this project can also serve as an exemplary model for other municipalities in Oklahoma, demonstrating the practicality and benefits of embracing sustainable energy solutions. All this said, I am pleased to endorse Broken Arrow's application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Thank you for considering my letter of support. We are eager to see the positive impact of Broken Arrow's project on our community and the environment.

Sincerely,

Debra Wimpee  
Mayor  
City of Broken Arrow