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Ms. Angela Tovar
Commissioner, City of Chicago Department of Environment
Via Electronic Mail

Dear Commissioner Tovar,

The Grundy County Land Use Department supports the Coalition application from the City of Chicago and County of Cook for \$199m for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

Grundy County Land Use Department includes the Environmental and Resource Conservation Office (ERCO) which focuses on the education of the residents and the children of the County about the 4Rs – Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, and Respect the Earth. We have sold many composters in the last seventeen (17) years and have taught school children and adults about composting and vermicomposting to create a great soil supplement that also defers 20% of the waste that is sent to the landfills. Showing people in areas of the County how to create their own compost while planting and tending to their own gardens provides their families with the healthy foods that their growing families need and brings families closer together.

The Chicago/Cook County CRPG Coalition Proposal advances highly effective Greenhouse Gas reduction strategies that also have strong Environmental Justice benefits. Measures include an Industrial Decarbonization component (for Chicago, Suburban Cook County, and DuPage County) to assist smaller and medium sized businesses, to install energy efficient and electrified equipment, renewable energy, and refrigerant replacement systems, while reducing toxics and air pollution in Environmental Justice areas. The program will also address food waste in Chicago and Cook County through creation of food scrap collection programs and the infrastructure to support them. And it will pursue aggressive energy efficiency, electrification, and renewable energy strategies in public buildings such as schools, libraries and public housing in low income and distressed communities to reduce air pollution, provide jobs, and create educational working models for aggressively addressing climate change.

The proposal shared by the project team to drastically reduce our GHG emissions and catalyze economic opportunities within the clean energy economy is critical for the Chicago region and we look forward to working closely to support this effort. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further assistance or information.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 815-941-3229 or by email at hmill@grundycountyil.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi H. Miller".

Heidi H. Miller
Land Use Director
: Commissioner Tovar March 25, 2024