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Commissioner Angela Tovar
City of Chicago Department of Environment
Via Electronic Mail

Dear Commissioner Tovar,

I am writing to provide the Chicago Urban League's Letter of Commitment in support of the proposed application for funding for the City of Chicago and Cook County under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Strategy Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG).

The Chicago Urban League is excited to be part of a coalition that seeks to bring \$199,999,999 of federal funding over 5 years in direct funding for personnel and implementation of measures including Building Energy Efficiency; Industrial Decarbonization; and Waste, Water and Materials Management. EPA has set a goal of 40% of these dollars invested and impacting economically disadvantaged communities and residents.

The Chicago Urban League works to achieve equity for Black families and communities through social and economic empowerment. Since 1916, the organization has helped people find jobs, secure affordable housing, enhance their educational experiences, and grow their businesses. We do our work through partnerships and collaborative relationships with organizations across the City of Chicago.

Communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities experience the burden of high energy costs, have been overburdened by contaminants, waste, and toxic sites and have historically been excluded from economic opportunities.

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The proposed Chicago – Cook County EPA CPRG project is an opportunity for the region to address these inequities, reduce pollution and GHG emissions in our communities and provide workforce training for economically disadvantaged youth and adults.

The Chicago Urban League will work on outreach, workforce recruitment and to hold the CPRG project accountable to Justice40 goals. We will also commit to regular meetings with other partners and the City of Chicago and Cook County.

Please contact me if you need any additional information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


[Karen FreemanWilson \(Mar 26, 2024 12:11 CDT\)](#)

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