



March 21, 2024

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Climate-Friendly Landuse Regulation and Processes – EPA CPRG Grant Application

Dear Selection Committee,

This letter is to express the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) interest to serve as a coalition member for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant application lead by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG). MetroCOG fully intend to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), to be submitted by CRCOG to the EPA by July 1, 2024.

MetroCOG collaborated closely with WestCOG to develop the Climate-Friendly Landuse Regulation and Processes project concept and application which, if funded, will enable the COGs across Connecticut to develop model policies and standards and contract technical support to implement the newly crafted model language by working with individual municipalities.

Previous efforts at sustainable land use have fallen short by only providing 'model' language without the specificity to local conditions or support needed for local adoption and implementation. This project will close this strategy-execution gap by providing the resources to see regulatory and process reforms the entire way from concept to completion, and from idea to impact, on an intensive, individual basis for municipalities in the MSA.

If awarded, MetroCOG commits to being an active participant, helping WestCOG with any necessary implementation efforts.

Sincerely,

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