



March 27, 2024

County Executive Chris Ronayne  
Cuyahoga County Administrative Headquarters  
2079 E Ninth Street  
Cleveland, OH 44115

RE: Letter of Commitment for Cuyahoga County CPRG Implementation Grant Submission

Dear Executive Ronayne,

I am writing on behalf of Manufacturing Works in support of Cuyahoga County's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of clean electricity and nature-based solutions, in alignment with the PCAP measures submitted by the Northeastern Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for the Cleveland-Elyria Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The CPRG Implementation Grant submitted by Cuyahoga County, in coalition with the City of Cleveland and the City of Painesville, is an innovative and transformative project that will generate clean and renewable energy through brownfield development and municipal utility clean energy deployment, as well as other nature-based solutions that will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve outdoor air quality.

Manufacturing Works has been supporting manufacturers in Northeast Ohio for over 30 years by providing them with the guidance and knowledge needed to understand fast-changing trends in technology, talent, and organizational leadership. We understand that good quality jobs are an important component to achieving a successful implementation of CPRG funds. Our workforce development programs help build a pipeline of qualified employees for the region. We are eager to assist this effort by providing a renewable energy pre-apprenticeship program(s) that will include critical support services for participants, such as tutoring, transportation, access to childcare and job coaching. We will also provide community outreach services to attract and retain program participants. With this funding we anticipate assisting approximately 100 workers to progress along the pathway to apprenticeship during the period of the grant.

Manufacturing Works is committed to taking action to strengthen our region and we appreciate being part of this collaborative initiative. If you have any questions about our role, please do not hesitate to contact me at 216-588-1440.

Sincerely,

Adam Artman  
President and Executive Director