



March 22, 2024

County Executive Chris Ronayne  
Cuyahoga County Administrative Headquarters  
2079 E 9th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44115

RE Letter of Commitment for Cuyahoga County CPRG Implementation Grant Submission

Dear Executive Ronayne,

On behalf of Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) I write in support of Cuyahoga County, the City of Cleveland, and the City of Painesville's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) for the deployment of clean electricity and nature-based solutions, in alignment with the PCAP measures submitted by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for the Cleveland-Elyria Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The CPRG Implementation Grant submitted by Cuyahoga County, in partnership with the City of Cleveland and the City of Painesville, is an innovative 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 reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve outdoor air quality.

GCP is the region's leading economic development organization and, with over 12,000 members, largest metropolitan chamber of commerce in the nation. We are the unifying voice of the region's business community and lead the Cleveland Innovation Project, a strategy to strengthen technology-based innovation and economic growth. We plan to support this project through exploring options related to local REC and carbon offset purchases to help businesses reach their net-zero goals while supporting clean energy projects in Ohio.

GCP's support will help enable this coalition to achieve success because of our experience convening sustainability business leaders. We will leverage our convening power and organizing platforms to move forward the CPRG goals and priorities. Most relevant, GCP convenes the region's sustainability professionals on a regular basis to tackle ESG issues within their respective companies, including representatives from Eaton Corporation, Nestle, Nordson Corporation, Lubrizol Corporation, Cleveland Cliffs, Gojo Industries, Avient Corporation, and Avery Dennison, by sharing sustainability best-practices and addressing common challenges. This group has and will continue to provide Cuyahoga County assistance with the implementation of this work.

We are committed to supporting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions throughout our region through strong, sustainable partnerships and innovative solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Baiju Shah'.

Baiju Shah  
President and CEO

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