



March 25, 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,

I am writing on behalf of the Cleveland Foundation in support of Cuyahoga County, the City of Cleveland, and the City of Painesville'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.

As the region's community foundation, we strive to advance strategies that reduce income inequality, spur economic development in the region, and preserve and protect our natural assets. To date, we have provided funding for technical support including energy modeling and legal services. If this initiative for clean energy deployment on brownfield sites is supported by CPRG, we are prepared to continue to provide thought leadership in the design of the project, as well as explore opportunities to leverage philanthropic funding to scale the program further.

Our organization's support will help enable this coalition to achieve success because of our experience and expertise in convening partners in the region, leveraging public and private partnerships, and the ability to unlock grant and social impact capital to bridge public dollars or expand program scale.

We are committed to supporting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions throughout our region through strong, sustainable partnerships, and innovative solutions that are inclusive of the values of all Northeastern Ohioans. Please note, this letter does not represent a financial commitment by the Cleveland Foundation as funding recommendations must be reviewed and approved by our Board of Directors.

Please let me know how we may be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L.A. Kuri".

Lillian A. Kuri  
President and CEO