



February 26th, 2024

Denver Regional Council of Governments
1001 17th Street, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Letter of Support for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) - Decarbonize DRCOG Proposal

As the RMH group, a leading mechanical and electrical engineering consulting firm specializing in energy efficient and low emission design and based in Lakewood Colorado, we are writing to express our wholehearted support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) project proposal presented by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The "Decarbonize DRCOG" initiative will accelerate decarbonization in the built environment. It can help overcome barriers to low emissions technologies and smooth widespread adoption. We believe it aligns with, and enhances, RMH's mission of making a difference in our environment through engineering. Grant support provides critical incentives to overcome the risks of trying innovative climate solutions versus just following current practices.

RMH believes that this proposal addresses several significant hurdles to more widespread adoption of climate friendly technologies in the built environment:

- This proposal addresses Denver and the Metro Area's largest source of GHG emissions – the building sector.
- This proposal provides turnkey solutions for low-income residents that would likely not participate in building electrification/ decarbonization without the logistical and monetary support of the grant. By completing a significant number of projects, the proposals can make what are now exceptional designs and installations more routine and cost effective.
- The proposal's programs are accessible and implementable across jurisdictions and government capacities.
- Industry benefits from innovation dollars for new ideas that can help overcome some of the technological hurdles that still exist to allow low emissions technologies such as heat pumps to be deployed in the region's climate without stressing electrical infrastructure or requiring continued reliance on fossil fuel heating systems.
- The grant supports an increase in well-paying jobs within building construction trades fighting climate change. This could inspire young adults to become electricians, HVAC installers, and controls technicians. All of which are critically needed within our industry.

The proposal is comprehensive and transformative. It not only targets equitable building electrification but also ensures a focus on Justice40 principles, prioritizing benefits for low-income and disadvantaged communities and will help bring our entire region along in advancing our climate justice and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

We look forward to contributing our expertise, tools, and resources to support the success of this groundbreaking initiative.

Should you have any inquiries regarding our support for this funding application, please feel free to contact Jeff Elsner at jelsner@rmhgroup.com or 303-239-2718.

Sincerely,

THE RMH GROUP, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Elsner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Elsner
Mechanical Engineer – Zero Carbon Group Leader