



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

On behalf of Growing Gardens, working to cultivate community through education and regenerative urban agriculture in the region, 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 encompasses a transformative and holistic approach to regional building decarbonization, and we believe it aligns with Growing Gardens mission and values.

We are excited to support this proposal because it addresses Denver and the Metro Area's largest source of GHG emissions – the building sector. We are also encouraged that the proposal spans the entire region, recognizing that building retrofits, supply chain, workforce, and market transformation transcend municipal borders and require a regional approach.

There are a range of programs in this proposal that are accessible and implementable across jurisdictions and government capacities. And the proposal tackles all barriers to building decarbonization, offering tailored services for home and building owners, industry, and local governments.

The proposal is meaningful and visionary. 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 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 me.

Sincerely,

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