



CITY OF BOULDER OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

March 15, 2024

Denver Regional Council of Governments

1001 17th Street, Suite 700

Denver, CO 80202

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

Dear DRCOG,

The City of Boulder offers its full support for the Denver Regional Council of Government's "Decarbonize DRCOG" grant proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program.

Boulder has a long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship, striving towards a safer, healthier, and more equitable future. We remain dedicated to designing and implementing policy actions and supportive programs crucial for the equitable decarbonization of Boulder's entire building stock in the years ahead.

The proposal is comprehensive, transformative, and innovative, and strongly complements the city's efforts to scale-up impact and rapidly decarbonize the building sector. It prioritizes equitable building electrification and incorporates Justice40 principles, emphasizing benefits for low-income and disadvantaged communities. This initiative will propel our region forward in achieving our climate justice and greenhouse gas reduction objectives.

We recognize the need for collaborative action to achieve Boulder's commitment to 100% Renewable Electricity by 2030 and net-zero carbon emissions by 2035, which is why uniting the entire metro region of Denver under one strategic approach is powerful.

If the DRCOG proposal is successful, the City of Boulder will commit the necessary resources to further accelerate and scaler this groundbreaking initiative. Specifically, we commit to:

- Collaborating with key community organizations, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders to address systemic barriers and promote equitable access to program benefits and opportunities.
- Providing the necessary staff resources to guide and manage the success of the Decarbonize DRCOG programs as technical advisors, drawing upon decades of experience managing similar programs.

- Maintaining ongoing participation in the Executive Advisory Board, contributing to co creation, collaboration, and informed decision-making.
- Establishing and aligning policies and ordinances in conjunction with the program that supports building decarbonization efforts, including the City's Energy Conservation and Building Codes.
- Championing and supporting solutions that are in alignment with the City's Racial Equity objectives and Justice40 principles, prioritizing equitable outcomes for frontline communities.

I offer our expertise, tools, and resources to support the success of this groundbreaking initiative and look forward to working closely with DRCOG and other stakeholders to advance our collective climate efforts. I look forward to the positive outcomes that can result from our collective efforts to advance the goals of this effort in the state of Colorado.

Should you have any inquiries regarding the City's support for this important application, please feel free to contact Jonathan Koehn, Director of the Climate Initiatives Department at koehnj@bouldercolorado.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "NPR", followed by a horizontal line.

Nuria Rivera Vandermyde
City Manager