

Front Range Beneficial Electrification Network (FRBEN)

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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

This letter serves as documentation of the [Front Range Beneficial Electrification Network](#)'s (FRBEN) commitment to actively support the successful implementation of the *Decarbonize DRCOG* grant proposal. FRBEN comprises more than 20 local governments in the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) area, along with State of Colorado's Energy Office and regional energy utilities. FRBEN was founded around the need for collaborative action to achieve meaningful climate goals. This framework is the backbone of this proposal.

FRBEN was an integral partner in developing the programming that became the Decarbonize DRCOG application. We remain committed to seeing the projects through completion and will use our convening power to support DRCOG through implementation. We believe that the *Decarbonize DRCOG* initiative is a strategic, impactful, and replicable approach that aligns with the Biden Administration's Justice40 initiative and addresses the critical need for building decarbonization. FRBEN's focus areas include many of the same Decarbonize DRCOG proposal initiatives, such as workforce development and strategic communications. If awarded, we will use our combined expertise, resources, learnings, and momentum to help launch Decarbonize DRCOG and see it through completion.

Submittal of this letter signifies our commitment to the following actions:

- Participation on the program's Advisory Board, contributing to co-creation, collaboration, and informed decision-making
- Contribution of staff time and resources to support this program
- Data analysis to facilitate informed decision-making and strategic planning
- Participation in evaluation mechanisms to document outcomes and evaluate success
- Networking and technical resources to support local governments participating in FRBEN as they align local policy, programs, and funding with building decarbonization efforts
- Support for inclusion measures within FRBEN's participating communities to ensure alignment with Justice40, environmental justice, and equity considerations, prioritizing the needs of disproportionately impacted communities and populations
- Coordinated engagement with community stakeholders
- Collaboration with community organizations, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders to address systemic barriers and promote equitable access to program benefits and opportunities

We are excited about the transformative potential of this initiative and look forward to working closely with DRCOG and other stakeholders to advance our collective climate mitigation efforts.

Should you have any inquiries regarding our support for this funding application, please feel free to contact any of the Network Project Management Team members listed at xcelenergycommunities.com/frben.

Sincerely,

The Project Management Team of the Front Range Beneficial Electrification Network