



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Phase II Implementation Grants

# El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area Application

Chihuahuan Desert Carbon Mitigation Beltway

## Sub-Task 2

## Letter of Intent



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## INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Cary Westin

March 1, 2024

Mr. Michael S. Regan

Administrator

Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

The City of El Paso is pleased to submit a Notice of Intent to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation program as coalition lead and fiscal agent of El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for the Paso del Norte Trail project. The coalition is formed by all members of the Paso del Norte Leadership Steering Committee and the Paso del Norte Health Foundation.

**Applicant Name:** City of El Paso, Tx

**Applicant Eligibility:** Municipality, MSA lead

**Number of Applications:** 1

**Estimated EPA Funding Requested:** \$500,000,000

**Program Location:** El Paso County, TX, and Hudspeth County

The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, a trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, is a crucial endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs and community health in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Texas.

Low Income/Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) will benefit significantly from this project. The scope of work is based on multiple studies and final engineering design documents and includes trail development and improvements, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, ADA improvements, bicycle improvements, solar lighting, air quality monitoring, and irrigation improvements. This project will proactively address GHG emissions and air pollutants reduction, transportation and health challenges throughout the community.

The City of El Paso will pursue federal funding for the proposed project on behalf of the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area. We look forward to your review and thank you for your consideration of our application.

With respect,

*Dionne Mack*

for Cary Westin

Interim City Manager of the City of El Paso