



March 12, 2024

Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of Support– Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF) to express our strong support for the CPRG Implementation program for the 'Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area'.

The South Florida program will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, implement adaptation strategies, and build climate resilience across the Southeast Florida region through the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact partnership. The program will include financial incentives for solar photovoltaic panel installations for homeowners in Low Income and Disadvantaged Communities (LIDACs).

SELF is a nonprofit green bank – CDFI that finances sustainable property improvements. Through innovative and equitable financing solutions, SELF empowers homeowners, contractors, landlords, and affordable housing developers to implement energy-efficient, climate-resilient, and renewable energy projects, ultimately reducing carbon emissions and creating green jobs and a more equitable and sustainable future. SELF already has a strong presence in Miami Dade County with a dedicated program manager and a similar partnership is under development in Broward County.

We offer this letter of collaboration in support of the MSA in its application and implementation of the CPRG Implementation program. If the MSA is selected, SELF looks forward to supporting the South Florida program by offering thought leadership on program design, education to homeowners and access to financial solutions.

Sincerely,

Doug Coward
Founder, Director of National Expansion

Cc: Duanne Andrade, Executive Director