



April 1, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
CPRG Program Coordinator  
Office of Air and Radiation, 6101A  
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Request for Applications**  
**Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07**

Dear CPRG Program Coordinator:

I am writing to express our intent to lead a CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition for the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugarland Metropolitan Statistical Area. This coalition will include projects operating within the 13-county Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) service area. We have extended invitations to our esteemed regional partners to join us in this pivotal initiative aimed at addressing critical environmental challenges and advancing regional resilience and have received many favorable responses.

As a leading regional planning organization, H-GAC has a longstanding commitment to fostering collaboration and leveraging collective resources to address complex environmental issues. With our extensive experience in grant management, stakeholder engagement, and regional coordination, we are uniquely positioned to spearhead the CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition.

The formation of this coalition presents an exceptional opportunity to harness the expertise, resources, and collective knowledge of diverse stakeholders across the H-GAC region. By joining forces, we will be positioning our region for success in addressing the impacts of climate change and advancing environmental sustainability.

We are fully committed to participating in the regional coalition and contributing to its success. We are eager to collaborate with fellow coalition members to implement impactful projects and achieve measurable outcomes that benefit our communities and environment.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Charles Wemple (Apr 1, 2024 12:33 CDT)

Charles Wemple

Executive Director



March 25, 2024

Chuck Wemple  
Executive Director  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
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RE: Port of Houston Authority, Subrecipient Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

The Port of Houston Authority (the Port) serves as the leading advocate for the 52-mile Houston Ship Channel and is led by a seven-member Board of Port Commissioners and 13 executive staff members. The Port owns and operates the eight public facilities along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area's largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the nation. Through community initiatives and partnerships worldwide, the Port continuously adopts leading-edge technologies and is on track in its development for a sustainable future.

The Port is pleased to join the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government's (H-GAC) Climate Pollution Reduction grant as a subrecipient. The Port's proposal includes installation of high voltage shore power components, the purchase of zero and low emission cargo handling equipment, and preparation for a mini grid. The budget for the Port's projects equal \$52,650,825. The Port will provide management staff and is not requesting staff in the project budget. The proposed projects will bring significant sustainable reductions to port, the communities surrounding the port, and the region.

The Port is fully committed to participating in the regional coalition formed by H-GAC for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. This is reflected by the Port's executive management and Port Commissioners commitment to carbon neutrality by 2050. That commitment exemplifies the efforts and resources guiding the decision making of all port staff.

Sincerely,

Rich Byrnes  
Chief Infrastructure Office



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Dear Program Coordinator,

The City of Houston (City) is committed to serving the people of Houston by fostering the growth of a Houston that is both a healthy place to live and an equitable, inclusive, and affordable city that leads in climate mitigation and adaptation and offers a transformative economy that builds forward.

The projects proposed by the CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition align with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Resilient Houston strategy, both launched in 2020. These plans set a community-wide goal to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. Houston's future is intertwined in the promise of a more resilient city. I look forward to your favorable consideration of our grant application.

Please accept this Letter of Intent indicating the City of Houston's willingness to work with the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition on the development and execution of the proposed projects under the Environmental Protection Agency's EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition. Houston has one of the largest rates of per capita GHG emissions in the country and significant environmental justice issues. The projects supported by the CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition will help reduce GHG emissions from the buildings, energy, transportation, and materials management sectors, along with implementing nature-based solutions for carbon capture.

We agree that there are tremendous opportunities to expand existing efforts to reduce GHG emissions, address environmental justice issues in low-income and disadvantaged communities, and create good-paying, green job opportunities in our region. The team assembled for these projects has a significant capability to manage and implement projects to reduce GHG emissions locally and have a multiplying effect on services and benefits provided to disadvantaged communities.

As part of the CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition, the City of Houston intends to use CPRG Implementation Grants funding to accelerate investment in public electric vehicle (EV) charging in low-income and disadvantaged areas to address inequity in the placement of EV chargers and support the electrification of ride-hail vehicles; invest in local solar energy, create good local jobs in one of the fastest growing industries and address long-standing environmental justice issues by transforming brownfields into brightfields; accelerate the decarbonization of municipal buildings and the electrification of the municipal fleet; and further reduce waste to landfill by expanding its repair café initiative.

Council Members: Amy Peck Tarsha Jackson Abbie Kamin Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Fred Flickinger Tiffany Thomas Mary Nan Huffman  
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Controller: Chris Hollins

**Letter of Support – Climate Pollution  
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We support the CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition's projects and are committed to helping execute these projects and GHG reduction measures for the benefit of our region and communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with the Houston-Galveston Area Council and CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition on this project. We look forward to working with you and the rest of the team.

Sincerely,

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*Tina Paez*

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Tina Paez  
Director, City of  
Houston  
Administration  
and Regulatory  
Affairs



March 25, 2024

Chuck Wemple  
Executive Director  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
3555 Timmons Lane  
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RE: Letter of Intent to Participate in the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Regional Coalition for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Competition

Dear Mr. Wemple:

Harris County is pleased to join and be an active implementing partner in the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition. The formation of this coalition represents a significant opportunity to leverage our collective resources to create positive impact in the H-GAC 13-county service area. We are excited for the opportunity to contribute to the successful deployment of our proposed programs.

Harris County, Texas is the third largest County in the United States and the largest in Texas, with 2.2 million more residents than the next most-populous Texas County. It is home to 4.8 million people, including the 2.3 million residents of Houston, the County's seat. Covering 1,777 square miles on the Texas Gulf Coast, the County abuts the Port of Houston, and the population is roughly split equally between incorporated and unincorporated areas.

If the proposal is awarded grant funding, the Harris County Office of County Administration and the Harris County Flood Control District would implement our proposed programs: 1) Clean Air, Renewable Energy & Storage (CARES) and 2) the Clear Creek Regional Mitigation Bank. We are committed to deploying these ideas that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase resilience, and accelerate the implementation of activities our region submitted in our Priority Climate Action Plan.

The Harris County Office of County Administration is tasked with supervising day-to-day operations as well as long-term strategic planning efforts for Harris County. The Harris County Flood Control District is a special purpose district created by the Texas Legislature in 1937 and governed by the Harris County Commissioners Court that provides flood damage reduction projects that work, with appropriate regard for community and natural values. Both departments have extensive experience in successfully managing, implementing, and administering large federal grant opportunities.

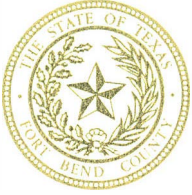
Harris County fully supports the H-GAC Regional Coalition in the CPRG Implementation Competition, and we look forward to working collaboratively with partners across the region.

Sincerely,

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Diana Ramirez  
County Administrator  
Harris County Office of County Administration





**COUNTY JUDGE**  
Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George  
County Judge

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March 26, 2024

Recipient:

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Copy To:

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Houston Galveston Area Council

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter has been prepared by Fort Bend County, on behalf of Fort Bend County Judge's Office, to announce our organization's intention to apply for the grant opportunity from the Environmental Protection Agency through Houston Galveston Area Council. On behalf of Fort Bend County Judge's Office, I, KP George, County Judge, present this Letter of Intent.

Fort Bend County is committed to enhancing the quality live for our constituents. With a steadfast dedication to excellence, we are eager to participate in initiatives that align with our mission and vision for a more sustainable future.

Our primary application point of contact, Samantha Gulley, will serve as the liaison for all communication related to this grant application. Ms. Gulley can be reached at Fort Bend County Judge's Office, 4301 Jackson St., Richmond, TX 77469, or via email at [samantha.gulley@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:samantha.gulley@fortbendcountytexas.gov).

Thank you for considering our Letter of Intent. We look forward to the opportunity to submit a comprehensive grant application and collaborate closely with your esteemed organization to advance our shared goals of improving and protecting the nation's environment.

Sincerely,

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KP George  
Fort Bend County Judge



March 26, 2024

Pharr Andrews  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
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Subject: Letter of Intent for Participation in CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition

Dear Pharr Andrews,

The Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC) is pleased to offer this letter of intent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to participate in the CPRG Phase II Implementation Grant Coalition. The Expanded ForUsTree project is a multi-jurisdictional effort between governmental agencies, nonprofits, and an educational agency to increase tree canopy equity, foster community resilience, and improve access to employment and green careers. HARC is the main grant applicant that will receive funds and serve as the pass-through entity with the U.S. EPA.

HARC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit research hub providing independent analysis on energy, air, water, resilience, and climate equity. Its research activities support the implementation of policies and technologies that promote sustainability based on scientific principles. HARC applies science to drive solutions for a sustainable and equitable future. HARC is a multi-faceted organization that supports the sustainability work of communities and local governments, non-profit organizations, and private and public sector institutions. We are interested in partnering on projects to provide scientific analyses to address many of the complex challenges facing our world.

The ForUsTree project received a partial award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program. This expanded project will augment the ForUsTree project by leveraging the preexisting partnership and implementation structure to increase the number of trees planted, expand reforestation activities with a focus on GHG and air quality pollution reduction, and workforce development. ForUsTree will utilize equitable and inclusive engagement and community-based approaches to implement tree planting or reforestation projects within disadvantaged communities.

On behalf of the ForUsTree Partnership I would like to express our full commitment to the proposed project and look forward to coordinating with the project team to ensure success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan Bare".

Dr. Ryan Bare  
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