



March 26, 2024

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

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program: Implementation Grants General Competition

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Tulsa is pleased to support to the *Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant* proposal prepared by the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG). We look forward to participating as a coalition member in implementing greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies that will channel tangible benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities in our city.

The City of Tulsa and INCOG have partnered in the development of plans and strategies many times, including *planitulsa* (the City of Tulsa's Comprehensive Plan), *Resilient Tulsa*, and the new *Priority Climate Action Plan*, all of which identify environmental stressors as a significant challenge present among disadvantaged communities in Tulsa. Further, the City of Tulsa and INCOG have been long-time collaborators on initiatives related to energy and environmental sustainability, including the Tulsa Area Clean Cities coalition, Ozone Alert program, and Green Country Stormwater Alliance. The City's Office of Resilience and Equity is pleased to build on those cooperative efforts with INCOG by proposing a range of strategies that aim to reduce transportation emissions, increase tree canopy, improve energy efficiency, and educate and empower community members to enhance resiliency in the face of the changing climate. The proposed strategies have been carefully selected to provide significant GHG emissions benefits while advancing environmental and racial equity for residents in the Tulsa region through direct tangible benefits to households.

If selected for an award under this proposal, the City of Tulsa commits to entering into an MOU outlining City facilities (e.g. parks department community centers) to receive retrofits/resilient upgrades, as well as providing operational capacity to create Resilience Hubs through grant funded position(s) as described in the proposal.

The City of Tulsa is committed to improving health and enhancing the quality of life of current and future generations and is excited to contribute to the proposed initiative, which would allow our region to begin the work of addressing both our contributions and vulnerabilities to climate change. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "G. T. Bynum", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

G. T. Bynum
Mayor
City of Tulsa