

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

As the United States House Representative for the Third District of Kansas, I respectfully request full and fair consideration of the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities' (BPU) application via the State of Kansas for Phase 2 of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program.

Passed in 2022 via the *Inflation Reduction Act* and administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the CPRG program is a transformational two-phase opportunity for states, local governments, Tribes, and territories to develop and implement bold strategies for reducing harmful emissions. With their Phase 1 award, the State of Kansas developed a Primary Climate Action Plan (PCAP), identifying several projects statewide that would help achieve the plan's goals; this includes a low-income community solar project run by Kansas City BPU.

Kansas City BPU is a publicly owned agency, serving approximately 67,000 electric and 53,000 water customers in Wyandotte County, Kansas. Much of Kansas City BPU's customer base is low income and heavily burdened by energy costs. Therefore, the utility is applying for \$7.1 million in Phase 2 funding to build a five-megawatt (MW) community solar project, accessible to homeowners and renters, as identified in the State's Phase 1 PCAP. Per their account, this project would strengthen grid stability, increase clean energy generation capacity, improve clean air, and reduce energy costs by 20 percent for severely underserved communities.

I kindly request that the EPA give full and fair consideration to Kansas City BPU's CPRG application. Should you have any further questions, please contact Patrick Hampton in my office at patric.hampton@mail.house.gov or (913) 621-0832.

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress