

March 28, 2024

Executive Dow Constantine
King County Chinook Building
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: SUPPORT FOR KING COUNTY'S CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT APPLICATION IN THE SEATTLE-TACOMA-BELLEVUE MSA (ACCELERATING EQUITABLE BUILDING DECARBONIZATION THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING LIFECYCLE)

Dear Executive Constantine:


On behalf of the below agencies, organizations, and jurisdictions, we are pleased to convey strong support for King County's application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The proposal works across the building sector to decrease climate pollution, fill gaps in current state and federal programming, and increase community resilience and high-quality jobs for the most vulnerable populations in our region. Climate pollution from the building sector is growing at a faster rate than any other source in Washington; the industrial sector accounts for 28% of state greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and some of the highest energy-consuming industries include cement, forest products, and glass. This proposal's work to address embodied carbon would support GHG reductions in both these sectors.

King County has committed to develop and implement programs in a collaborative way with local partners, and to leverage existing resources and programs to support embodied carbon policy. Our staff commit to supporting this effort by working with King County and program implementation teams to:

- Support efforts for collaborative embodied carbon policy design as feasible for our staff;
- Help use existing communication channels to connect building material manufacturers to proposed embodied carbon policies to maximize public outreach;
- Align work on embodied carbon with state, regional and Federal partners.

Our staff are committed to addressing embodied carbon in new building construction and building material manufacturing, and to helping support an equitable implementation of embodied carbon measures. King County has a strong track record of working with the state, other jurisdictions, universities, nonprofits, and community-based organizations to implement programs that benefit the region. We are committed to supporting the proposed embodied carbon program throughout the life of the grant.

Sincerely,



Roger Millar, PE, FASCE, FAICP
Secretary of Transportation