



Energizing Life in Our Communities

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Executive Dow Constantine
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 Snohomish Public Utility District (Snohomish PUD) I am 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.

Snohomish PUD serves our more than 370,000 customers with electricity that is on average 95%+ carbon free, and we are on track to be 100% carbon neutral by 2030. As our customers transition to clean and efficient electric heating systems, these installations powered by clean energy will contribute significantly to the region's decarbonization efforts. We are a community-owned electric utility that is committed to helping our communities thrive and meet their clean energy goals.

King County has committed to implementing programs in a collaborative way to ensure the benefits of this investment show up in communities across our region, including Snohomish County, and leverage existing programs in these sectors. Snohomish PUD staff commit to supporting this work through the life of the grant by working with King County and the program implementation teams to:

- Connect program staff and project teams to Snohomish PUD multifamily and small commercial incentive programs to maximize energy efficiency in Snohomish County.
- Help use existing channels to connect building owners across our service territory to these programs to maximize uptake and equitable distribution.

Since 1982, Snohomish PUD staff have been managing programs to reduce energy consumption and emissions in multifamily and small commercial buildings. In the last decade alone, we exceeded energy savings of 80 aMW and our investments in conservation continue to grow to keep pace with increasing energy demand. Furthermore, through our income-qualified discount rate and conservation programs we leverage more than \$7 million annually to reduce energy burden for customers in need. Snohomish PUD is committed to ensuring benefits accrue to low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs) and our programs and services maximize equity outcomes in our service territory as we grow.

King County has a strong track record of working with partner jurisdictions and utilities to implement programs that benefit the region and Snohomish PUD is committed to supporting these programs throughout the life of the grant.

Sincerely,



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