



TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES

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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 Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), 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. Climate pollution from the building sector is growing at a faster rate than any other source in Washington and this proposal's focus on installation of energy efficient electric heating systems to help reduce emissions from buildings will help change that.

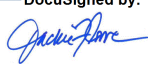
King County has committed to implementing programs in a collaborative way to ensure the benefits of this investment show up in communities across our region and leverage existing programs in these sectors. TPU staff commit to supporting this work through the life of the grant by working with King County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

- Connect program staff and project teams to TPU's multifamily and small commercial incentive programs to maximize energy efficiency
- Help use existing channels to connect building owners across our service territory to these programs to maximize uptake and equitable distribution

TPU staff have decades of expertise in managing programs to reduce energy in multifamily and small commercial buildings that can inform successful implementation of these proposed programs. And TPU is committed to helping ensure benefits accrue to low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs) and implementation maximizes equity outcomes in our service territory.

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

Sincerely,

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