



# City of Seattle

March 28, 2024

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 the City of Seattle, 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 requesting \$49 million. Developed in consultation with the City of Seattle and other local jurisdictions, the proposal tackles climate pollution in the building sector, addresses gaps in current state and federal programming, and supports community resilience and the creation of high-quality jobs in our region.

Climate pollution from the building sector is growing at a faster rate than any other source in Washington. Our region's population represents more than a half of the state's population and **reducing the region's emissions from buildings will significantly reduce the state's overall GHG emissions footprint.**

Seattle's Office of Sustainability and Environment staff actively contributed to shaping this proposal and remain steadfast in supporting its execution throughout the grant's duration. Our commitment includes:

- participating in collaborative workgroup program planning and design, policy development, contractor selection, and rigorous project reviews.
- supporting program implementation by engaging in quarterly meetings to review and evaluate progress and provide recommendations as needed.
- leveraging the data and insights gained from existing Seattle programs (Benchmarking, Building Emissions Performance Standards, Residential Clean Heat, Municipal Building Decarbonization) and efficiently connecting building owners in our community to maximize greenhouse gas reductions and equitable outcomes.
- contributing to this work in a way that prioritizes low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs) - maximizing co-benefits and equity outcomes.

King County has a strong track record of working with partner jurisdictions and utilities to implement programs that benefit the region and Seattle is committed to collaborating with King County by supporting these programs throughout the duration of the grant and helping to drive meaningful change and advancement of our shared climate goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this critical initiative.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Harrell  
Mayor of Seattle