

April 1, 2024

Executive Dow Constantine
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Executive Constantine:

On behalf of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Agency), I am pleased to convey my strong support for King County's application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The proposal, developed in consultation with the Agency, 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.

The Agency is a special-purpose, regional government agency chartered by Washington State law in 1967. Our jurisdiction covers King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties, home to over half the state's population. The Agency synergizes efforts with state and regional climate strategies and works to stimulate policy shifts to support decarbonization across the economy. King County's CPRG application directly aligns with Agency strategic objectives to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other harmful air pollutants across the Puget Sound.

Climate pollution from the building sector is growing at a faster rate than any other source in Washington. Reducing the region's emissions from the building sector will significantly reduce the state's overall GHG emissions profile and directly benefit the region's residents, which comprise over half of the state's population.

King County has committed to implementing programs in a collaborative way to ensure the benefits of CPRG investments show up in communities across our region. As lead entity for the MSA's Phase 1 Planning Grant, Agency staff have participated in



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the development of this proposal and commit to continuing to support this work through the life of the grant. The Agency will:

- Coordinate Phase 1 Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) work and track Phase 2 grant implementation efforts;
- Participate in collaborative program design, contractor selection processes, and review project applications against criteria;
- Support program oversight by attending quarterly meetings to review progress, and provide input on program implementation by third-party contractors;
- Work with King County staff to maximize GHG reductions and benefits to communities;
- Help to raise awareness of program opportunities across the region, in particular outside of King County; and
- Advise on best practices to track and report on programmatic benefits of reducing GHG's and other pollutants.

King County has a strong track record of working with partner jurisdictions and utilities to implement programs that benefit the region, and the Agency is committed to supporting King County and others in the successful implementation of this grant. The Agency strongly supports King County's CPRG application. Please contact me if you have any questions about our support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Cooley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Christine Cooley
Executive Director