



City of Tacoma

Mayor Victoria Woodards

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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 the City of Tacoma, 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, developed in consultation with the City of Tacoma, 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. 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. This work directly supports action items within our recently completed Tacoma Community Building Decarbonization Strategy.

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. City of Tacoma staff have actively participated in the development of this proposal and commit to supporting this work through the life of the grant by assigning staff with the relevant expertise that will:

- participate in collaborative program design, contractor selection, and project reviews;
- support program oversight by attending quarterly meetings to review progress;
- leverage partnerships to promote programs in the local community;
- educate city and utility staff on opportunities for collaboration and promotion of opportunities; and
- use existing programs and staff to connect buildings in our community to these programs to maximize greenhouse gas reductions and benefits to communities.
- bring expertise in our buildings and communities to ensure program benefits accrue to low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs) and actions maximize 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 the City of Tacoma is committed to supporting these programs throughout the life of the grant.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Victoria R. Woodards