

February 28, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Lowell Massachusetts Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application

Dear CPRG Grant Review Panel:

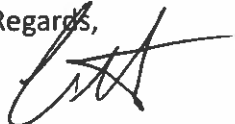
On behalf of National Grid Massachusetts, I want to express my full support for the City of Lowell's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application.

During the past two years, we have grown our partnership with Lowell through the Community Solutions program and Community First Partnership to help increase participation in the statewide energy efficiency program, Mass Save, of which National Grid is a sponsor. Specifically, as it relates to this proposal, we will continue to support Lowell with electrification and energy efficiency scoping studies, strategic energy management planning support, enhanced marketing and incentives and rebates to support Lowell's transition to a decarbonized portfolio.

The City of Lowell is a leader in their decarbonization efforts. Lowell recently documented a 43% reduction in GHG emissions in under two years for two of their schools through an innovative approach that sequenced investments in LED lighting, weatherization, and retro commissioning of controls. Now these schools are ready for deep decarbonization including the addition of solar and storage, and electrification of the facilities. This proposal allows Lowell to scale the approach to all 28 schools and will build a model for how disadvantaged communities can pursue their decarbonization goals. A federal funding award will not only further Lowell's efforts to reduce their carbon footprint with health and economic benefits to Lowell, but will help set on course a major shift in decreasing greenhouse gas emissions from public schools across Massachusetts.

National Grid looks forward to supporting and participating in Lowell's decarbonization efforts.

Regards,



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