

**Bay Mills Indian Community**  
Brimley, Michigan 49715

**Grand Traverse Band  
of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians**  
Suttons Bay, Michigan 49682

**Hannahville Indian Community**  
Wilson, Michigan 49896

**Saginaw Chippewa  
Indian Tribe**  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

**Little Traverse Bay  
Bands of Odawa Indians**  
Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740

**Nottawaseppi Huron  
Band of The Potawatomi**  
Fulton, Michigan 49502



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**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**  
Baraga, Michigan 49908

**Lac Vieux Desert Band  
of Lake Superior Chippewa**  
Watersmeet, Michigan 49969

**Sault Ste. Marie  
Tribe of Chippewa Indians**  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783  
**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**  
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

**Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish  
(Gun Lake Tribe)**  
Dorr, Michigan 49323

**Little River Band  
of Ottawa Indians**  
Manistee, Michigan 49660

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Director  
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Subject: The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Support the State of Michigan's CPRG  
Implementation Grant General Competition Application, (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Director Roos,

We, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCMI) affirm our partnership with the State of Michigan and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) in response to EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. We are pleased to endorse Michigan's objective to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and ambitiously site renewable energy in Michigan through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. Under EGLE's proposed Renewables Ready Communities Program, the Renewables Ready Communities Awards and the Brownfield Renewable Energy Pilot Program will unlock significant GHG emissions in the near term, provide substantial community benefits in low-income and disadvantaged communities, and improve capacity and technical expertise in renewable energy siting statewide.

Through the CPRG grant program period, we anticipate collaborating with the State to encourage the twelve federally recognized Tribes ITCMI represents to apply for projects through the proposed Renewables Ready Communities Award program and Brownfield Renewable Energy Pilot Program grant opportunities. We anticipate seeking technical assistance and support from EGLE's Renewable Energy Academy. To help ensure these goals are met, our commitment extends in offering support by continuing our collaboration with EGLE in CPRG activities, and ensuring our member Tribes are aware of project and grant opportunities available to them.

Given the State's proven success in implementing equitable climate policies, we have full confidence in their ability to achieve the objectives laid out in the application. Furthermore, this initiative will stimulate increased investment in renewable energy projects critical to achieving the State's climate objectives.

Our organization's mission is: 1) to act as a forum for member Tribes; 2) to advocate for member Tribes in the development of programs and policies which will improve the economy, education, and quality of life for Michigan's Native Americans; and 3) to provide technical assistance to member Tribes, assisting in the development of Tribal regulations, ordinances, and policies applicable to health and human services. We have been involved in renewable energy projects with Michigan Tribes. Currently ITCMI is working with six of the twelve federally recognized Tribes and assisting them to create their Priority Climate Action Plans and Comprehensive Climate Action Plans. We also are planning to help Tribal members gain access to renewable energy and energy saving technologies for their homes and community buildings across the State of Michigan.

We are enthusiastic about partnering with the State of Michigan to advance the goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through this pivotal program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clayton Kincheloe".

Clayton Kincheloe  
Executive Director