

Letters of Support

ELECTED OFFICIALS



MAYOR CAVALIER JOHNSON
CITY OF MILWAUKEE

March 19, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

As Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, I fully support the proposed application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Strategy Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, Wisconsin Metropolitan Area. It continues to be my priority to position Milwaukee as a leader in climate action and sustainability in the region and in our state. I commit the full attention of my staff to collaborate with partner communities and pursue additional funding needed to support the outcomes of the grant.

Milwaukee is an active partner in the CPRG Planning efforts led by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The City of Milwaukee adopted a *Climate and Equity Plan* that I signed into law in June of 2023, which prioritizes solar energy, energy efficiency, and workforce development in disadvantaged communities to reduce GHG emissions. This plan serves as a foundation for the work to be done in other municipalities.

If awarded funding, the City of Milwaukee will expand upon successful projects we've done with We Energies to subscribe to major new investments in renewable energy through the Renewable Pathways Program. We will be able to source 100% of our municipal power needs from new renewable energy projects. The grant will pay for the first four years under the program and Milwaukee would subscribe to the fifth year and possibly beyond using local funds. We will also work together on shared sustainability priorities including a regional network of EV charging stations, commercial building energy efficiency, and other strategies.

This funding opportunity will create a lasting impact for Milwaukee residents and the broader region. I strongly encourage the EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to support implementation and scaling of GHG reductions while addressing racial and economic inequities in our city and in our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Cavalier Johnson

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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March 20, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am pleased to support the City of Milwaukee's application for Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Regional partners for the proposal include the Village of Shorewood, City of Wauwatosa, City of Waukesha, Waukesha County, City of Oak Creek, City of West Allis, City of Muskego, Village of Whitefish Bay, Washington County, and Ozaukee County.

The City's proposal is focused on regional collaborative efforts on renewable energy practices, increasing the energy efficiency of commercial buildings, and developing an electric vehicle charging infrastructure. With awarded funding, the City intends to:

- 1) Increase building energy efficiency and solar for public sector and commercial buildings, including developing a commercial building resource center that can be used to support voluntary programs and/or commercial building energy policy. The resource center will also help to direct funding for municipal energy efficiency projects, implement a commercial building benchmarking policy, and create an established program for regional sustainability assistance. The program would include shared sustainability staff for participating communities to expand climate pollution reduction practices in local governments
- 2) Increase the adoption of electric, hybrid, and clean fuel vehicles in municipal fleets and develop a regional public charging network, and
- 3) Contribute to greening the grid through utility-scale solar, including funding for programs that allow municipal and county governments to subscribe to large-scale projects

I strongly support proposals that work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution in our communities. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to the City of Milwaukee's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants application. Please keep my office updated on the progress of this application by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator

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4TH DISTRICT, WISCONSIN

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March 18, 2024

Mr. Erick Schamberger
Director
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
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Milwaukee, WI 53202-3515

Dear Director Shambarger,

I am writing to support the proposed application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Strategy Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG). This application is a part of a regional coalition of municipalities and authorities in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The regional collaboration will focus on three major components including solar and renewable energy, energy efficient commercial buildings, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

In addition to the City of Milwaukee, Regional partners include the Village of Shorewood, City of Wauwatosa, City of Waukesha, Waukesha County, City of Oak Creek, City of West Allis, City of Muskego, Village of Whitefish Bay, Washington County, and Ozaukee County. Many of the municipalities included in this project are sited in the 4th Congressional District which I represent. The project will be funded for 5 years.

Measures will be implemented in authorities throughout the region with a focus on serving economically disadvantaged communities with at least 40% of all investments. It also includes a workforce agreement to prioritize recruitment of people of color into the relevant trades.

I am a strong proponent of climate action and sustainability. I am also proud that the proposal will allow the City of Milwaukee to source 100% of its municipal power needs from renewable energy, building off the [landmark solar agreement](#) that it approved this year. This transformational utility-scale solar agreement is expected to create family supporting jobs and is supported by IBEW-494, MBCTC, and W RTP-Big Step.

I will work to demonstrate my commitment to our Region's Priority Climate Action Plan, to make this EPA CPRG Project a success and to leverage existing and future resources to reduce GHG and move towards Net-Zero Energy in all sectors. As an advocate of the Inflation Reduction Act, I look forward to seeing these investments in Wisconsin communities.

I am confident that this project will exceed expectations while addressing racial and economic inequities in Wisconsin as well as supporting job creation. I enthusiastically support this proposal and encourage the EPA to fully fund this innovative investment of just under \$10,000,000 and ask that your application is given the highest consideration. Please inform me of the final decision in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
GM/SE

Letters of Support

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS



AT THE EDGE OF THE CITY AND
THE HEART OF EVERYTHING

March 26, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

On behalf of the Village of Shorewood I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The Village of Shorewood was active in the CPRG Planning efforts led by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and encourages EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to help us implement major projects that reduce GHG.

If awarded, my jurisdiction will provide office space to host a shared Community Environmental Sustainability Manager to work directly with municipal staff, businesses, and other stakeholders on the EPA CPRG implementation. The position will be an official employee of the City, but the position will work in our offices about one day per week with our community's administration. In that role, the Community Environmental Sustainability Manager will report to the Village Manager and help us publicly reduce greenhouse gases and incorporate environmental sustainability in our operations and community at large. We will pursue other grants or use local funds to support this shared staff person past the period of the grant and into the future. Further, my jurisdiction commits to regular meetings with partners under supervision of the City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office to coordinate work and carry out grant outcomes.

We will also work together on shared sustainability priorities including a regional network of EV charging stations, commercial building energy efficiency, and other strategies. Please contact me if you need any additional information or if you have any questions at 414-847-2701 or rewald@shorewoodwi.gov.

Sincerely,

Signature
Rebecca Ewald
Village Manager
Village of Shorewood

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Jason Dzwinel, County Administrator

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March 20, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

On behalf of Ozaukee County, I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. Ozaukee County was active in the CPRG Planning efforts led by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and encourages EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to help us implement major projects that reduce GHG.

Ozaukee County has purposely worked to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions over the last ten years. Ozaukee County adopted an Energy & Sustainability Plan in 2015, and codified an Energy Action Commission in 2019. Since 2014, Ozaukee County has invested in LED lighting, HVAC upgrades, implementing hybrid shared-ride taxis, and installed a 36 kW solar pv system, which have reduced our electricity consumption 4%, and our natural gas consumption 9% countywide.

If awarded, my jurisdiction will host a shared Community Environmental Sustainability Manager to work directly with municipal staff, businesses and other stakeholders on the EPA CPRG implementation. The position will be an official employee of another community that is subawarded funding from the grant, but the position will work in our offices about one day per week with our community's administration. In that role, the Community Environmental Sustainability Manager will report to the County Administrator and help us publicly reduce greenhouse gasses and incorporate environmental sustainability in our operations and community at large. We will pursue other grants or use local funds to support this shared staff person past the period of the grant and into the future. Further, my jurisdiction commits to regular meetings with partners under supervision of the City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office to coordinate work and carry out grant outcomes.

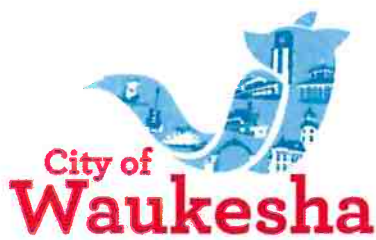
We will also work together on shared sustainability priorities including a regional network of EV charging stations, commercial building energy efficiency, and other strategies.

Please contact me if you need any additional information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jason Dzwinel



Office of the Mayor

201 Delafield Street
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53188-3633

Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor

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March 14, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

On behalf of the City of Waukesha, I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The City of Waukesha was active in the CPRG Planning efforts led by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and encourages EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to help us implement major projects that reduce GHG.

The City of Waukesha continues to look for ways to promote climate and sustainability goals throughout our City. Our recently updated Comprehensive Plan includes sustainability goals and policies interwoven throughout all of the Plan's sections. Several examples of goals and policies set forth in the City of Waukesha Comprehensive Plan specifically related to climate and sustainability include:

GOAL 5.7

Reduce carbon emissions and other pollutants from transportation sources.

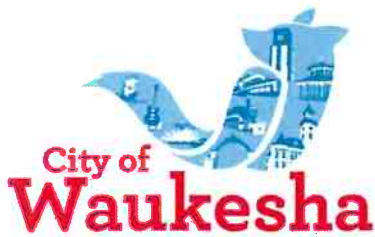
Policy 5.7.2 Encourage walking, biking, and the use of transit by ensuring that new and existing development is conveniently and safely accessible by these means of transportation.

Policy 5.7.4 Evaluate options for transitioning the City fleet to low- or no- emission vehicles as soon as possible, given due consideration of cost.

Policy 5.7.5 Consider planning for a network of electric charging stations and new building code requirements for electric charging in new construction to accommodate the transition of City residents, workers, and visitors to electric vehicles.

Policy 6.6.1 Educate residents and businesses on techniques for promoting energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy usage.

Policy 6.6.2 Explore opportunities for the City to increase energy efficiency and energy conservation in its operations, including exploring the potential to utilize renewable energy sources.



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Policy 6.6.3 Streamline the process for homeowners to install residential solar energy systems and other energy efficient upgrades or improvements.

Policy 6.9.1 Analyze the potential to transition the City's vehicle fleet to more efficient and lower emission technologies.

Policy 6.9.3 When updating or constructing new City buildings and facilities, explore the feasibility of adding solar panels or other energy efficient improvements.

If awarded, my jurisdiction will host a shared Community Environmental Sustainability Manager to work directly with municipal staff, businesses, and other stakeholders on the EPA CPRG implementation. The position will be an official employee of another community that is sub awarded funding from the grant, but the position will work in our offices about one day per week with our community's administration. In that role, the Community Environmental Sustainability Manager will report to the City Administrator and help us publicly reduce greenhouse gases and incorporate environmental sustainability in our operations and community at large. We will pursue other grants or use local funds to support this shared staff person past the period of the grant and into the future. Further, my jurisdiction commits to regular meetings with partners under supervision of the City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office to coordinate work and carry out grant outcomes.

We will also work together on shared sustainability priorities including a regional network of EV charging stations, commercial building energy efficiency, and other strategies.

Please contact me if you need any additional information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Shawn N. Riley
Mayor



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March 20, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

Wisconsin Clean Cities (WCC) fully supports the proposed application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Strategy Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. If selected to receive funding, the Project will deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging sites across the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area, accelerating the Milwaukee region's transition to a more equitable, accessible, and reliable electrified transportation system. This project directly supports the City of Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan and its goals to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2050, and will lead to significant reductions in GHGs and improved air quality across the Milwaukee-Waukesha Metropolitan Area, among many other benefits. The City of Milwaukee's application was developed in coordination with the State of Wisconsin. The projects listed are complementary and will not be duplicative of the State's application, but rather will support its overall vision.

WCC encourages the EPA to make this transformational investment of nearly \$10,000,000 to support implementation and scaling of GHG reductions while addressing racial and economic inequities in Wisconsin. In addition to support for a regional public EV charging network, The City of Milwaukee proposal includes developing large-scale solar projects, potentially on landfills, and resources to make commercial buildings more sustainable thus reducing GHG emissions from the building sector.

WCC, as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities and Communities program supports these projects as they are in direct correlation to the mission of our coalition. These projects will serve to support our Drive Electric Wisconsin project and also enhance our work through Drive Clean Rural USA. We look forward to the opportunity to partner in this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lorrie Lisek'.

Lorrie Lisek
Executive Director



Planning & Zoning
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March 20, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

On behalf of the City of West Allis, I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The City of West Allis was active in the CPRG Planning efforts led by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and encourages EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to help us implement major projects that reduce GHG.

Per the 2045 Comprehensive Plan, West Allis has long-term goals of supporting sustainability efforts within the realms of transportation, housing, parks & open space, and utilities & community facilities. To support the implementation of sustainable efforts, grant opportunities and other funding methods may be explored to reach sustainability goals.

If awarded, my jurisdiction will collaborate with a shared Community Environmental Sustainability Manager to work directly with municipal staff, businesses and other stakeholders on the EPA CPRG implementation. The position will be an official employee of another community that is subawarded funding from the grant, but the position will work in our offices about one day per week with our community's administration. In that role, the Community Environmental Sustainability Manager will report to the Mayor and City Administrator, in collaboration with other city departments, and help us publicly reduce greenhouse gasses and incorporate environmental sustainability in our operations and community at large. We will pursue other grants or use local funds to support this shared staff person past the period of the grant and into the future. Further, my jurisdiction commits to regular meetings with partners under supervision of the City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office to coordinate work and carry out grant outcomes.

Additionally, if awarded, our City/Village/County may endeavor to work with We Energies to subscribe to major new investments in renewable energy through the Renewable Pathways Program. Under this proposal, the grant will pay for the first four years of the program. Our community would subscribe to the fifth year and possibly beyond using local funds. We will also work together on shared sustainability priorities including a regional network of EV charging stations, commercial building energy efficiency, and other strategies.

Please contact me if you need any additional information or if you have any questions at me at (414) 302-8466, planning@westalliswi.gov

Sincerely,

Steve Schaer AICP, Planning & Zoning Manager
City of West Allis

Letters of Support

SUPPORT PARTNERS



March 21, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E Wells St., Milwaukee WI 53202

Subject: Support for City of Milwaukee EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application

Director Shambarger:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy (OSCE) strongly support the proposed application for funding under the 2024 US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, Wisconsin Metropolitan Area. The State of Wisconsin is committed to advancing state and national GHG emissions reduction goals, and the projects listed in this application will help move Wisconsin forward.

The City of Milwaukee's application was developed in coordination with the State of Wisconsin. The projects listed in the application are complementary and, while not duplicative of the projects included in the State's application, will support the overall vision of the State's application. Through fostering regional collaboration on priority emissions reduction projects focused on renewable energy, commercial building energy efficiency, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure, the City's application would also advance progress toward goals outlined in Governor Evers' Task Force on Climate Change Report and Wisconsin's Clean Energy Plan.

The DNR and OSCE respectfully encourage the EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to support implementation and scaling of GHG reduction projects that would simultaneously work to address racial and economic inequities in Wisconsin. The included projects would also lead to significant clean-energy workforce benefits across the region. The City of Milwaukee's proposal includes developing large-scale solar projects, including potential solar siting on closed landfills, a clean energy redevelopment strategy with a demonstrated record of success. The DNR, OSCE, and the City of Milwaukee will work collaboratively to ensure that these projects are completed in an environmentally responsible manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven Little
Deputy Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Maria Redmond
Director
Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy



March 20, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Director Shambarger,

On behalf of Citizen Action of Wisconsin, I am writing to express our unwavering support for the City of Milwaukee's application for the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). Our organization, committed to environmental justice and equitable access to clean energy, recognizes the critical importance of this initiative in fostering a sustainable and equitable future for the Milwaukee-Waukesha metropolitan area.

The City of Milwaukee's Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO) has demonstrated leadership and dedication to the City's Climate and Equity Plan since its adoption. ECO's efforts in securing substantial federal resources, including a \$12 million Forestry grant, a \$400,000 Buildings UP prize for energy efficiency planning in rental buildings, support for green congregations, and an Environmental Justice grant aimed at enhancing resilience in Sherman Park and Clean Wisconsin, have been instrumental in advancing our shared vision for a greener, more resilient community.

Citizen Action of Wisconsin is particularly supportive of the comprehensive approach taken by ECO in applying for the CPRG grant. The focus on regional collaboration for renewable energy, energy-efficient commercial buildings, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and the workforce agreement to ensure equitable job opportunities for people of color in the trades aligns perfectly with our mission. These efforts not only pave the way for Milwaukee to meet 100% of its municipal power needs through renewable energy but also set a benchmark for sustainable urban development that is inclusive and equitable.

Our organization is deeply invested in the welfare of communities of color and those economically disadvantaged, who have historically borne the brunt of environmental injustices. The CPRG project presents a monumental opportunity to address these disparities, lower pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and foster economic opportunities through targeted

workforce training. Citizen Action of Wisconsin is eager to support the City of Milwaukee and its partners, including Walnut Way, IBEW-494, MBCTC, and WRTP-Big Step, in recruitment efforts and ensuring that the project meets the Justice40 goals and other equity commitments.

As the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission embarks on a regional Climate Plan with Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan as its foundation, we are encouraged by the prospect of neighboring communities establishing their sustainability offices. This regional approach to sustainability and equity is a model for others to follow and reinforces the importance of collaborative effort in addressing climate change.

Citizen Action of Wisconsin commits to ongoing engagement with the City's Environmental Collaboration Office to ensure the City's Climate and Equity Plan's successful implementation and maximize the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act opportunities. We are particularly excited about the role of the Green Jobs Coordinator in enhancing community engagement and ensuring compliance with project goals, especially in communities of color. Citizen Action has had a strong partnership with ECO since the initiation of the Milwaukee climate and equity planning process in 2019.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Milwaukee and other stakeholders in this vital work. Together, we can achieve a more sustainable, equitable, and prosperous future for all residents of the Milwaukee-Waukesha metropolitan area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Robert Kraig". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Robert Kraig
he/him/his
Executive Director

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March 22, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

On behalf of Employ Milwaukee, I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's regional application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). This proposal provides critical funding to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The proposal includes funding to support utility-scale solar projects to provide large amounts of GHG-free electricity to local governments, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and a commercial buildings resource center to provide guidance on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and financing.

Employ Milwaukee is the largest workforce investment board in the state of Wisconsin and serves the most diverse racial and economic area in the state. By convening leaders from business and industry, economic and workforce development, education and training as well as community partners and policy makers, our vision is to develop workforce solutions that promote regional economic growth and employment opportunity for all job seekers.

Employ Milwaukee supports the community benefits agreement and workforce plan included in this application. We have developed close partnerships that connect disadvantaged workers with training and union contractors who are ready to build clean energy infrastructure on this grant. In January, WRTTP/Big Step received substantial funding from the US Department of Energy to prepare workers for the electrical trades and to install EV charging infrastructure. In March 2024, the City of Milwaukee approved two solar projects with We Energies that will use union labor and local hiring requirements. If awarded, we will make additional efforts to recruit the next generation of labor, including in Milwaukee's schools and disadvantaged neighborhoods. A CPRG grant would greatly accelerate these kinds of projects in support of President Biden's vision for building clean energy infrastructure with well trained and well-paid union labor.

We look forward to partnering with local governments on our shared environmental sustainability goals. Please contact me if you need any additional information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chytania Brown".

Chytania Brown, President and CEO

Employ Milwaukee is an Equal Opportunity employer and service provider. If you need this information or printed material in an alternate format, or in different language, please contact us at (414)-270-1700. Deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired callers can contact us through Wisconsin Relay Service at 7-1-1.

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March 19, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission fully supports the City of Milwaukee's proposed application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area.

The City of Milwaukee and partner counties and communities are active participants in the CPRG planning efforts led by the Commission. This proposal includes strategies listed in the Priority Climate Action Plan developed under the CPRG planning grant. The Commission, as the regional planning agency, may provide additional research support related to the utility-scale solar projects included in this proposal. The Commission will also continue to lead the work on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan and monitoring requirements of the CPRG planning grant.

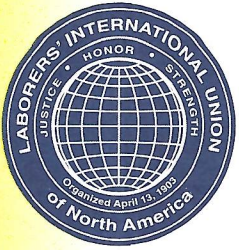
The goals of City of Milwaukee's application align with VISION 2050, Southeastern Wisconsin's long-range land use and transportation plan. VISION 2050 seeks to build on the Region's existing strengths and improve areas where the Region does not compete well with its peers, to increase the quality of life for residents and businesses and attract new growth to the Region. The projects proposed in this application will further goals in VISION 2050 by encouraging sustainable and cost-effective growth and helping the Region transition to a clean energy economy.

This funding opportunity will create a lasting impact for residents of the Milwaukee metropolitan area. I strongly encourage the EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to support implementation and scaling of GHG reductions while addressing racial and economic inequities in the city and metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Benjamin R. McKay, AICP
Deputy Director



Laborers'
International
Union of
North America

LIUNA!

Local No. 113

ANTHONY NEIRA
Business Manager
JOHN H. SWAN III
*Secretary-Treasurer/
Business Representative*



March 20, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

LIUNA Local 113 is a union of 2,500 skilled laborers from Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha, Racine, and Kenosha Counties, and over 500 of our members live in the City of Milwaukee.

I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's regional application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). This proposal provides critical funding to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The proposal includes funding to support utility-scale solar projects to provide large amounts of GHG-free electricity to local governments, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and a commercial buildings resource center to provide guidance on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and financing.

Our union's members have significant experience working on utility-scale solar projects throughout Southeast Wisconsin, and these projects have been a catalyst to careers in construction. To demonstrate the significant impact that utility-scale solar projects have had on our economy, our union members have completed over 560,000 working hours on these projects over the last two years. This is helping contribute to an increase in apprenticeships, drawing from all our diverse communities where more people are getting an opportunity to pursue a career in construction.

We are supporting the community benefits agreement and workforce plan included in this application. We have developed close partnerships that connect disadvantaged workers with training and union contractors who are ready to build clean energy infrastructure on this grant. In January, WRTTP/Big Step received substantial funding from the US Department of Energy to prepare workers for the construction trades and to install EV charging infrastructure. We have the skills and safety training but need more funding for projects to create additional demand for these jobs. In March 2024, the City of Milwaukee approved two solar projects with We Energies that will use union labor and local hiring requirements.

If awarded funding through CPRG, we will make additional efforts to recruit the next generation of labor, including in Milwaukee's schools and disadvantaged neighborhoods. A CPRG grant would greatly accelerate these kinds of projects in support of President Biden's vision for building clean energy infrastructure with well trained and well-paid union labor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony Neira
Business Manager
LIUNA Local 113



March 20, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

Our Future Milwaukee supports the City of Milwaukee's application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Strategy Program. We are a citizen-led organization working to ensure the full and equitable implementation of Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan, which is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address racial and economic inequity. Our growing coalition includes a distribution list of 730 individuals. Eighteen non-profit and grass roots organizations have formally signed on as members or supporting partners. In addition to monitoring progress of Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan and advocating for its implementation, we are working with community leaders to advocate for the expansion of climate action to surrounding municipalities.


The city of Milwaukee's application for funding to build a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area aligns with our mission and the needs of the community. We see building a coalition to support climate action both at the city and regional level as essential to reaching our goals of reducing emissions and addressing inequity.


We enthusiastically support this project's plan to support construction of large-scale solar projects, which will reduce our region's dependence on fossil fuel electricity generation. This will be of particular benefit to low-income and communities of color, which have been affected by poor air quality, high energy burdens, and exclusion from economic opportunity.

This CPRG project is an opportunity for the region to address these inequities, reduce pollution and GHG emissions in our communities, and provide workforce training for economically disadvantaged youth and adults. We endorse this proposal's inclusion of a community benefits agreement prioritizing the recruitment of people of color in family supporting jobs.

Our organization will support worker recruitment efforts and hold the CPRG project accountable to Justice40 goals. We will continue to meet with the City's Environmental Collaboration Office to ensure the City's Climate and Equity Plan is being implemented fairly and collaboratively.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Evans, Acting President
Our Future Milwaukee Coalition


Linda Frank, Acting Secretary
Our Future Milwaukee Coalition

March 20th, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

The Electrification Coalition (EC) fully supports the proposed application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Strategy Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. If selected to receive funding, the Project will deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging sites across the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area, accelerating the Milwaukee region's transition to a more equitable, accessible, and reliable electrified transportation system. This project directly supports the City of Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan and its goals to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and will lead to significant reductions in GHGs and improved air quality across the Milwaukee-Waukesha Metropolitan Area, among many other benefits. The City of Milwaukee's application was developed in coordination with the State of Wisconsin. The projects listed are complementary and will not be duplicative of the State's application, but rather will support its overall vision. We gladly support both applications, and believe in their ability to advance electrification priority.

Milwaukee continues to be a leader in transportation electrification. Key investments in critical infrastructure is needed to support the ever-growing adoption of electric vehicles. The EC will support the city to bring the project to completion and work to secure other funding opportunities to electrify their transportation systems.

We strongly encourage the EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to support implementation and scaling of GHG reductions while addressing racial and economic inequities in Wisconsin. In addition to support for a regional EV public EV charging network, The City of Milwaukee's proposal includes developing large-scale solar projects, including potentially on landfills, and resources to make Commercial Buildings more sustainable to reduce GHG emissions from the building sector. We will work together to make sure these projects are done in an environmentally sustainable way.

Sincerely,



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March 20, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
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200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 494, I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's regional application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). This proposal provides critical funding to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The proposal includes funding to support utility-scale solar projects to provide large amounts of GHG-free electricity to local governments, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and a commercial buildings resource center to provide guidance on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and financing.

IBEW Local 494 believes in providing family sustaining careers that come with a living wage and not a surviving wage. We firmly believe in giving back to the communities we live, work, and play in.

We are supporting the community benefits agreement and workforce plan included in this application. We have developed close partnerships that connect disadvantaged workers with training and union contractors who are ready to build clean energy infrastructure on this grant. In January, WRTP/Big Step received substantial funding from the US Department of Energy to prepare workers for the electrical trades and to install EV charging infrastructure. We have the training, but need more funding for projects to create additional demand for these jobs. In March 2024, the City of Milwaukee approved two solar projects with We Energies that will use union labor and local hiring requirements.

If awarded funding through CPRG, we will make additional efforts to recruit the next generation of labor, including in Milwaukee's schools and disadvantaged neighborhoods. A CPRG grant would greatly accelerate these kinds of projects in support of President Biden's vision for building clean energy infrastructure with well trained and well-paid union labor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John Jacobs".

John Jacobs – Business Manager/Financial Secretary
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 494



Kevin L. Shafer, P.E.
Executive Director

March 12, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

On behalf of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. MMSD was active in the CPRG Planning efforts led by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and encourages EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to help us implement major projects that reduce GHG.

MMSD's adopted 2035 Vision has specific goals related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. MMSD is working towards reducing its energy use and changing its energy portfolio to include more renewable energy sources. MMSD is intent on reaching 100% of our energy needs with renewable energy, with 80% of that generated by internal renewable sources. Additionally, MMSD is working towards reducing our carbon footprint by 90% from our 2005 baseline.

We are excited to see that the proposal includes funding for shared Community Environmental Sustainability Program Managers to be embedded in communities throughout the metro area. These staff will help MMSD more effectively bring nature-based solutions and coordinated action to reduce GHGs through the broader metro area.

We will continue to work together on shared climate resilience priorities. MMSD and the City of Milwaukee have a long history of working together to improve environmental, social, and economic outcomes for those we serve. The Proposed Commercial Building Resource Center aligns with actions contained in our *2019 Resilience Plan*.

Please work with Bre Plier of my staff who can be reached at 414-225-2079, bplier@mmsd.com, with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Shafer, PE
Executive Director
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

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Sherman Park Community Association

March 20, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

I am writing to provide my organization's support to the City of Milwaukee's application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Strategy Program. Sherman Park Community Association (SPCA) supports the application for funding to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities, jurisdictions, and community-based organizations in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. We understand the importance of building a coalition that supports climate action both in the city and the region at large. Further, this project will support the construction of large-scale solar projects that will reduce our region's dependence on coal-fired electricity generation, benefiting the air quality in our community.

Sherman Park Community Association, Inc. (SPCA) is a 53-year-old community-based agency serving a population of 30,000 residents and is one of the most socioeconomic and ethnically diverse neighborhoods in Milwaukee. SPCA is currently partnering with the City's ECO Office in the coordination of two federal, environmentally-focused grants (Greening Congregations & Healthy Homes and ECO Neighborhoods). These projects seek to educate, promote, and implement green infrastructure (GI) and decarbonization (i.e. energy efficiency, electrification, and renewable energy) efforts throughout the Sherman Park community.

For decades Sherman Park (SP) has experienced historical disinvestment, redlining practices, and environmental injustices that have led to poorer health and environmental outcomes in the community. SPCA serves a population comprised of residents who are 80% Black/African-American, 13% White, 3% Hispanic/Latinx, and 5% identify as Asian, American Indian and Alaska Native or two or more races. Additional data shows Sherman Park residents face systemic barriers which result in the neighborhood outpacing citywide averages in poverty (32% vs 29%), female-headed households (35% vs 22%), and unemployment (45% vs 36%). Only 12% of Sherman Park residents aged 25-34 have at least a bachelor's degree (compared to 30% citywide). The median household income of a Sherman Park resident is \$37,138 compared to \$45,318 for a City of Milwaukee resident.

Communities of color and economic disadvantage have been overburdened by energy costs and have historically been excluded from economic opportunities. This CPRG project is an opportunity for the region to address these inequities, reduce pollution and GHG emissions in our communities and provide workforce training for economically disadvantaged youth and adults. The projects included in this application are contained in the City's *Climate and Equity Plan*, which was the result of almost four years of community engagement through the City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity. It further improves the prospects for getting community-scale solar built near our community.

This proposal includes a community benefits agreement prioritizing the recruitment of people of color in family-supporting jobs. Our organization will support worker recruitment efforts and hold the CPRG project accountable to Justice40 goals. We will continue to meet with the City's Environmental Collaboration Office to ensure the City's Climate and Equity Plan is being implemented fairly and collaboratively across the broad range of Inflation Reduction Act opportunities.

Sincerely,

Mabel Lamb
Executive Director, SPCA



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March 20, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger:

On behalf of We Energies, I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's regional application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). It is our understanding that this proposal provides critical funding to implement projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, Wisconsin, metropolitan area.

We Energies provides electric service to over 1.1 million customers in Wisconsin. We are committed to achieving aggressive carbon emissions reductions goals. Specifically, we are implementing plans to reduce carbon emissions by 60% by the end of 2025, relative to 2005 levels, and by 80% by the end of 2030. By 2050, the company aims to achieve net carbon neutrality.

Since 2018, We Energies has worked with local governments to provide new options to help them achieve their GHG reduction goals. In 2021, we worked with the City of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to build a 2.25-megawatt (MW) solar project on a city-owned, capped landfill next to General Mitchell International Airport. In March 2024, we again partnered with the City of Milwaukee's Environmental Collaboration Office and Office of Equity and Inclusion to get approval for an additional 11 MW of new renewable generation that will be dedicated to the City of Milwaukee, including another 4.5 MW on that same landfill.

If awarded this grant, the City of Milwaukee and other willing local governments will be enabled to directly support the building of up to an additional 150 MW of new renewable energy generating capacity through our Renewable Pathway or Renewable Energy Rider voluntary program. This program provides the partnering local government with multiple benefits, including the projects' associated Renewable Energy Certificates. They complement the communities' rooftop solar projects — greatly accelerating progress toward meeting GHG emission reduction goals. This grant will also enable the City of Milwaukee to get 100% of its electric power from renewable energy by 2030, and allow other participating local governments to make similar large leaps to achieve their public GHG emission reduction goals. Moreover, we have developed close partnerships with Milwaukee's workforce agencies and union contractors to deliver economic benefits to disadvantaged communities in Milwaukee on these projects.

We look forward to continuing our efforts to partner with local governments on our shared environmental sustainability goals. Please contact me if you need any additional information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Lauber
President and Chief Executive Officer



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March 19, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

On behalf of the Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, I am writing to support the City of Milwaukee's regional application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). This proposal provides critical funding to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The proposal includes funding to support utility-scale solar projects to provide large amounts of GHG-free electricity to local governments, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, as well as a commercial buildings resource center to provide guidance on energy efficiency, renewable energy technologies and financing.

The members of the Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council provide the skilled workforce that builds the homes, schools and places of business that are the foundation of the Wisconsin economy and our quality of life. The Council has always supported those policies and projects that enable all working men and women to enjoy, fully and fairly, the benefits of broad, sustained economic growth. Our expertise and commitment have become even more important as environmental protection rightly receives ever more emphasis.

Therefore, we are supporting the community benefits agreement and workforce plan included in this application. We have developed close partnerships that connect disadvantaged workers with training and union contractors who are ready to build clean energy infrastructure on this grant. In January, WRTP/Big Step received substantial funding from the US Department of Energy to prepare workers for the electrical trades and to install EV charging infrastructure. We have the training but need more funding for projects to create additional demand for these jobs. In March 2024, the City of Milwaukee approved two solar projects with We Energies that will use union labor and local hiring requirements.

If awarded funding through CPRG, we will make additional efforts to recruit the next generation of labor, including those in Milwaukee's schools and disadvantaged neighborhoods. A CPRG grant would greatly accelerate these kinds of projects in support of President Biden's vision for building clean energy infrastructure with well trained and well-paid union labor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Daniel J. Bukiewicz
President



March 15, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Director Shambarger,

The Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition (WLGCC) fully supports the proposed application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Strategy Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The City of Milwaukee's application was developed in coordination with the State of Wisconsin, and as such the projects listed will not be duplicative of the State's application, but rather will support its overall vision.

WLGCC provides a coordinated voice for local governments that are pursuing clean energy and climate change solutions in the state. WLGCC provides a platform for members to collaborate on overcoming barriers to decarbonization, accelerating climate change solutions and ensuring the benefits of the clean energy economy are distributed to everyone throughout the state. As an organization, we strongly support local government sustainability efforts, particularly among our 23 members. The City of Milwaukee is a founding member of WLGCC, and has acted as a leader and example for other members as they pursue their climate action goals. We look forward to collaborating with the City as these projects are implemented and bringing learnings and best practices to other areas of the state.

I strongly encourage the EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to support implementation and scaling of GHG reductions while addressing racial and economic inequities in Wisconsin.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Allison Carlson
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WRTP | BIG STEP

March 20, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Director Shambarger,

On behalf of Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP | BIG STEP), I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's regional application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). This proposal provides critical funding to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The proposal includes funding to support utility-scale solar projects to provide large amounts of GHG-free electricity to local governments, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and a commercial buildings resource center to provide guidance on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and financing.

As a nationally recognized workforce intermediary that focuses on creating equitable career pathways for all people to enter construction, manufacturing, clean energy, broadband expansion and transportation and logistics trades we see a natural alignment with the City of Milwaukee's CPRG proposal. We offer hands-on, pre-employment training certificate programs, apprenticeship-readiness, tutoring for apprenticeship exams, and other services to help job seekers qualify for family-sustaining careers such as those on this project. Moreover, we are excited about the natural synergies this project would have in serving people who are striving for self-sufficient and productive futures and Good Jobs particularly in the clean energy economy.

We are supporting the community benefits agreement and workforce plan included in this application. We have developed close partnerships that connect disadvantaged workers with training and union contractors who are ready to build clean energy infrastructure on this grant. In January, WRTP | BIG STEP received substantial funding from the US Department of Energy to prepare workers for the electrical trades and to install EV charging infrastructure. We have the training but need to braid these projects to create additional demand for these careers. In March 2024, the City of Milwaukee approved two solar projects with We Energies that will use union labor and local hiring requirements.

If awarded funding through CPRG, we will make additional efforts to recruit the next generation of labor to diversify the clean energy industry. A CPRG grant would greatly accelerate these kinds of projects in support of President Biden's vision for building clean energy infrastructure with well trained and well-paid union labor.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me directly with any questions at 414.937.3613.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Blumer
President & CEO

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March 27, 2024

Director Erick Shambarger
Environmental Collaboration Office
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Support the City of Milwaukee's 2024 EPA CPRG application

Dear Director Shambarger,

The Wisconsin State AFL-CIO is pleased to support the City of Milwaukee's regional application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). This proposal provides critical funding to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. The proposal includes funding to support utility-scale solar projects to provide large amounts of GHG-free electricity to local governments, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and a commercial buildings resource center to provide guidance on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and financing.

The Wisconsin State AFL-CIO is proud to participate in this coalition, which is simultaneously seeking to create healthy communities and good jobs for our families. The City of Milwaukee's regional application represents a transformational opportunity to significantly decrease GHG for the benefit of all who reside and work in our region, while lifting up workers and our families through the creation of the many good jobs that will be created with the necessary funding.

We are supporting the community benefits agreement and workforce plan included in this application. Our close partnerships connect disadvantaged workers with training and union contractors who are ready to build clean energy infrastructure on this grant. In January, WRTP/Big Step received substantial funding from the U.S. Department of Energy to prepare workers for the electrical trades and to install EV charging infrastructure. We have the training, but need more funding for projects to create additional demand for these jobs. In March 2024, the City of Milwaukee approved two solar projects with We Energies that will use union labor and local hiring requirements.

If awarded funding through CPRG, our coalition will make additional efforts to recruit the next generation of labor, including in Milwaukee's schools and disadvantaged neighborhoods. A CPRG grant would greatly accelerate these kinds of projects in support of President Biden's vision for building clean energy infrastructure with well trained and well-paid union labor.

Thank you for your attention and review of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Bloomingdale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Stephanie Bloomingdale

President