

March 12, 2024

Katrina Kessler
Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: McKnight Foundation supports the State of Minnesota's CPRG Coalition Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

McKnight Foundation is proud to offer our full support to the State of Minnesota, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and their esteemed partners in their joint pursuit of the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.


As a philanthropic entity deeply committed to addressing the urgent challenges posed by the climate crisis, we recognize the importance of swiftly reducing greenhouse gas emissions, particularly within the buildings sector. In alignment with our mission, we have diligently cultivated a dedicated grant portfolio, allocated substantial resources, and harnessed our relational capital to confront this pressing issue head-on. We consider MPCA and other state agencies as key partners in this endeavor.

We commend the state's inclusive and collaborative approach to this project, which actively engages a diverse array of stakeholders, including local governments and community-based organizations. Furthermore, we commend your steadfast commitment to prioritizing underserved and historically marginalized communities, ensuring that they are central to the fabric of this transformative initiative.

The McKnight Foundation is eager to support the proposed undertaking by participating in convenings, sharing pertinent information and resources with key stakeholders, and providing constructive feedback throughout the design process. It is our collective aim to ensure that low-income and disadvantaged communities are not only included but empowered as we collectively strive to decarbonize all homes across Minnesota.

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to collaborate with the MPCA and its partners, applauding their pioneering efforts to furnish all Minnesotans with safe, affordable, and climate-resilient homes. Together, we can effectuate lasting change and forge a path toward a more sustainable and equitable future for generations to come.

Sincerely,


Tonya Allen
President