

March 8, 2024

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

Subject: Northcountry Cooperative Foundation Support of the State Minnesota's CPRG Coalition
Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation (NCF) plans to partner with the State of Minnesota, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and other state agencies involved in the proposal, to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

We are excited to have this proposal moving forward as a coalition because we see the work of residential decarbonization happening most effectively as a collaboration between state and local governments with support from community-based groups. Local government connects more effectively with individual community members to move forward on individual implementation while state government can more effectively provide backbone support and programming to foster learning and scale impact.

We anticipate participating in the proposed work through active engagement in developing and refining programming to effectively deliver on the purpose of ensuring low-income and disadvantaged communities are centered and prioritized in the work of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota. At a minimum, this means we will:

- actively participate in the four annual convenings described in the proposal,
- share information and resources from state and local government into the communities we serve to build awareness about programs and home decarbonization opportunities,
- share information from the communities we serve to state program staff and relevant local government staff as part of program development and to improve programming and results over time.
- Contribute in specific ways identified through our engagement with this process and work

NCF is excited about equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission of enabling equitable access to homeownership through the creation and support of housing cooperatives. Our deep understanding of manufactured housing and close partnerships with resident-owned manufactured home communities across the state positions our organization as a vital contributor to this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Clark-West', with a long horizontal line extending from the top of the signature.

Victoria Clark-West
Executive Director
Northcountry Cooperative Foundation