



**HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

222 East Second Street | PO Box 16900  
Duluth, MN 55816-0900  
(218) 529-6300  
[www.duluthhousing.com](http://www.duluthhousing.com)

March 6, 2024

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

Subject: Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, Minnesota's Support of the State of Minnesota's CPRG Coalition Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Kessler:

I am writing to affirm that we, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, Minnesota plan to partner with the State of Minnesota and the City of Duluth to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

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, and
- contribute in specific ways that emerge out of the development of the proposed work and make sense for our organization.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, Minnesota is excited to partner in this equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission. Our mission is to create housing opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods to sustainably achieve a quality living environment for all.

We are excited to have this proposal moving forward as a coalition because we see the work of residential decarbonization working most effectively as a collaboration between state and local governments. 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.

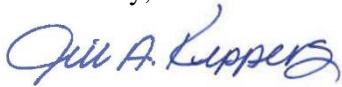
We have worked with the City of Duluth, who is a coalition partner in the proposal. We have partnered by has administering the City's housing trust fund as well as administering their CDBG revolving loan fund.

BECAUSE EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A HOME



Both provide funding for housing rehabilitation in our community. We are committed to continuing and growing this partnership through the work of implementing the CPRG proposal.

Sincerely,



Jill A. Keppers

**Executive Director**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, Minnesota

[jkeppers@duluthhousing.com](mailto:jkeppers@duluthhousing.com)

(218) 529-6341

---

BECAUSE EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A HOME

