



MINNESOTA COUNCIL
ON FOUNDATIONS

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

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

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

We support and plan to engage with the State of Minnesota, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and other state agencies involved in the proposal, on the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

We are excited to see this proposal moving forward for Minnesotans. We see the work of residential decarbonization happening most effectively as a collaboration between state and local governments with engagement from community-based groups and philanthropy. Local government can often connect more effectively with individual community members to move forward on individual implementation, while state government is well positioned to provide backbone support and programming to foster learning and scale impact.

We anticipate raising awareness among climate funders and engaging with the state to ensure that low-income and disadvantaged communities are centered and prioritized in the work of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota. We anticipate:

- participating in the annual convenings described in the proposal,
- sharing information and resources from state and local government into the communities we serve to build awareness about programs and home decarbonization opportunities,
- sharing information from the communities we serve to relevant state and local government staff as part of program development and to improve programming and results over time, and
- engaging with MPCA through the strategic planning process to sustain the equitable residential decarbonization work beyond the CPRG grant period.

The Minnesota Council on Foundations is excited about equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission. Our mission is to support a vibrant philanthropic community by connecting, strengthening, and mobilizing the power of philanthropy to advance prosperity and equity. In particular, our organization can bring the perspective and power of philanthropy to this work. As a convener of climate funders in Minnesota, we are well positioned to share information, make connections, and find opportunities to maximize impact and equity.

Sincerely

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