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Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant Director  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resource Division  
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

**Subject: Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant**

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

The City of Manchester's Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is committed to partnering with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for implementation of energy efficiency measures identified in municipal wastewater energy evaluation reports performed through the NHDES Water Infrastructure Energy Program (WIEP). These measures and other identified energy saving projects identified after the evaluation was completed could potentially qualify for funding through EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. This five-year program will encourage New Hampshire's municipalities to pursue energy efficiency projects to reduce greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions from fossil-fuel and electricity consumption.

As operators of New Hampshire largest wastewater treatment plant, EPD fully recognizes that municipal water and wastewater facilities present a unique and critical opportunity to reduce energy consumption, avoid energy costs, and minimize taxpayer costs, all while reducing GHG emissions. Achieving this will require enhancement of existing efficiency programs and new initiatives tailored to empower action by local governments. By implementing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and energy storage projects at these facilities, New Hampshire communities can lower energy costs, reduce GHG emissions, and improve public and environmental health. Such actions can also improve overall grid resilience and critical infrastructure availability to residents and businesses.

EPD is aware that a strong commitment is needed to pursue energy efficiency projects to improve environmental and public health issues in New Hampshire. As a result of our long-term working relationship with the NHDES WIEP, EPD is well-positioned to support the design and implementation of the CPRG program, including connecting the benefits of the program to low-income and disadvantaged communities in our area. Therefore, EPD agrees to work with NHDES WIEP to support deployment and community engagement of the program.

Further, we agree to provide input in public comments where needed and participate in potential working groups where the program is discussed. Should this CPRG funding request be successful, we look forward to working with NHDES WIEP on this valuable project beginning in mid-2024. EPD understands that, because of state and federal regulations, this letter of commitment for NHDES's CPRG application will not give EPD a competitive advantage if NHDES uses a competitive process to procure contracts or awards for CPRG funding.

If you have any questions regarding this letter of commitment, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



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