



**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM**  
**BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.**  
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965



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Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant Director  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resource Division  
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RE: Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. (CAPBM) is committed to assisting the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) with the proposed pre-weatherization weatherization measure that is included in NHDES's application for funding through EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. This five-year measure will create incentives for New Hampshire's homeowners to pre-weatherize and weatherize existing residential buildings to improve energy efficiency, which will reduce greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions from fossil-fuel and electricity consumption at those buildings.

The CAPBM Weatherization Assistance Program has the capabilities to act as a general contractor, utilizing previously vetted insulation contractors, electricians, HVAC professionals, and other trusted sources to provide most pre and post Weatherization related services, measures, repairs, and general support to residential dwellings, to prepare them for full-scope Weatherization projects. The program staff are BPI Certified, EPA RRP Certified Renovators, and have systems in place for comprehensive work orders, on-site project visits and guidance, hiring and training contractors, invoicing, and billing, and to perform Certified Quality Control Inspections, approved by the U.S. Department of Energy for all work completed.

Pre-weatherization of residential buildings will allow previously or potentially deferred income-eligible households to access incentives from state and federal weatherization and electrification programs. Reasons for deferral from existing programs include deficiencies in the building structure, presence of asbestos-containing materials, and inadequate electrical or plumbing systems. Once those types of deficiencies are addressed, households will be able to take advantage of weatherization and electrification incentive programs, including the weatherization program proposed by NHDES in its application. NHDES's weatherization measure will provide incentives to upgrade the insulation envelope and HVAC systems of residential buildings to improve energy efficiency, health, safety, and comfort, while also providing cost-effective energy savings.

CAPBM is aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design and manage the proposed program to advance environmental and public health issues in New Hampshire. Because of this agency's experience providing Full-Scope Weatherization Assistance it is well-positioned to support the design and implementation of the program, including connecting the

benefits of the program to low-income and disadvantaged communities in Belknap and Merrimack Counties. Therefore, CAPBM agrees to work in Belknap and Merrimack Counties, to support deployment and community engagement of the program.

- We agree to provide input in public comments where needed and participate in potential working groups where the program is discussed.
- We agree to support NHDES in achieving meaningful involvement from community and labor groups when our expertise and networks may be helpful.
- We agree to provide any relevant services and technical assistance to help this program become a success.

Should this funding request be successful, CAPBM looks forward to working with you on this valuable project beginning in mid-2024. Please let us know how we may be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,



Michael Tabory  
Chief Operating Officer