



March 29, 2024

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,

The Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) is committed to partnering with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for the proposed measures included in the state's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and in NHDES's application for funding through EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. These five-year measures will create incentives to reduce harmful air pollution statewide, address barriers to implementation in disadvantaged communities, complement and unlock existing funding sources, and foster job growth and training in the necessary skilled trades.

In partnering with NHDES, CCSNH will provide training opportunities in a variety of programs related to the NHDES Climate Action Plan including electrical technology renewable energy, power generation, electric vehicle automotive programs and wind energy technology. Training will include career pathway programs in credit and short-term credentialing along with apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs for high school students.

To support workforce development, incentives will help expand training opportunities while reducing barriers to stimulate high-quality workforce development activities that are critical to the success of New Hampshire residents' efforts at greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions through home weatherization and pre-weatherization, updating efficiency of heating and cooling systems (e.g. solar panels and heat pumps), expanding adoption of hybrid and electric vehicles (EV), and improving EV charging infrastructure.

These funds may be used for capital improvements and increasing teaching staff levels at training facilities, tuition assistance and offsetting the cost of required equipment and tools for students and offsetting the travel costs associated with attending classes and commuting to worksites for apprenticeships and internships.

CCSNH is aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design and manage the proposed measures to advance environmental and public health issues in New Hampshire. Because of our experience providing training throughout the state of NH, CCSNH is well-positioned to support the design and implementation of connecting the benefits of the program to low-income and disadvantaged communities throughout NH. Therefore, CCSNH agrees to work throughout NH 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 training opportunities to students interested in the above programs.

Should this funding request be successful, we look forward to working with NHDES on this valuable project beginning in mid-2024.

Sincerely,



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