



Southwestern Community Services

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

RE: Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. is committed to assisting the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for the potential implementation of the proposed measures that are included in NHDES's application for funding through EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. These five-year measures 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.

SCS 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 our experience providing Weatherization services to low-income households through our work with the NH Department of Energy and NH Saves, SCS 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 the Cheshire County and Sullivan County areas of New Hampshire. Therefore, Southwestern Community Services, Inc. agrees to work in the areas of Cheshire and Sullivan 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.

Should this funding request be successful, we look 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,

Beth Daniels, Chief Executive Officer

Southwestern Community Services, Inc.