

Appendix H – Letters of Commitment

Letters of Commitment from CPRG partners, including each of the subaward partners identified in our proposal.

Applicant – City of New Orleans

Letters of Commitment from leadership of the City of New Orleans

- City of New Orleans, Mayor LaToya Cantrell
- New Orleans City Council, Council President Helena Moreno

Government Partners

Public entity and elected officials partners:

- Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr
- Regional Planning Commission

Financial Partners

Letters of Commitment from financial partners:

- Blue Krewe
- Greater New Orleans Foundation
- Groundwork New Orleans
- Louisiana Green Corps
- Solar Alternatives
- Thrive New Orleans

Other Partners

Letters of Commitment from non-financial Partners:

- Alliance for Affordable Energy
- American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment, New Orleans Chapter
- Bike Easy
- US Green Building Council
- Youth Empowerment Project

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

March 25, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: LETTER OF COMMITMENT: CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT

Dear Administrator Regan:

For the City of New Orleans climate change is not a future scenario, rather the City and its residents are confronting the impacts every day. From more frequent and powerful rain events, to rising sea levels, excessive heat, reduced river flows threatening our water supply, and the increased threat of tropical weather, the challenges facing New Orleans have necessitated that we take swift and bold action. The City's recently updated Climate Action Plan (CAP) recommits our objective of achieving net zero emissions by 2050 and an interim goal of a 50% reduction by 2035.

Under the leadership of our Office of Resilience & Sustainability, we've set goals to reduce our emissions from transportation and energy, our two biggest Greenhouse Gas (GHG) sources. The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) provides the City with an opportunity to amplify existing efforts and jumpstart concepts from the City's CAP and the Southeastern Louisiana Priority Climate Action Plan. The package of GHG reduction measures will reduce GHGs with a high rate of return, advancing important programs that can be replicated across Louisiana and the nation, and invests in our people and our future. This is particularly important for an under-resourced city like New Orleans, where many of residents live in poverty and 60% of residents live in historically disadvantaged communities.

The City of New Orleans will work in close coordination with our metropolitan planning organization, which is leading the CPRG planning efforts for metro New Orleans, and community-based organizations to deliver these measures over the next 5 years.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical initiative.

Sincerely,



LaToya Cantrell
Mayor, City of New Orleans





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New Orleans City Council

March 28, 2024

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As the Chair of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee, I understand the need to bring down emissions from all sectors, but especially from the building sector, which makes up the majority of emissions within New Orleans. The passage of a Benchmarking Ordinance is a measure my office has endorsed as an effective and targeted approach to reduce building related emissions, catalyze green jobs related to energy efficiency, and ultimately make the buildings we work and live in more efficient and comfortable. I will champion the efforts to pass the City's first

Benchmarking Ordinance and look forward to working with the office on their continued efforts to make the built environment more sustainable, clean, and resilient.

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Sincerely,

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Helena Moreno
New Orleans City Council President
Chair, Climate Change and Sustainability Committee

TROY A. CARTER, SR.
2nd DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

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March 22, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
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United States Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT: CITY OF NEW ORLEANS CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Administrator Regan,

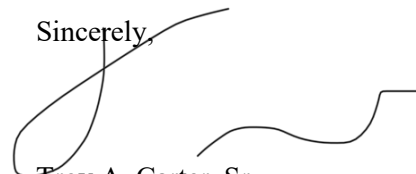
As the Representative for Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, I am writing to urge your full and fair consideration of the application from the City of New Orleans for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program. The City's proposal will fund over \$45M in greenhouse gas reduction measures in alignment with the Southeastern Louisiana Priority Climate Action Plan and the City's own Climate Action Plan.

I proudly cast my vote in 2022 in favor of the Inflation Reduction Act, which makes the largest investment in addressing climate change in our nation's history. This law is critical for my district, which is increasingly facing the impacts of the climate crisis on a regular basis, including from stronger storms, increased urban flooding, excessive heat, and threats to our water supply.

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Thank you for your careful consideration of this project.

Sincerely,



Troy A. Carter, Sr.
Member of Congress

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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ST. TAMMANY AND TANGIPAHOA PARISHES

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As the recipient of our metropolitan area's CPRG planning grant, the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) strongly supports the City's application for CPRG implementation funds. The GHG reduction measures outlined in the proposal align closely with the Southeast Louisiana Priority Climate Action Plan and will complement future planning efforts under the CPRG program. The potential benefits of these projects will be incorporated into the GHG targets and projections to be included in the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, and project implementation will be tracked in the RPC's CPRG Status Report. Additionally, lessons learned through implementation of this proposal may be used by the RPC to inform future efforts undertaken by other entities across the region.

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Jeffrey W. Roesel AICP
Executive Director
Regional Planning Commission

March 19, 2024

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Since relaunching New Orleans' Community-Run Bikeshare Blue Bikes with a new fleet of 504 pedal-assist e-bikes in the Fall of 2021, riders have taken over 600,000 trips with over 70% of all trips by locals in 2023. Additionally, trips through the Blue Bikes For All (BBFA) program – a \$4 discounted monthly membership for folks who qualify for SNAP or Medicaid – represented 20% of all rides taken in 2023, demonstrating a commitment to providing equitable access to active transportation for residents of New Orleans.

Building on these successes, New Orleans seeks to scale the Blue Bikes program. In December of 2022, New Orleans released "Net-Zero by 2050," an update to the City's climate action plan. Within this report, the City identifies Blue Bikes as a central component of the City's goal of reaching 50% non-automobile trips by 2030. To support this mode shift, the City is committed to supporting Blue Bikes to scale its fleet size to 2,000 vehicles.

Through the support of the CPRG program, Blue Krewe – the local nonprofit that operates and manages Blue Bikes – will partner with the City of New Orleans and serve as the primary project manager to Equitably Expand Blue Bikes. With the Blue Krewe's strategic partnership, the City of New Orleans will

grow the region's bikeshare fleet size from 800 to 2,000, improve network connectivity by doubling the number of available bikeshare stations, center equity by expanding the program's footprint into historically underserved areas, and achieve net-zero GHG emissions from operations through the utilization of warehouse solar panels and a fleet of e-vans.

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Sincerely,



Geoff Coats
CEO, Blue Krewe



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The Greater New Orleans Foundation is proud to support the City of New Orleans's proposal to the US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. From the Climate Action Equity Program and Solar for All NOLA to reforestation and urban water management, our past and current project partnerships to address the risks of climate change are testament to our shared commitment. As you know all too well, our community is increasingly facing myriads impacts of climate change now on a regular basis. Whether its stronger storms and increased urban flooding, excessive heat, or threats to our water supply, New Orleans is rising to the challenges of climate change to ensure a prosperous and sustainable future for our residents.

As a partner in our community's efforts to address climate change, the City's CPRG proposal assembles a cross section of Greenhouse Gas reduction measures that will expand upon existing efforts and initiate new ones with a focus primarily on transportation and building emissions, our city's two leading GHG sources. As co-facilitators of the Climate Action Equity Program, we are glad to see such alignment with goals expressed in *Taking Steps Together on Equity and Climate: A Report By and For New Orleanians*. The Foundation helped found the nonprofit that operates Blue Bikes, and equitable, sustainable transportation is priority focus area of our Environmental Programs.

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The Greater New Orleans Foundation strongly supports the full package of projects in the proposal, and we look forward to playing strong support roles in many of them. We already partner with the Department of Parks & Parkways to support the administering of tree planting grants and nonprofit organizations engaged in reforestation, and we look forward to expanding that work. The Foundation currently acts as the nonprofit partner for the Solar for All NOLA program to provide workforce development programs, and this is an opportunity to greatly expand rooftop solar and the local, equitable jobs it can provide. Finally, we are excited to continue facilitating the Climate Action Equity Program Advisory Group, made up of community leaders and advocates, to provide community feedback and guidance for this program overall. With the Foundation's strong networks in the community, long track record of administering and managing grants, and our mission-driven focus on climate, we will provide unique value to the success of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant implementation.

We will work closely with the City of New Orleans to deliver these critical greenhouse gas reduction measures over the 5-year grant period and beyond to achieve the net-zero by 2050 goal. Thank you for your consideration of this critical initiative, and thank you for the opportunity to be a part of it.

Sincerely,



Andrew D. Kopplin
President & CEO

Doris Z. Stone Chair of Philanthropic Leadership



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As a project partner, Groundwork New Orleans will support this effort by increasing employment opportunities in the Urban Reforestation, Green Infrastructure, and Solar Installation sectors of New Orleans, Louisiana, while installing resilience assets in historically under-resourced communities. Through this initiative, we will add twenty five (25) additional program participants to our existing programs over five(5) years. These additions will allow Groundwork New Orleans to increase reforestation and solar efforts in New Orleans, thus contributing to the successful attainment of the grant goals.

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Sincerely,

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Todd Reynolds

Executive Director, Groundwork New Orleans



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As part of this joint effort, we at Louisiana Green Corps (LAGC) will provide unemployed or under-employed New Orleanians with paid, hands-on conservation and green construction job skills instruction, including preparing students for nationally-recognized certifications to access green careers. In addition, during this project, LAGC will increase the capacity of our Construction and Conservation Corps program by growing the staff by one critical full-time role - a Crew Supervisor. The Crew Supervisor will execute the day-to-day operations for all Green Infrastructure installation, maintenance and related activities assigned to students, including the management and oversight of participants, their daily tasks, and assigned work orders. This role will plan, assign, supervise, document, and participate in the work of the students. Expanding the staff to include this role will allow LAGC students the opportunity to implement hands-on capital projects, and will further improve job readiness for students in the program.

All LAGC trainees will receive skills-based training, workshops, and field experience including Work Readiness/Soft Skills, Financial Literacy and Budgeting, Time Management/Adaptability, Career Exploration (including workshops and networking with Union and Employer partners in Urban Forestation and related fields), Conducting a Job Search (Resume writing, Interview skills, Networking), as well as direct assistance finding and applying to jobs, and life skills and mental health services. Trainees will take part in training workshops focusing on urban reforestation, green infrastructure, solar installation, weatherization, energy efficiency, and stormwater management. All trainees will gain 60-100 hours of work experience via project-based learning and an internship with one of our 50+ employer partners in the construction, conservation and green infrastructure sectors.

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Sincerely,

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Ryan Mattingly
Executive Director

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Solar Alternatives provides direct support to the City, to participants, and to end users with preliminary engineering, program design, cost estimations, and construction timelines. Solar Alternatives also provides engineering and design-build services that brings stakeholder vision into physical reality with construction documents and firm construction bids. Solar Alternatives has a proven 16-year record with solar energy and energy storage microgrid systems for commercial and residential property holders, has in-house engineering resources as well as an in-house maintenance and operations team.

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Jeffrey D Cantin
President, Solar Alternatives Inc



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Thrive New Orleans is committed to racial equity by advancing new systems for economic opportunity, climate resiliency, and community stability. Thrive focuses on three areas of impact: developing a skilled workforce, building the capacity of BIPOC-owned small businesses, and engaging vulnerable youth and families. Thrive envisions an equitable future for New Orleans with living-wage jobs, critical infrastructure for climate change, and flourishing neighborhoods with access to opportunities for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in workforce and business. Through ThriveWorks Green programming, we invest in community members seeking better financial opportunities for themselves and their families, particularly those who are marginalized, underemployed, and/or formerly incarcerated. We recognize that systemic barriers prevent equitable access to opportunities in the field of green infrastructure/climate resilience. In response, Thrive New Orleans provides access to holistic workforce and small business training and develops new systems for accessing opportunity in green infrastructure and climate resilience certifications.

Thrive New Orleans will work hand in hand with the City in order to ensure not only is the necessary training being conducted for this project, but also to make sure that it is accessible to everyone. We will work closely with the City of New Orleans to deliver these critical GHG reduction measures over the 5-year grant period and beyond to achieve the net-zero by 2050 goal. Thank you for your consideration of this critical initiative.

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Chuck Morse

Executive Director

Thrive New Orleans



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The Alliance for Affordable Energy is a consumer watchdog, representing residents and small businesses across the state of Louisiana. We've been working to address and mitigate climate change since our founding, and the City of New Orleans has been an important partner in identifying powerful ways to improve lives with environmentally responsible energy systems. The Alliance has advocated for updated building codes and new City policies that enable building owners to reduce energy waste. The work to come to put building data to use to manage energy systems more efficiently and install better mechanical systems requires the development of new policies, a trained workforce, and a City that is resourced to get it done. The Alliance expects we will collaborate on how new policies are implemented, and work together on how local utility and federal efficiency programs can also braid into the City's efforts. The Alliance will advocate for policies through regulatory dockets for policies and programs that facilitate energy benchmarking and efficiency.

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Sincerely,

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Logan Atkinson Burke
Executive Director, Alliance for Affordable Energy



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We look forward to being a partner to the City of New Orleans to deliver these critical GHG reduction measures over the 5-year grant period and beyond to achieve the net-zero by 2050 goal. Thank you for your consideration of this critical initiative.

Sincerely,

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Samantha Johnson
Co-chair, AIA COTE New Orleans



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We at Bike Easy, the local bike advocacy organization that works to make bicycling easy. Safe, and fun for everyone in Greater New Orleans supports this project. Our experience after 21 years of working with the bike community will play a key role engaging stakeholders in the process to expand the bikeways adjacent to downtown, introducing the e-bike rebates while educating users of best practices, and assisting in the expansion of the service footprint for the local run bike share system.

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Executive Director

March 25, 2024

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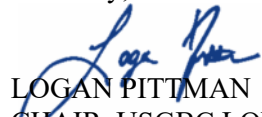
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As the local and state chapter of the U.S Green Building Council (USGBC), a leader in green building and design and a pioneer in incorporating energy benchmarking and energy efficiency into design and construction of high-performance buildings, we support the creation and funding of a city-wide Building Energy Benchmarking Policy & Program. Members of USGBC Louisiana (LA) in New Orleans will participate in stakeholder engagement leading up to the passage of the benchmarking ordinance to ensure the policy is effective and equitable, and will continue to host and provide opportunities for continuing education around best practices and advancements in sustainable, high performance building strategies. The symposiums and events that USGBC LA organizes will be critical in providing education and networking opportunities for facility management, building design, workforce development, and construction sectors of New Orleans – helping to grow the workforce and knowledge that supports energy efficient commercial, residential, and industrial buildings in New Orleans.

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Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) engages young people, ages 7 and up, through community-based education, mentoring, employment readiness, and enrichment programs to help them develop skills and strengthen ties to family and community.

YEP has been serving young people and their families in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area since 2004. YEP is one of the most comprehensive community-based nonprofit organizations in Greater New Orleans supporting youth.

YEP believes that these critical GHG reduction measures will significantly impact the young people and the families who reside in New Orleans. YEP supports the City of New Orleans and will work in partnership, when appropriate, to deliver these reduction measures over the 5 year grant period and beyond. Thank you for your consideration of this critical initiative.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerome Jupiter', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Jerome Jupiter
Chief Operating Officer
Youth Empowerment Project