

Letters of Intent



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March 25, 2024

Michael S. Regan, Administrator
U.S Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Letter of Intent for New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services Brighter Futures: Electrifying NYC's Vital Spaces to Build Resilient Communities - Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: Implementation (CPRG-I) Program, FY 2024

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) I am pleased to write this letter of intent as a participant in the coalition applying to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: Implementation Program (CPRG-I) for funding for *Brighter Futures: Electrifying NYC's Vital Spaces to Build Resilient Communities*, led by the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS). As the lead applicant, DCAS will be responsible for overall project management and grant administration, including budget oversight and reporting. Additionally, DCAS will oversee the grant, in compliance with the EPA's federal grant guidelines and reporting requirements. I am writing to express NYCHA's enthusiastic intent to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for this coalition application before receiving an award. The MOA will be submitted by DCAS by July 1, 2024.

NYCHA is a highly committed coalition member in this project and will collaborate with DCAS and our other coalition member(s), NYC Public Schools (NYCPS) and NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), to execute and manage this project. We will specifically oversee the implementation of domestic hot water electric heat pump installations across priority NYCHA facilities. As a coalition member, NYCHA will be a subrecipient of CPRG-I grant funds from DCAS and will comply with all EPA rules and regulations regarding the use of federal funds and complete the project in alignment with program requirements and the period of performance. All parties will adhere to all relevant federal, state, and local regulations, as well as the EPA's grant-specific terms and conditions.

NYCHA is the largest public housing authority in North America, created in was created in 1935 to provide decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers. NYCHA is home to 1 in 17 New Yorkers, providing affordable housing to 528,105 authorized residents through public housing and Permanent Affordability Commitment Together (PACT) programs as well as Section 8 housing. In 2021, NYCHA released its Sustainability Agenda, which includes a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050. This grant will fill a critical funding need and allow NYCHA to fully electrify several developments that will be receiving window heat pumps, but which do not otherwise have funding to electrify hot water delivery. This



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will allow these sites to discontinue inefficient campus steam entirely and will serve as a model that can be scaled across the Authority's portfolio to meet its climate goals.

We look forward to collaborating with the coalition outlined above to advance a suite of actions that will accelerate decarbonization of the City's building sector by 2030 and beyond and transform NYC's vital civic, educational, and affordable housing spaces into more energy efficient, healthy, and equitable communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Siobhan Watson".

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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of New York City Public Schools, I am pleased to write this letter of intent as a participant in the coalition applying to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: Implementation Program (CPRG-I) for funding for *Brighter Futures: Electrifying NYC's Vital Spaces to Build Resilient Communities*, led by the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS). As the lead applicant, DCAS will be responsible for overall grant administration, including budget oversight and reporting. Additionally, DCAS will oversee the grant in compliance with the EPA's federal grant guidelines and reporting requirements. I am writing to express New York City Public School's enthusiastic intent to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for this coalition application before receiving an award. The MOA will be submitted by DCAS by July 1, 2024.

New York City Public Schools is a highly committed coalition member in this project and will collaborate with DCAS and our other coalition member(s), the NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA), and the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), to execute and manage this project. The NYCPS commitment under this grant encompasses partial electrification of the largest number of buildings - 500 school buildings, that include nearly 800 individual schools. We have identified an emissions reduction opportunity through the replacement of 500 gas-fired domestic hot water heaters, which will provide much-needed equipment upgrades in federally designated disadvantaged communities. As a coalition member, New York City Public Schools will be a subrecipient of CPRG-I grant funds from DCAS, and will comply with all EPA rules and regulations regarding the use of federal funds. We will complete the project in alignment with program requirements and the period of performance. All parties will adhere to all relevant federal, state, and local regulations, as well as the EPA's grant-specific terms and conditions.

New York City Public Schools is the largest public school system in the nation. We provide quality education to students from early childhood education to high school. Through the proposed scope of work included in this proposal, nearly 91,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide will be reduced by 2030. Decarbonizing our school infrastructure is an essential priority to address climate change in our NYC

communities, region, and country. This grant will provide a tangible connection between school buildings and school occupants- students, teachers, building operators and staff, and school communities. We will leverage this grant to make our school climate action and leadership efforts more meaningful and relevant to our large, diverse stakeholder groups and help to deepen NYC climate commitments. We look forward to collaborating with the NYC coalition to advance a suite of actions that will accelerate the decarbonization of the City's building sector by 2030 and beyond while also transform NYC's vital civic, educational, and affordable housing spaces into more energy efficient, healthy, and equitable communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Emma Vadehra
Deputy Chancellor for Operations & Finance
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**Department of
Housing Preservation
& Development**

3/25/2024

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On behalf of The New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development ("HPD") I am pleased to write this letter of intent as a participant in the coalition applying to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: Implementation Program (CPRG-I) for funding for *Brighter Futures: Electrifying NYC's Vital Spaces to Build Resilient Communities*, led by the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS). As the lead applicant, DCAS will be responsible for overall project management and grant administration, including budget oversight and reporting. Additionally, DCAS will oversee the grant, in compliance with the EPA's federal grant guidelines and reporting requirements. I am writing to express HPD's enthusiastic intent to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for this coalition application before receiving an award. The MOA will be submitted by DCAS by July 1, 2024.

HPD is a highly committed coalition member in this project and will collaborate with DCAS and our other coalition member(s), NYC Public Schools (NYCPS), and the NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA), to execute and manage this project. We will specifically oversee the implementation of the Affordable Housing Heat Pump Pilot. As a coalition member, HPD will be a subrecipient of CPRG-I grant funds from DCAS, and will comply with all EPA rules and regulations regarding the use of federal funds and complete the project in alignment with program requirements and the period of performance. All parties will adhere to all relevant federal, state, and local regulations, as well as the EPA's grant-specific terms and conditions.

HPD is the largest municipal developer of affordable housing in the U.S. with a mission to promote quality and affordability in the city's housing. HPD has committed to fast-track the equitable decarbonization and resiliency of affordable housing in New York City, which can't be done at the scale necessary for NYC to meet its ambitious climate goals without innovative, safe and cost-effective solutions for NYC's most vulnerable households.

We look forward to collaborating with the coalition outlined above to advance a suite of actions that will accelerate decarbonization of the City's building sector by 2030 and beyond and transform NYC's vital

civic, educational, and affordable housing spaces into more energy efficient, healthy, and equitable communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Bloom Leone

Assistant Commissioner/ Chief Sustainability Officer