



NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT
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To: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: CPRG General Competition Grant Application

To whom this may concern,

Based on direction from the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, the Northern Cheyenne Environmental Protection Department (EPD) is the primary Northern Cheyenne Tribal governmental agency responsible for implementation for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, including grant compliance and preparation of the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) that was submitted to EPA on March 1, 2024.

Additionally, many other Northern Cheyenne agencies have been involved in the development of the PCAP, including a stakeholder meeting held on February 27, 2024. EPD is the agency leading the preparation and submission of the CPRG Implementation Grant General on behalf of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. If the grant is awarded, EPD stands ready to ensure that all grant requirements are satisfied including all financial reporting and deliverables. EPD will take its direction from the Tribal Council and coordinate with all appropriate agencies, as EPD has done with respect to the PCAP. For example, EPD would expect to coordinate with Northern Cheyenne Housing and Renewable Energy Departments.

Please contact me, Director of the Environmental Programs should you have any questions or require additional documentation at 406-477-6506 ext. 101, e-mail charlene.alden@cheyennation.com. I look forward a continued positive working relationship with the Regional and National EPA.

Sincerely,

Charlene W. Alden, Director
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

March 27, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: CPRG General Competition Grant Application

To whom this may concern,

As President of Chief Dull Knife College, I write in support of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe's application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant: General Competition (CPRG). Named for a prominent tribal leader, Chief Dull Knife College is a Tribal college located on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation near the Tribal headquarters in Lama Deer, Montana. Almost 50 years old, the College was originally created in part to train Tribal members for mining jobs near the Reservation, but the College now offers multiple degrees, certificate programs, and maintains articulation agreements with institutions with the Montana University system. Most notably, the College has recently started creating an electrical training program in which Tribal members could gain certificates in technical skills directly applicable to renewable energy positions in the workforce.

Should the Tribe be awarded funding under the CPRG program, the College plans to coordinate with the Tribe and the Tribe's Environmental Protection Department to expand the College's vocational offerings. The goal of these programs would be to create training and academic programs to provide Tribal members with the necessary skills and experience to serve in long-term employment positions operating and maintaining the microgrid and energy-efficient housing units currently proposed by the Tribe and other nearby opportunities in these fields. The College would explore the creation of a Renewable Energy Technician certification program that would provide hands-on instruction using the microgrid as a living learning lab and allow students to gain expertise in solar photovoltaic systems, battery storage, grid control systems and more.

The proposed greenhouse gas emission reduction measures would be transformative for the Reservation. Should the Tribe receive an award, the College looks forward to playing an integral role in the educational and workforce development programs that would be created to facilitate these measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eva M. Flying', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Eva M. Flying
President

**TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE
NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION
LAME DEER, MONTANA**

RESOLUTION NO. DOI-084 (2024)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT GENERAL COMPETITION

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe is the governing body of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, located on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, in Rosebud and Bighorn Counties, Montana, pursuant to the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, as approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 31, 1996;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Sections 1(a), (e), and (f) of the Tribe's Constitution to negotiate with the federal government on all activities that may affect the Reservation, to engage in any business that will further the economic well-being of the members of the Tribe, and to administer any funds within the control of the Tribe and to make expenditures from available funds for Tribal purposes;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the responsibility to ensure the protection and preservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal homelands for future generations;

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe has taken many measures to preserve and protect its Reservation and the surrounding areas by enacting laws to protect the air, land, water and other aspects of the natural environment, opposing large greenhouse gas-emitting development plans, and foregoing lucrative economic development opportunities because of their adverse impacts;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the existential threat of climate change and in light of the Tribe's determination to preserve and protect the natural world, on May 26, 2016, by Resolution No. DOI-140 (2016), the Tribal Council confirmed the Tribe's commitment to establish sustainable energy as part of a long-range effort for a sustainable and viable economy;

WHEREAS, since then, the Tribe has made progress in assessing and developing sustainable energy development opportunities and enhancing the Tribe's legal and regulatory infrastructure to do so;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is administering a program under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) called the "Climate Pollution Reduction Grant" (CPRG), program which provides federal funding for governmental organizations, including tribes, to empower them to take climate action;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CPRG program is to provide funding to address climate pollution and deliver clean energy, which dovetails with the Tribe's goals of protecting the natural world, reducing the impacts of climate change, and pursuing sustainable energy opportunities;

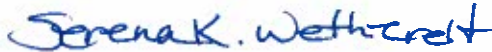
WHEREAS, in 2023, the Tribe received a CPRG grant to design a climate action plan and take other related actions;

WHEREAS, the CPRG program has a subsequent phase of grants to implement measures from the Priority Climate Action Plan developed with planning grant funding;

WHEREAS, obtaining a CPRG planning grant and submitting a Priority Climate Action Plan by March 1, 2024 are prerequisites to obtaining a CPRG general competition implementation grant, the Tribe has satisfied both prerequisites and the Tribal Council wishes to support the CPRG general completion implementation grant application; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council approves and authorizes the submission of a CPRG implementation grant application to EPA and approves, authorizes and instructs the Tribal President, the Tribal staff and consultants to submit the proposal on behalf of the Tribe and take all actions necessary actions to implement this Resolution.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 10 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 28th day of March 2024.



Serena Wetherelt, President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

ATTEST:



Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

Charlene Alden

Education

Rocky Mountain College

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Work Experience

Ms. Alden is the Director of the Northern Cheyenne Environmental Protection Department (NCEPD), a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and a longstanding advocate of the Tribe, the environment, and spokesperson of the community.

Ms. Alden has more than 40 years of experience working with the Tribe's Finance, Gaming, Treasurer, and Environmental Protection Offices.

Ms. Alden has administered numerous federal grants, supervised employees, coordinated with other tribal programs, and is an experienced public outreach and education coordinator. Ms. Alden is well-versed in both State and EPA environmental program and reporting regulations. Ms. Alden approves all construction and environmental permits on the Reservation and oversees all actions on the Reservation that may have a direct impact on the environment. Ms. Alden is an elder in the Tribe and a language keeper.

Scott Williams

Education

University of Idaho

1988

Degree in Computer Science

Work Experience

1988 - 1992

Computer Programmer

Appaloosa Horse Club National Registry

1992 - 1996

Computer Analyst

Boise Cascade

1996 - 2019

Air Quality Tech

Northern Cheyenne Tribe

As the Northern Cheyenne Tribe's Air Quality Tech, I was responsible for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) monitoring sites. This included collecting SO₂ and NO₂ data, calibrating said analyzers and reporting to the EPA. Also managed the IMPROVE monitoring site and Mercury Wet Deposition Program.

2019 - present

Air Quality Administrator

Northern Cheyenne Tribe

As the Air Quality Administrator, I am more involved with securing contracts and making sure work plans are completed, and supervising the Air Quality Technician. I also became more involved with budgets and reporting.