

ThriveTogether: Cincinnati OH-KY-IN MSA

Attachment #: Letters of Commitment and Support



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March 22, 2024

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RE: Letter of Commitment for the **OKI/Cincinnati Region Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission**

Mr. Miller:

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The City of Cincinnati commits to providing subject matter expert advisory support and other as needed administrative and technical assistance for three of the grant's implementation measures. This commitment extends through grant project completion. These three measures are briefly described below:

Measure #1 PLACED (Priority and Low –income Affordable, Comfortable, Efficient Dwellings Program)

The PLACED Program will enhance residential energy efficiency in low income and disadvantaged communities across the region. Our residential buildings emit 8,350,108 metric tons of carbon dioxide annually. Conducting whole-building energy efficiency upgrades will significantly contribute to the reduction of these emissions and deliver immediate cost savings to low-income households.

Measure #2 GREEN (Get Renewables & Energy Efficiency eEnhancements for Nonprofits & Local Govts)

The GREEN program would retrofit 250 buildings (50 each year 2025-2029). GREEN is a flexible program to fill funding gaps for upgrades to energy efficiency, electrification, and solar energy and storage for non-profits serving communities. GREEN will include implementation support and readiness work such as energy audits and operational upgrades/remediation to buildings and equipment (including streetlights), with the goals of drastically reducing GHG emissions, minimizing energy use, strengthening community resilience to climate-related impacts, and reducing energy costs and indoor air pollution.

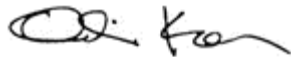
Measure #5 FOOD (Food Optimization and Organics Diversion)

A significant goal of our region's ThriveTogether PCAP is to build an environment of collaboration among organizations involved in solid waste, recycling, composting, and food rescue to maximize efficiencies and reduce GHG. This program coalesces public, private and nonprofit organizations to focus on this goal to advance and scale two critical activities, including: 1) Regional Organic Composting Facilities and 2) Food Rescue Infrastructure.

OKI continues to work with partners like us to develop additional programs as part of the implementation plan. These programs will prioritize immediate reductions in GHGs as its guiding purpose. The extraordinary benefits of these proposed programs are clear, and we are eager to begin work with OKI to put this plan into action. This implementation plan, driven by collaboration, presents a unique and innovative opportunity to reduce GHGs in our community.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and express our enthusiastic support. We look forward to continuing to work with OKI on this exciting project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Green Umbrella is a member-based organization and works closely with local governments, businesses, schools and nonprofit organizations to decrease their individual climate pollution, and contribute towards regional policy change and collaborative efforts. As such, we commit to being a key partner in implementing the program described in OKI's proposal. Green Umbrella will serve as a subawardee to help implement the projects proposed in Measures 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

Specifically, we will:

- Promote availability of the programs through regional climate collaborative communications.
- Engage business members in understanding the programs and share opportunities to participate in procurement processes.
- Engage nonprofits and local governments in understanding the programs and support them in sharing the opportunities with their constituents.
- Help design and implement informational sessions to be hosted across the region to raise awareness about the programs and recruit residents and nonprofits to participate.
- Share findings from our EPA STAR grant to inform best practices on energy upgrades in low income residences and to inform detailed program design that addresses stakeholders' concerns around developing programs for LIDAC retrofits.

Our Mission

Green Umbrella leads cross-sector collaboration to accelerate climate action across Greater Cincinnati.

- Support Green Umbrella nonprofit and local government members with benchmarking and project identification based on their existing energy performance.
- Serve as the primary point of contact and coordination for faith communities seeking support. Focused relationship-building and audience-specific support to ensure sustained focus on building performance.
- Provide technical assistance to other entities seeking to establish community scale composting facilities. (Green Umbrella currently manages the only community scale composting operation that is successfully recycling food waste.)
- Promote adoption of food waste strategies implemented through the grant among members of the RCC through advocacy and education provided by the Food Policy Council.
- Expand collection of food waste to full capacity of 300,000 lbs per year at Camp Washington Community Composting 500 square foot facility by increasing drop-off and staff capacity to manage the compost piles.

The programs described in the proposal, and others that we will develop and advance as a region, will prioritize immediate reductions in GHGs as their guiding purpose. The extraordinary benefits of these proposed programs are clear, and we are eager to begin work with OKI to put this plan into action. This implementation plan presents a unique and innovative opportunity to reduce GHGs in our community. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and express our support and commitment. We look forward to continuing to work with OKI on this exciting project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ryan Mooney-Bullock
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RE: Letter of Commitment for the **OKI/Cincinnati Region Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission**

Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services (DOES) to express my commitment for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Cincinnati region, OKI is coordinating the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award. We are working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

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A significant goal of the plan is to build an environment of collaboration among organizations involved in solid waste, recycling, composting, and food rescue to maximize efficiencies and reduce GHG. Given our mission to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills, Hamilton County DOES is especially committed to assisting with this goal by transformatively growing regional organic composting facilities and advancing food rescue infrastructure. Our organization is also in a position to assist in communicating with non-profits serving communities, schools, and multiple industries to apply and compete for building energy efficiency funding and electric equipment.

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Sincerely,



Brad Johnson, Director
Hamilton County Environmental Services



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March 27, 2024

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RE: Letter of Commitment for the OKI/Cincinnati Region Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of Indiana University Environmental Resilience Institute (ERI) to express our commitment for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Cincinnati region, OKI is coordinating the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award. We are working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

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ERI has placed over 200 McKinney Climate Fellows with government, non-profit, and corporate partners over the past six years to assist tri-sectoral partners with greenhouse gas inventories, climate action plans, resilience risk analysis, resilience mitigation plans, and a wide range of other initiatives to build capacity for climate mitigation and adaptation. We plan to extend this program to facilitate the execution of the implementation measures proposed by the OKI/Cincinnati Region Climate



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Pollution Reduction Grant Submission by adding capacity to the administration team through the term of the grant.

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Sincerely,

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Gabe Filippelli, ERI Executive Director



March 27, 2024

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RE: Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller,

I am writing on behalf of Metro/Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority to express my support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As OKI coordinates the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award, we are committed to working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

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Through the Uptown Ridership Development Program within the Transit Ride Measure (Measure #3), Metro aims to provide free transit fare for employees and students to and from Cincinnati's Uptown area — which is currently the second largest employment hub within the Cincinnati MSA. The Uptown area is home to the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati State College, and many of the region's top employers and hospitals. Overall, nearly 100,000 jobs and students are concentrated in Uptown. Metro will work closely with OKI and other stakeholders to convene partnerships, introduce marketing campaigns, and analyze ridership patterns designed to increase system usage and ultimately reduce greenhouse gases emitted within the Cincinnati region.

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Darryl Haley,
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Tara Johnson-Noem, Executive Director

March 26, 2024

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RE: Letter of Commitment for the OKI/Cincinnati Region Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller:

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The NKADD values regional cooperation with OKI to ensure that our shared community benefits from safe, reliable, and environmentally sustainable transportation solutions. Participating in this Implementation Plan aligns with the NKADD's vision to foster a healthy community for all lives within our region and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy goal of promoting environmental stewardship through the conservation of natural resources.

The extraordinary benefits of these proposed programs are clear, and we are eager to begin work with OKI to put this plan into action. This implementation plan, driven by collaboration, presents a unique and innovative opportunity to reduce GHGs in our community and foster healthy and vibrant communities through promoting environmental stewardship. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and express our enthusiastic support. We look forward to continuing to work with OKI on this exciting project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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Tara Johnson-Noem
Executive Director

March 22, 2024

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RE: Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller:

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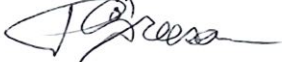
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Taking Root is committed to administer the Tree For Me reduction measure of the OKI CPRG proposal. Our organization has been working for over a decade with communities to educate the public on being good stewards of our region's tree canopy. We have led dozens of community tree distributions targeting low-income, low tree canopy communities over the years developing the most efficient methods for meaningfully engaging community leaders, promoting tree give away opportunities to residents, and educating residents on proper planting and tree care techniques. 30,000 trees will make a transformational impact on our 16 county region and the Taking Root Board is poised and ready to fulfill this ambitious task.

OKI continues to work with partners like us to develop additional programs as part of the implementation plan. Like the above-mentioned efforts, these programs will prioritize immediate reductions in GHGs as its guiding purpose. The extraordinary benefits of these proposed programs are clear, and we are eager to begin work with OKI to put this plan into action. This implementation plan, driven by collaboration, presents a unique and innovative opportunity to reduce GHGs in our community. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and express our enthusiastic support. We look forward to continuing to work with OKI on this exciting project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Patrick Greeson
President





March 21, 2024

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Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) to express my support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As OKI coordinates the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award, we are committed to working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

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Transit has a significant role in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the region, taking hundreds of cars off the road each day. We are excited to take an active role in the partnership OKI has formed and to fully participate in the CPRG local implementation plan. We look forward to increased transit ridership and a healthier more vibrant community that thrives together.

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Gina Douthat
General Manager
TANK



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I am writing on behalf of the Campbell County Fiscal Court to express my support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As OKI coordinates the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award, we are committed to working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

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Sincerely,

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Steve Pendery
Campbell County Judge/Executive



Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember

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As a ThriveTogether Steering Committee member I have had close interaction with many of the proposals included in the Priority Climate Action Plan, and those included in the Implementation Plan. As a Cincinnati City Councilmember, I am constantly aware of our climate goals and how they directly impact Cincinnati residents. The projects being proposed will not only reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions, but also lower energy costs and the burden on the region's residents to pay their bills.

I look forward to continuing this role on the Steering Committee, and assisting with the implementation of this proposal, as well as the entire ThriveTogether Playbook.

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Cincinnati City Council



March 27, 2024

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

RE: Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Fairfield to express our support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As OKI coordinates the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award, we are committed to working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

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Sincerely,

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Scott Timmer
City Manager



March 26, 2024

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RE: Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

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Our involvement as part of OKI's ThriveTogether Steering Committee is vital to the City of Hamilton's healthy future. As the 2nd largest city in the region and the only city in the State of Ohio that owns and operates all four major utilities, this initiative is especially critical to us. The City of Hamilton is looking forward to continuing our involvement on the steering committee and in the implementation program. We are committed to support this initiative in any way we can.

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Sincerely,

Joshua Smith
City Manager



March 29, 2024

Travis Miller, Regional Planning Manager
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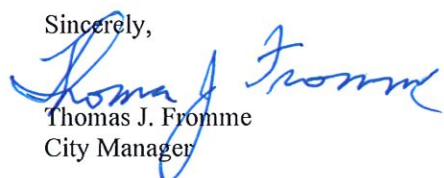
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Commissioner Julie Smith-Morrow has been closely involved on the ThriveTogether Steering Committee and local outreach and education efforts.

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Sincerely,



Thomas J. Fromme
City Manager



The City of Oxford
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March 22, 2024

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720 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 420
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RE: Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Oxford, Ohio to express support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As OKI coordinates the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award, we are committed to working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

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The City of Oxford is committed to climate action and regional collaboration to achieve carbon neutrality. We are a member of the ThriveTogether Steering Committee and working to find regional solutions to climate change. The programs proposed through OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan will enable Oxford to take comprehensive and collaborative steps to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and ensure a just transition. The City of Oxford is an area of high need and has several qualifying census tracts. Despite being a small community with high need, we have ambitious climate goals and have a Climate Action Plan recently adopted by City Council. Our Climate Action Plan was developed in alignment with the OKI regional Climate Plan.



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Here in Oxford, we are working to install a solar array on a closed landfill, researching how to solarize city owned facilities, building bike lanes and multi-use paths, and investing in multi modal infrastructure. Of utmost importance in our community is ensuring equity in our climate programming and outreach. We are proud to be working with OKI on these regional approaches.

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Jessica Greene
Assistant City Manager



March 25, 2024

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720 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 420
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

RE: Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of The Board of Clermont County Commissioners to express our support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As OKI coordinates the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award, we are committed to working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

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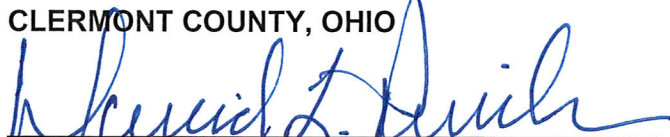
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March 27, 2024

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RE: Dearborn County Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the Dearborn County Planning and Zoning Department to express my support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As OKI coordinates the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award, we are committed to working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

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Dearborn County Commissioner Rick Probst and myself have been involved in the ThriveTogether Steering Committee in the ideas that would benefit our community and others in our region. The proposed six significant GHG reduction measures listed in the workplan would supply our area with tools to our citizens which will employ reduction measures in our area.

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Dearborn County is willing to work with OKI in all six measures but feel that the measures that would benefit Dearborn County the most would be Measure #1 PLACED, Measure #2 GREEN, Measure #5 LANDFILL and Measure #6 TREE FOR ME. Dearborn County is a mix of mainly residential and agriculture land uses and as the community pride is in our agriculture character, it is believed that the County would thrive and benefit through are residential communities and our agriculture population concentration of these measures as they have emphasis on the rural nature of the County.

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Sincerely,

Nicole Daily
Director of Planning and Zoning, Dearborn County, Indiana



March 25, 2024

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RE: Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the Central Ohio River Business Association (CORBA) to express support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As OKI coordinates the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award, we are committed to working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

A major focus of the CPRG Implementation Plan of importance to CORBA is the Clean Industry Equipment Replacement Program. Through OKI and the region's examination of existing GHG emissions, we've learned that our industrial sector represents the highest percentage of regional emissions at 35%. OKI's proposal takes direct aim at this statistic and offers a competitive, public process to replace high GHG emitters with electric-powered equipment.

OKI has spoken with over a dozen CORBA member companies and learned that many want to align their operations with modern environmental standards and undertake critical infrastructure replacements to remove outdated equipment and transition to greener, more efficient operations, thereby significantly reducing GHG emissions at their facilities. However, the cost of new equipment makes this goal cost prohibitive.

The transformative opportunity of this Program is that it would enable multiple industries to apply and compete for funding to purchase new, electric equipment immediately. The upgrades and modernizations enabled by CPRG Implementation Grant funding would serve to jump-start GHG reductions and serve as a model for sustainable practices within the maritime, rail and trucking industries.

The requested grant funding is more than just an investment in machinery and technology; it is a commitment to a future where economic activities harmonize with our collective environmental responsibilities. OKI stands at the crossroads of innovation and tradition, poised with CORBA and our private industry members across the region to demonstrate that significant environmental gains can be achieved alongside enhanced economic outcomes.

CORBA supports OKI and, if awarded, will assist in communicating the availability of CPRG funding to our members and partners throughout the region – to ensure OKI receives the best, most impactful submittals possible to achieve a lasting and impactful investment of federal funding. No doubt those receiving funding will serve as a trailblazers for other companies to follow suit in the purchase and use of electric-powered equipment.

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Respectfully yours,

Eric W. Thomas

Eric W. Thomas, Executive Director



Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council

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Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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OKI's proposal mainly focuses on transformative measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across various sectors. This multifaceted strategy, incorporating six significant GHG reduction measures, presents a bold and innovative approach to addressing our region's urgent environmental challenges.

The proposed PLACED Program, focusing on Priority and Low-income Affordable, Comfortable, Efficient Dwellings, is particularly commendable for its targeted efforts to enhance residential energy efficiency in low-income and disadvantaged communities. The program aims to create healthier, more affordable, and sustainable homes for residents across the region by providing whole-building energy efficiency upgrades and facilitating access to financial assistance and incentives. Moreover, the emphasis on workforce development and job creation underscores a commitment to equitable economic growth.

Similarly, the GREEN Program, which seeks to retrofit buildings with energy-efficient upgrades and solar energy solutions, holds immense potential for reducing GHG emissions and enhancing community resilience. By leveraging existing programs and providing incentives to nonprofits and local governments, the program addresses climate challenges and promotes financial sustainability for vulnerable organizations.

The TRANSIT RIDE initiative, offering free transit fare to employees and students in crucial employment clusters, represents a paradigm shift in transportation behavior. By incentivizing the use of public transit and reducing reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, the program can significantly reduce transportation emissions and alleviate congestion in high-traffic areas.



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The CLEAN INDUSTRY Equipment Replacement Program is another transformative measure aimed at reducing GHG emissions in the industrial sector. The program improves air quality and fosters innovation and modernization within regional industries by incentivizing the transition to electric-powered equipment and aligning economic activities with environmental stewardship.

Furthermore, the FOOD (Food Optimization and Organics Diversion) Program for landfill diversion and Tree For Me Regional Canopy initiatives demonstrate a holistic approach to environmental sustainability, addressing waste management and urban greening. These programs mitigate GHG emissions and enhance community well-being and resilience to climate change impacts.

In addition to the direct environmental benefits, the measures expressed in OKI's proposal have the potential to generate significant social and economic co-benefits, particularly for low-income and disadvantaged communities. By prioritizing equity and inclusion, the proposed initiatives contribute to building a more just and sustainable future for all residents of this region. Furthermore, if awarded, the OKI proposal will also benefit working families by creating new job opportunities, protecting workers during the transition to a low-carbon economy, improving public health, upholding labor standards, and promoting economic stability.

The OKI application represents a visionary approach to addressing climate change and fostering regional resilience. I wholeheartedly endorse this proposal and urge all stakeholders to support its implementation, which will benefit current and future generations. I am confident that together, we can make meaningful progress toward a more sustainable and prosperous future for the two federal regions, three states, sixteen counties, 81 cities, 173 towns, townships, and villages, 254 jurisdictions, 5,199 square miles of communities ranging from urban cores to rolling farmland, and 2.2 million residents of the Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN MSA.

Sincerely,

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Brian D. Griffin
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

March 27, 2024

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RE: Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller:

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Our mission at the NKY Workforce Investment Board (NKWIB) is to drive innovative policy and direct funding for workforce investment through strong community partnerships to promote engaged employers, skilled job seekers, and collective impact. One of our priorities at the NKWIB is to promote and advance "quality jobs" in our region. A good job is key to an individual's and their family's success; and employers who provide "high-quality jobs" will have an easier time attracting and retaining talent.

The OKI CPRG includes a job quality component and, thus, shares the NKWIB's goal of advancing quality jobs. We know that to adequately prepare our workforce for the future, we must introduce individuals to opportunities in the "green jobs" industry sector. Many of these jobs will pay above-average wages and offer families a strong sense of security and self-sufficiency, enabling them to live productive lives while helping our economy thrive. We are also pleased to know that OKI cares about helping employers improve themselves. We intend to partner with OKI to help employers navigate the U.S. Department of Labor's and U.S. Department of Commerce's "Good Jobs Principles",

which offer an objective way to assess how employers are doing in areas such as hiring practices, enabling worker voice, DEI, workplace culture, etc.

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Correy Eimer
Director
Northern Kentucky Workforce Investment Board



March 28, 2024

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Mr. Miller:

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The Talent Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati serves individual employees and job seekers, talent and workforce partner organizations, industry sector partnerships, and employers. We envision a Cincinnati region that excels at creating opportunities for people to advance their lives by obtaining, maintaining, and advancing in jobs and careers. This enables their individual and family success while also fostering the success of employers with high-quality employment practices to the benefit of their business and the economic growth of the entire region. The CPRG Implementation Plan will create and develop job quality and job growth in the fast-growing green industry and the Talent Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati is committed to supporting those efforts and the talent pipeline for engaged employers.

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Melissa Hall Sommer

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Chair of the Talent Collaborative Greater Cincinnati
Senior Vice President, Brighton Center
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As nonpartisan organization focused on workforce development and innovation in Cincinnati and Hamilton County, we are excited about this project which could bring more green jobs as well as more quality jobs to our area. We oversee and implement the local area's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) efforts and collaborate with regional workforce partners to help strengthen our workforce ecosystem. We lead this work by setting the vision, policy, and performance expectations for the OhioMeansJobs (OMJ) Center and system. Through this project we will promote job quality and foster job growth related to green industry and create opportunities for workers to develop the skills to be successful in the green jobs industry.

We look forward to partnering with OKI to develop additional programs as part of the Implementation Plan, which will prioritize immediate reductions in GHGs. The extraordinary benefits of these proposed programs are clear, and we are eager to begin work with OKI to put this plan into action. This implementation plan, driven by collaboration, presents a unique and innovative opportunity to reduce GHGs in our community. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and express our enthusiastic support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Yoke".

Beth Yoke, Executive Director

March 28, 2024

Mr. Travis Miller
Regional Planning Manager
OKI Regional Council of Governments
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Mr. Miller:

Kenton County Airport Board (KCAB)/CVG Airport Authority is pleased to provide this letter of commitment to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). OKI has been a leader in coordinating the region's sustainability efforts through the creation of the CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the region. CVG Airport Authority has a long history of working with OKI on transportation and sustainability related projects, and we are pleased to continue that partnership through this effort.

CVG Airport Authority has committed to continuous sustainability efforts that aim to reduce GHG emissions in the region through our Energy and Sustainability Master Plan. The definition of sustainability in the context of aviation, developed by Airports Council International (ACI), is a comprehensive approach to economic viability, operational efficiency, natural resource conservation, and social responsibility (EONS) across all operations of the airport.

CVG's Energy and Sustainability Master Plan aligns to ACI's goal for airports to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050, providing a roadmap for an efficient, practical, cost-effective, and robust energy reduction implementation plan. Achieving a goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 involves an attainable, detailed strategy that has been developed specific to CVG's operations. The strategy includes significant investment in production of energy through the application of solar, geothermal, and renewable technologies.

A proposed CVG Airport Authority solar project directly supports OKI's CPRG application pillar focused on supporting the use of renewable solar energy. CVG's proposed use of onsite solar energy, combined with battery technology and use of microgrids, will reduce or eliminate the frequency and scale disruptions to airport and airline operations, reducing GHG emissions by adjusting grid usage during peak demand periods.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit a proposal for this groundbreaking EPA grant program. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Candace McGraw
Chief Executive Officer
CVG Airport Authority

cc: Carol Spaw
Melissa Wideman
Larisa Sims



March 27, 2024

Travis Miller, Regional Planning Manager
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RE: Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of Groundwork Ohio River Valley to express my support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant. As OKI coordinates the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award, we are committed to working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

A major focus of the CPRG Implementation Plan is energy efficiency for public and residential buildings in the region. This program will seek to expand on the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) in Ohio, increase electrification of appliances, support the installation of solar panels, and convert streetlights to energy efficient LEDs. The residential programs in particular will be designed to ensure low income and disadvantaged communities benefit from the programs. These competitive programs will reduce GHG emissions through reductions in fossil fuel consumption.

The CPRG Implementation Plan also includes a focus on transportation as an opportunity to reduce GHGs in the region. The transportation pillar of this proposal will incentivize transit ridership with the goal of reducing vehicle miles traveled in the region each year. The projected savings in emissions and reduced congestion offer an enormous benefit to the community if fully realized. OKI will work closely with local transit agencies to establish free transit fares targeted in areas of high employment and student populations as well as assisting with replacement of transit fleet with lower emission vehicles.

Groundwork is where Justice and the Environment meet. We are the only environmental nonprofit in Greater Cincinnati with leadership of color and diverse representation at every level of staff and board. We link the environment to quality-of-life initiatives through engagement, education, and employment. We have proudly served in the ThriveTogether Steering Committee with the goal of resident input being represented in the process. We will continue to integrate community engagement through our youth green workforce program, one of the largest in the nation, and our Climate Safe Neighborhoods resident advocacy work.

OKI continues to work with partners like us to develop additional programs as part of the implementation plan. Like the above-mentioned efforts, these programs will prioritize immediate reductions in GHGs as its guiding purpose. The extraordinary benefits of these proposed programs are clear, and we are eager to begin work with OKI to put this plan into action. This implementation plan, driven by collaboration, presents a unique and innovative opportunity to reduce GHGs in our community. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and express our enthusiastic support. We look forward to continuing to work with OKI on this exciting project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tanner Yess, Co-Executive Director
Groundwork Ohio River Valley



March 25, 2024

Travis Miller, Regional Planning Manager
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RE: Letter of Commitment for the **OKI/Cincinnati Region Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission**

Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission to express my commitment for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) implementation grant. As the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Cincinnati region, OKI is coordinating the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award. We are working closely with OKI staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

A major focus of the CPRG Implementation Plan is energy efficiency for public, non-profit and residential buildings in the region. This program will seek to expand on the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP), increase electrification of appliances, support the installation of solar panels, and convert streetlights to energy efficient LEDs. The residential programs in particular will be designed to ensure low income and disadvantaged communities benefit from the programs. These competitive programs will reduce GHG emissions through reductions in fossil fuel consumption.

The CPRG Implementation Plan also includes a focus on transportation as an opportunity to reduce GHGs in the region. The transportation pillar of this proposal will incentivize transit ridership with the goal of reducing vehicle miles traveled in the region each year. The projected savings in emissions and reduced congestion offer an enormous benefit to the community if fully realized. OKI will work closely with local transit agencies to establish free transit fares targeted in areas of high employment and student populations as well as assisting with replacement of transit fleet with lower emission vehicles.

Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission operates the Home Weatherization Program for families of low income in the eight counties in Northern Kentucky. We would partner with OKI through this grant to ensure more families are served with Home Weatherization. Most families we serve through our myriad of programs are low income. We would also assist with the promotion of this program to those households to ensure awareness and utilization of funds.

OKI has worked with partners like us to develop the programs of the implementation plan. Like the above-mentioned efforts, these programs will prioritize immediate reductions in GHGs as its guiding purpose. The extraordinary benefits of these proposed programs are clear, and we are eager to begin work with OKI to put this plan into action. This implementation plan, driven by collaboration, presents a unique and innovative opportunity to reduce GHGs in our community. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and express our enthusiastic support. We look forward to continuing to work with OKI on this exciting project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Catrena Bowman

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Executive Director



March 25, 2024

Mr. Travis Miller, Regional Planning Manager
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Re: Letter of Support for the OKI/Cincinnati Region Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Dear Mr. Miller,

I am writing on behalf of People Working Cooperatively, Inc. to express my support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) implementation grant. As the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Cincinnati region, OKI is coordinating the region's efforts to develop a far-reaching implementation plan for the use of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award. We are working with OKI Staff to support OKI's CPRG Implementation Plan, which will substantially reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the region.

People Working Cooperatively, Inc. (PWC) is a long-time provider for the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP). This important program falls under the umbrella of PWC's larger mission to keep people safely, securely and healthfully in their homes. PWC provides emergency home repairs, home modifications for individuals with physical disabilities, and a range of energy conservation services. PWC's services also target housing issues that adversely affect the occupants' health, such as indoor air quality, lead paint, and fall related hazards. PWC's services are designed for achieving effective results at a reasonable cost. This grant could enhance and expand PWC's mission efforts, which would certainly be valuable. As mentioned in the proposal, there is also a need for expanding and training a workforce to complete these tasks.

OKI has worked with partners like us to develop the programs of the implementation plan. This implementation plan, driven by collaboration, presents a unique and innovative opportunity to reduce GHGs in our community. PWC is interested to explore opportunities in this grant under the leadership of OKI.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and express our support. We look forward to continuing to work with OKI on this exciting project. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jock J. Pitts
President



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RE: Letter of Support for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Submission

Mr. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of Duke Energy Ohio-Kentucky to express my support for Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Government's (OKI) application for a Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) planning grant.

Duke Energy Ohio-Kentucky proudly serves over 900,000 electric and over 560,000 natural gas customers in the Greater Cincinnati region, employing over 2,000 talented men and women. Duke Energy Ohio-Kentucky is a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corp., (Duke Energy) a Fortune 150 company headquartered in Charlotte, N.C.

Duke Energy is undertaking the nation's largest clean energy transition, which includes achieving net-zero carbon emissions from electric generation by 2050, as compared to 2005 levels, and net-zero methane emissions from our natural gas business by 2030. Duke Energy believes the pace of this transition must be responsible to preserve reliability and affordability and recognizes that it will need new and existing energy technologies.

Various elements of the proposed CPRG Implementation Plan align with our own efforts in the region. These measures include a focus on electric transportation and an interest in expanding solar and storage, each with the goal of reducing Greenhouse Gases emissions, among other things. We believe our continued involvement and expertise will help shape relevant aspects of the Plan.

We acknowledge our inclusion in the process and value the partnership with OKI as it seeks to advance transformative outcomes for this region. OKI's long-term commitment aligns with our focus on enabling continued access to increasingly clean, affordable, and reliable electric and natural gas service to our southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy B. Spiller", written in a cursive style.

Amy B. Spiller