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Shelley Dickstein
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Dear Ms. Dickstein,

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE) is nonprofit poverty law firm located in Western Ohio, including in Dayton, that provides high quality legal assistance in civil matters to help eligible low-income people and groups in western Ohio achieve self-reliance, equal justice, and economic opportunity. I manage the Housing and Community Economic Development Practice Group, which focuses not only on guaranteeing low-income people and families are not displaced from their home but also working with our client community to ensure benefits are seen in the neighborhoods they call home.

I am writing in strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors. Importantly it benefits low-income residents residing near the Valleycrest Landfill site.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment to ABLE's approach to lawyering and priorities in Dayton, Ohio, include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy. This priority is in-line with ABLE's work representing low-income individuals and families.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health, which aligns with ABLE's health outcomes.

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- **Comprehensive scope:** The VPP+ project not only aggregates solar projects but also incorporates building upgrades for energy efficiency and workforce training programs, creating a holistic and sustainable solution, which I believe is critical for the support of local community members.
- **Financial sustainability:** The revenue recycling/revolving loan fund model ensures long-term viability and fosters the expansion of renewable energy projects beyond the initial investment.
- **Replicability:** The project serves as a model for other jurisdictions, paving the way for broader adoption of VPP deployment and associated benefits. I believe everyone benefits if this project can be shown to be a model for other jurisdictions.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce. This is another outcome of this project that aligns with ABLE's goal of creating good paying jobs in low income communities for those who reside in low income communities.

ABLE has had the pleasure of working with the City of Dayton's Sustainability Department for a number of years and looks forward to continuing that relationship.

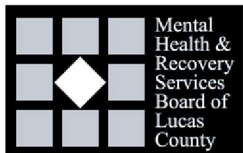
The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region. ABLE enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at mcurrie@ablelaw.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

s/Matthew Currie
Managing Attorney

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March 8, 2024

Shelley Dickstein
City of Dayton
101 W Third Street
Dayton OH 45402

Dear Ms. Shelley Dickstein,

I am writing on behalf of AC Power LLC, a certified woman-owned solar development company specializing in repurposing closed landfills, Superfund, and Brownfield sites into productive solar energy sites, to express our strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+). VPP+ will generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

AC Power is particularly aligned with and excited about the proposed VPP+ project because of its direct impact on the Valleycrest Landfill in Dayton, Ohio, now in the Post-Construction Completion phase of the Superfund process. The project's comprehensive scope includes the development of a 23 MW ballasted solar facility and the potential of a floating solar array. AC Power has been actively engaged since 2022 in planning for the redevelopment of this Superfund site, which aligns perfectly with our mission to repurpose previously disturbed land for a brighter future through solar development.

In absence of a formal community solar program in Ohio, the VPP+ initiative would enable a project offtake solution and help convert this formerly contaminated land into a revenue-generating asset, contributing significantly to the local economy and community. Without the initiative, development of the project at the Valleycrest Landfill and across the region would be severely curtailed due to a lack of financial feasibility as there would not be viable pathways to sell power from renewable distributed generation assets.

The City of Dayton will benefit in myriad ways including improved local grid resiliency, energy cost savings and the support of the City's robust sustainability goals. Additionally, aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment to AC Power's work and priorities include:



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- **Community-focused approach:** We are developing a comprehensive Community Outreach Plan in collaboration with the City of Dayton. This plan is designed to inform residents and businesses of the benefits of the solar project, ensuring equitable access to renewable energy, particularly for low-income and disadvantaged communities.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The redevelopment of the Valleycrest Landfill as part of the VPP+ initiative will transform a contaminated site into a source of clean, renewable energy. This transition supports a healthier environment, improves local air quality, and reduces the community's carbon footprint.
- **Workforce Development:** AC Power is committed to fostering workforce development in the solar energy sector. We plan to partner with local educational institutions to provide training and certification opportunities, thereby creating new quality jobs and supporting sustainable employment in Dayton.
- **Replicability:** The transformation of the Valleycrest Landfill into a productive solar energy facility will serve as a replicable model for other jurisdictions, demonstrating the potential for renewable energy development on previously contaminated sites.

We enthusiastically endorse the VPP+ project proposal submitted by SOPEC and the City of Dayton for the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and AC Power enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding. Implementation of the VPP+ initiative in the City of Dayton would bolster clean energy opportunities both at this site and across the state.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Annika Colston', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Annika Colston
Founder & CEO

March 22, 2024

Ms. Shelley Dickstein
City Manager
City of Dayton
101 W Third Street
Dayton OH 45402

Dear Ms. Dickstein:

AES Ohio is the regulated electric service provider for the City of Dayton and surrounding areas in West Central Ohio. AES Ohio is committed to accelerating the future of energy together with our customers. This letter signals our support of the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

AES Ohio has been and continues to invest in phase distribution system modernization efforts to support and encourage projects like this one; our phase two of smart grid will provide additional cost savings and benefits for projects like this. Aspects of this project that are of particular importance to AES Ohio's work and priorities include:

- **Customer and Community-centered approach:** The project includes the local public utility, the City of Dayton, and customers while prioritizing the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy.
- **Improving people's lives in a clean, sustainable way:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Comprehensive scope for Economic and workforce development:** The VPP+ project incorporates building upgrades for energy efficiency and workforce training programs, creating a holistic and sustainable solution that utilizes smart grid enhancements of the local grid while creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.
- **Leading the future of energy:** The project serves as a model for other jurisdictions, paving the way for broader adoption of VPP deployment and associated benefits.

AES Ohio has a long history of working collaboratively with the City of Dayton and the surrounding communities. This project would highlight a collaborative approach to accelerating the future of energy. AES Ohio is supportive of a cleaner energy future that can be achieved through this project.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region. AES Ohio enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas A. Raga'.

Thomas A. Raga
President

BLOOMBERG AMERICAN SUSTAINABLE CITIES

3/26/2024

Dear Environmental Protection Agency:

The Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities Initiative (BASC) is pleased to support the City of Dayton's application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG).

BASC is a new three-year initiative that supports 25 American cities to incubate and deliver local and long-term solutions that combat climate change and advance racial wealth equity. Working collaboratively with community members, BASC assists city governments such as Dayton in their ambitious efforts by providing support to develop bold solutions. The BASC initiative equips cities with resources, including customized policy and technical assistance, innovation teams skilled in data analysis and human-centered design increasing internal city capacity, and local stakeholder expertise to cultivate engagement with community-based organizations and city residents.

While BASC will make a substantial financial investment in the 25 participating cities over the next three years, funding for implementing projects will be limited. Leveraging federal funding will be essential to implement the large-scale ideas and projects within Dayton. We hope you will consider this application to bring Dayton's bold vision to life. On behalf of the BASC initiative partners—PolicyLink, National Resources Defense Council, Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University, Delivery Associates, and the Sustainable Cities Fund—we are proud to offer our support for Dayton's proposal.

Sincerely,

Michele Perez
Managing Director, Winning on Equity in Places
PolicyLink

March 7, 2024

Dear Miss Shelley Dickstein,

The Behr, Valleycrest, and Valley Pike Community Advisory Group (CAG) is an environmental advocacy group that is comprised of community members located in Northeast Dayton and Riverside, Ohio. The CAG ensures that the community will be included and properly informed on the complete timely cleanup of the three Superfund sites (Behr, Valleycrest and Valley Pike). On behalf of the CAG, I am writing in strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment to the CAG's work and priorities include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy. The neighborhoods in the project area are both deserving and in dire need of "Environmental Justice".
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Comprehensive scope:** The VPP+ project not only aggregates solar projects but also incorporates building upgrades for energy efficiency and workforce training programs, creating a holistic and sustainable solution.
- **Financial sustainability:** The revenue recycling/revolving loan fund model ensures long-term viability and fosters the expansion of renewable energy projects beyond the initial investment.
- **Replicability:** The project serves as a model for other jurisdictions, paving the way for broader adoption of VPP deployment and associated benefits. The Behr Dayton Superfund Site is one of the largest vapor intrusion sites in the country, and deserves the benefits of a project of this magnitude.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.

The City of Dayton has played a critical role in supporting the cleanup of the Valleycrest Landfill site in Northeast Dayton. For over 30 years, the immediate neighbors had to endure the negative impact of having a Superfund Site in their neighborhood. The proposed reuse of the Valleycrest site, enabled by this grant, can turn a former negative environmental disaster into positive green energy that will impact the residents of all three Superfund Site areas for decades to come. The green revolving fund could be utilized within our struggling neighborhoods to do energy efficiency, weatherization, and critical repairs to our housing structures.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and the Behr, Valleycrest, and Valley Pike Community Advisory Group (CAG) enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,



Jerry Bowling III

President, Behr, Valleycrest, and Valley Pike Community Advisory Group



Luke Sulfridge
Executive Director
Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council
340 West State Street
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Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council,

The City of Dayton is wholeheartedly endorsing the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant application. This proposal aims to deploy solar arrays to establish a virtual power plant, generating clean and renewable energy to reduce emissions and alleviate local energy burdens. Additionally, it includes a revolving green fund to support energy efficiency upgrades and improvements in both residential and commercial sectors. This innovative initiative holds the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, alleviate energy burdens among low-income populations, and enhance both indoor and outdoor air quality by supporting energy and sustainability endeavors across the power, transportation, and building sectors.

In 2020, the City of Dayton adopted a Sustainability Plan with the objective of curbing overall greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing the well-being of city residents, and fostering economic and workforce development. The proposed program stands as a catalyst for transformative change within our community. Implementing solar infrastructure at the former Valleycrest Landfill, a superfund site, will reduce local energy costs for residents and support the establishment of a sustainable green fund to improve overall building efficiency, improve neighborhood blight, and provide a pathway for quality workforce development and retention. We firmly believe that this initiative will serve as a model for other communities in Ohio and nationwide. Furthermore, we are enthusiastic about pioneering Ohio's first virtual power plant model and advancing a comprehensive environmental justice approach for residents adjacent to the Valleycrest Superfund site. We are confident that this endeavor will offer a scalable blueprint that can be emulated to diminish overall greenhouse gas emissions and foster healthier and more vibrant communities.

Our collaboration with SOPEC has been pivotal in attaining our sustainability objectives, and we anticipate further strengthening our partnership through this endeavor. With SOPEC's statewide focus on sustainability, there is potential to replicate this model across Ohio, consequently reducing overall greenhouse gas emissions in the electricity sector. We extend our gratitude to the EPA for reviewing this application and are eager about the transformative potential it holds for our community.

The VPP+ project, as proposed for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding, promises to cultivate a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our region. The City of Dayton wholeheartedly applauds and endorses the efforts of this application and its pursuit of funding.

Sincerely,

Shelley Dickstein
City Manager
City of Dayton



March 5, 2024

City of Dayton
101 W. Third St.
Dayton OH 45402

Dear Ms. Dickstein,

CityWide Development is a not-for-profit organization located in Dayton, Ohio that provides community and economic development services to the Dayton region. I am writing in strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+). This grant will generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. Further, this innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment to CityWide's work and priorities include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy. Much of CityWide's work is focused in neighborhoods with significant low-income and minority populations who have faced long-term disinvestment and loss of agency in their communities. Residents in LIDACs often shoulder the most severe negative environmental impacts and energy burdens and, at the same, struggle to access the opportunities for clean energy and more resilient infrastructure that higher-income communities are increasingly seeking out. This program will not only provide positive financial and health impacts for residents, but also ensure that projects funded through this work will be chosen in direct response to resident voices and identified needs.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy

efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health. There are relatively few funding tools to help address these challenges currently – and the demand far outpaces the existing funding amounts. CityWide often partners on programs that provide home improvement or rehab options, but the funding and eligible uses are always limited and often cannot address larger issues of energy burdens or long-term sustainability. This program would be an important step in helping to fill this gap.

- **Financial sustainability:** The revenue recycling/revolving loan fund model ensures long-term viability and fosters the expansion of renewable energy projects beyond the initial investment. CityWide is constantly seeking to partner with innovative solutions, like this program, which will not offer a one-time program, but a long-term change that can be scaled and implemented on an ongoing basis.

CityWide has been a longstanding City of Dayton partner since our founding 50 years ago. We work collaboratively with the City on planning and economic development projects throughout the City and are pleased to partner on a comprehensive program that improves the lives of our most vulnerable City residents.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and CityWide enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,



Karen DeMasi

Senior Vice President

Community Development

MICHAEL R. TURNER

TENTH DISTRICT, OHIO

CHAIRMAN
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March 20, 2024

Michael S. Regan
EPA Administrator
USEPA William Jefferson Clinton Building North (WJC North)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

As the Congressional representative for Ohio's Tenth Congressional District and the City of Dayton, I write in support of the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant.

Their proposal supports the deployment of solar arrays which will create a regional virtual power plant and revolving renewable energy fund (VPP+). The City's plan will both generate clean energy and fund local programs that provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This transformative project will improve energy access for low-income households, reduce localized emissions, and ensure better air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.

I appreciate you giving The City of Dayton and SOPEC's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant application all due consideration. The proposal will create a more sustainable and healthier future for our entire region, and I support this application and its submission for funding. If I can answer any questions or be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate in contacting Gene Saunders, Deputy District Director in my Dayton office at eugene.saunders@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress

Dear U.S EPA Administrator,

As a state lawmaker representing the City of Dayton, I am writing in strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. Their proposal will support the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving renewable energy fund (VPP+) to generate clean energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

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- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.

The City of Dayton and SOPEC's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant proposal will create a more sustainable and healthier future for our entire region and I enthusiastically support the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Willis E. Blackshear Jr." in a cursive script.

Willis E Blackshear Jr.

State Representative Ohio House District 38



Andrea White
Ohio House of Representatives
135th General Assembly

Dear U.S EPA Administrator,

As a state lawmaker representing portions of the City of Dayton, I am writing in support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. Their proposal will support the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving renewable energy fund (VPP+) to generate clean energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

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- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.

The City of Dayton and SOPEC's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant proposal will create a more sustainable and healthier future for our region and I enthusiastically support the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

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Andrea White
State Representative
Ohio House District 36

February 21, 2024

Dear Grantor,

Drive Electric Dayton is a 501(c)3 organization encompassing individuals throughout the greater Dayton region and Miami Valley who own electric vehicles (EVs). We organize large events where we educate citizens about the economic, social and health benefits of owning an EV.

I am writing in strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment to Drive Electric Dayton's work and priorities include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy.

Drive Electric Dayton supports the above approach with special emphasis on low cost energy that will aid in the financial and stability of underserved communities.

The approval of this grant will enable the region to duplicate successful practices that will be utilized by LIDAC communities throughout the Miami Valley region. The generation of low cost energy will also aid in the development of electrification infrastructure leading to the purchase of EVs enhancing air quality and better health of the citizens throughout the Miami Valley.

We work with elected officials, organizations, like SOPEC, and encourage them to develop policies that recognize the coming dangers of climate chaos; as well, to develop projects that lead to low energy costs and improved health benefits for citizens throughout the Miami Valley region.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and Drive Electric Dayton enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

Rap Hankins

President, Drive Electric Dayton
EVs FOR ALL

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937-239-7124

Dear Shelley Dickstein,

Dayton Energy Collaborative (DEC) is a 501(c)(3) located in Dayton, OH that facilitates the Dayton Home Repair Network, a collaborative group of organizations focused on providing home repair, weatherization, and energy efficiency services to low-to-moderate-income households in the City of Dayton. Group members include Rebuilding Together Dayton, County Corp, Miami Valley Community Action Partnership, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton, Dayton Energy Collaborative, Liberty High School, and Dayton YouthBuild. These organizations are committed to establishing a streamlined system for critical home repairs and to leveraging resources to accomplish more projects on each house.

On behalf of the entire Dayton Home Repair Network, I am writing in strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+). This will generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. Innovative and transformative in its approach, this project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Several aspects of this project are of particular importance and alignment to Dayton Energy Collaborative and the Dayton Home Repair Network's work, including:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy. This aligns with DEC's mission to bring energy equity to disadvantaged communities.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** DEC is committed to lowering energy burdens and reducing emissions to improve air quality for the residents it serves. The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burdens and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Comprehensive scope:** Additionally, the VPP+ project not only aggregates solar projects but also incorporates building upgrades for energy efficiency and workforce training programs, creating a holistic and sustainable solution, connecting directly with DEC's work to address houses comprehensively and commitment to their workforce development arm.

Dayton Energy Collaborative is an affiliate of SOPEC and also works closely with the Community Engagement and Sustainability Departments at the City of Dayton. The existing relationships between DEC and these entities strengthen the work they can do together.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and DEC enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

Aileen Hull

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aileen Hull". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Aileen" and last name "Hull" clearly distinguishable.

Community Engagement Coordinator

Dayton Energy Collaborative

March 6, 2024

Dear Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Reviewers,

The Miami Valley Environmental Justice Academy (MVEJA) Alumni is an association of over twenty US EPA Environmental Justice Academy graduates that took place in the Miami Valley Region from 2021-2022. We are writing in strong support of the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors. Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment with MVEJA's priorities include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to renewable energy's benefits.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions by generating clean power for residents with significant energy burdens and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Financial sustainability:** The revenue recycling/revolving loan fund model ensures long-term viability and fosters the expansion of renewable energy projects beyond the initial investment.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.

Through our training and continued collaboration following the MVEJA, we know firsthand that it is critical to take action to improve and protect the health of our community's most vulnerable populations. This plan holistically provides clean, affordable energy, prioritizes low-income and disadvantaged communities, and generates a critical and continued source of revenue while providing quality jobs for the clean energy transition.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region. The MVEJA Alumni enthusiastically recommend and support the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

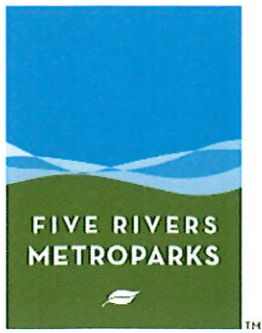
Sincerely,



Gayle Covington Fowler
Co-Coordinator, MVEJA Alumni
President, National Environmental
Justice Academy Alumni Assoc.



Cait Botschner
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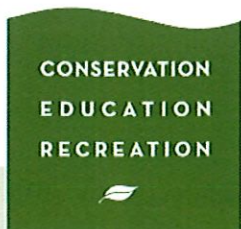
Shelly Dickstein, City Manager
City of Dayton
101 W. Third Street
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Dear Shelley:

Five Rivers MetroParks (FRMP) is a park district located in Dayton, Ohio that protects 16,000 acres of land and provides opportunities for the community to connect with nature. As CEO of FRMP, I am writing in strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant application for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy. Funding this program will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve air quality, by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment to FRMP's work and priorities include:

- **Community-focused approach:** There is a strong focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion within the FRMP Strategic Plan. This project magnifies this plan and advances our efforts by prioritizing the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC) and ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** FRMP natural areas provide vital ecosystem services to the community. The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Comprehensive scope:** The VPP+ project not only aggregates solar projects but also incorporates building upgrades for energy efficiency and workforce training programs, creating a holistic and sustainable solution. As FRMP also moves forward with clean fleets, solar energy, and efficiency upgrades, this project will align with these initiatives, creating a larger impact that will serve as a regional model in environmental and fiscal sustainability.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing, and create new, quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.



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FRMP, SOPEC, and the City of Dayton are essential partners in serving the region as a leader in conservation and sustainability. The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and FRMP enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Hesser, CPRP
Chief Executive Officer



Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission of Greene County

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DeAndra Navratil, AICP, Executive Director

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Dear Environmental Protection Agency,

Per Resolution #24-02-27-4C, Greene County Regional Planning Coordinating and Planning Commission (RPCC) supports the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant application. RPCC is a county planning agency that specializes in local land use planning policy and legislation for our member jurisdictions. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment to RPCC's work and priorities include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and RPCC enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

DeAndra Navratil

DeAndra Navratil, AICP



Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council
Attn: Luke Sulfridge, Executive Director
340 West State Street
Suites A, C & D
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Mr. Sulfridge,

YouthBuild Dayton is a community-based pre-apprenticeship program providing job training and education services for opportunity youth aged 16-22. The Dayton program began in 2012 and is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. I am writing in strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and local green fund (VPP+) to generate clean renewable energy for residents and provide financial resources to low-income residents for home energy efficiency retrofits. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power and building sectors.

YouthBuild Dayton looks forward to partnering with this application to support meaningful workforce development. The proposed VPP and Local Green Fund offer the opportunity to capitalize and build upon successful existing YouthBuild Dayton programs that train and certify students for quality job placement.

As a core member of the Dayton Home Repair Network, YouthBuild Dayton began working with Miami Valley Community Action Partnership in early 2024 to place graduated students trained and certified in weatherization and construction in jobs performing low-income home upgrade and improvement work. The Local Green Fund will increase a workforce need for home weatherization work and this existing partnership will provide students entering these fields of work with greater amounts of work and opportunity.

Additionally, requested CPRG funding in this proposal will add the PVIV (solar installation) certification option for YouthBuild Dayton students, preparing graduates for labor needs of the virtual power plant and providing greater high quality job potential and options for LIDAC students and graduates entering the workforce.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and YouthBuild Dayton enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Jerry Farley
Executive Director
YouthBuild Dayton



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March 13, 2024

Shelley Dickstein, City Manager
City of Dayton
101 West Third St.
Dayton, OH 45402
Dear Ms. Dickstein,

Montgomery County supports the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant to deploy solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+). This project will generate clean and renewable energy and provide financial resources for residential, commercial and community efficient energy projects.

Anticipated outcomes of this project include a dramatic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, a decrease in the energy burden for low-income residents and an improvement in indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation and building sectors.

The VPP+ project aligns with Montgomery County's goals for a cleaner, healthier future for our region. The project will serve as a model for other jurisdictions in the county. As a partnering organization, the county agrees to contribute in-kind resources, such as outreach assistance, communications and community engagement support to enhance the program's effectiveness.

Community engagement is key to the success of green initiatives in Montgomery County. The county's Bring Your Green Challenge is a web-based software platform that has engaged the community in sustainability competitions, leading to measurable impacts in carbon reduction, energy cost savings and waste diversion. Since its launch, the challenge has had over 1,000 buildings yielding measured carbon reductions. Through this project, the Bring Your Green platform will be made available for participating communities, residents, businesses and partners of the VPP+ to reduce emissions and climate impact through informed lifestyle and business choices.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable and healthier future for our entire region. Montgomery County enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tyler Small".

Tyler Small
Assistant Administrator, Montgomery County

March 7, 2024

Dear Miss Shelley Dickstein,

The McCook Field Neighborhood Association (MFNA) is comprised of residents of a working class neighborhood located in the Northeast area of Dayton, Ohio. Since 2007, the MFNA has been an advocate for residents impacted by the Behr-Dayton Thermal Products Superfund Site. The site is one of the largest vapor intrusion sites in the country, with over 250 homes with vapor mitigation systems. On behalf of the MFNA, I am writing in strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment to the MFNA's work and priorities include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy. The McCook Field neighborhood in the project area is a disadvantaged area that is deserving of "Environmental Justice".
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Comprehensive scope:** The VPP+ project not only aggregates solar projects but also incorporates building upgrades for energy efficiency and workforce training programs, creating a holistic and sustainable solution.
- **Financial sustainability:** The revenue recycling/revolving loan fund model ensures long-term viability and fosters the expansion of renewable energy projects beyond the initial investment.
- **Replicability:** The project serves as a model for other jurisdictions, paving the way for broader adoption of VPP deployment and associated benefits. The Behr-Dayton Thermal Products Superfund Site is one of the largest vapor intrusion sites in the country, and deserves the benefits of a project of this magnitude.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.

The City of Dayton has been an advocate for the MFNA as we try to survive the long Superfund process. Very few neighborhoods may have a Superfund Site (like a landfill) in their area. Unfortunately, the majority of the McCook Field neighborhood is a Superfund Site, with one of the largest TCE plumes under our homes! Over 250 households have been paying for the energy to operate the vapor mitigation systems that keep dangerous vapors out of their homes. The proposed reuse of the nearby Valleycrest Landfill Superfund Site, enabled by this grant, can turn around the energy challenges of McCook Field neighborhood families. The green revolving fund could be utilized within our struggling neighborhood to do energy efficiency, weatherization, and critical repairs to our housing structures.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and the McCook Field Neighborhood Association (MFNA) enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,



Jerry Bowling III

President, McCook Field Neighborhood Association (MFNA)



Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc.

505 Riverside Drive

Dayton, OH 45405

937-224-6035 • Fax 937-558-5868

Jim McCarthy, President/CEO

February 26, 2024

Dear Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council:

The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center is a private, nonprofit fair housing organization in Dayton, Ohio, which works to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all people in our region, the State of Ohio, and nationally. I am writing in strong support of the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment with the Fair Housing Center's work and priorities include:

- Community-focused approach: The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy.
- Cleaner, healthier future: The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions by generating clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- Financial sustainability: The revenue recycling/revolving loan fund model ensures long-term viability and fosters the expansion of renewable energy projects beyond the initial investment.
- Replicability: The project serves as a model for other jurisdictions, paving the way for broader adoption of VPP deployment and associated benefits

February 26, 2024

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The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center has a long and rich history of partnership with the City of Dayton, including conducting research on housing segregation and its effects on the health of residents of neighborhoods that are not well-resourced and/or have been traditionally marginalized. Implemented contracts with the City's Community Development Department using federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Center has also worked closely with the Dayton Human Relations Council (HRC) to attract increased federal dollars to the City through the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) and Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) partnership and, of course, strategic planning, coordinating, and implementing a housing discrimination testing program throughout the City.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region, and the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim McCarthy", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Jim McCarthy
President/CEO

February 27, 2024

Ms. Shelley Dickstein
City Manager
City of Dayton
101 W. Third Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Re: Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant Application – City of Dayton, Ohio

Dear Ms. Dickstein:

As the project lead organization for the Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant in the Dayton-Kettering metro area, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission has been proud to lead this first-of-its-kind regional conversation on climate change mitigation. MVRPC staff also appreciates the leadership Dayton has provided on this issue over the previous ten years, and the support provided to the regional process over this past year. I am pleased to offer support for the city's joint application with Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) to implement the Virtual Power Plant Plus (VPP+) measure within the Region's recently-completed Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

The VPP+ promises to be a transformative approach to equitable greenhouse gas emissions reductions through the development of local solar electricity production coupled with a revolving green fund for home weatherization, efficiency, and de-carbonization improvements. Indeed, the VPP+ measure was calculated to have the greatest greenhouse gas emissions reduction potential because of this dual approach: greening the grid and reducing energy demand in the same program. Using the revolving funds to address neighborhoods experiencing high residential "energy burden" will contribute to efforts to address generational inequity in housing and homeownership in Dayton, the entirety of which falls within the US EPA's defined Low Income/Disadvantaged Community areas. Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment with MVRPC's work and priorities include:

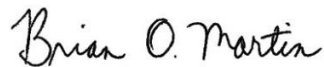
- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.
- **Replicability:** The project serves as a model for other Miami Valley jurisdictions, paving the way for broader adoption of VPP deployment and associated benefits.

- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.

The City of Dayton has been a tremendous partner with MVRPC on many initiatives, particularly in the areas of transportation and water quality protection. MVRPC looks forward to supporting Dayton and SOPEC, participating in the development and implementation of the VPP+ project and helping the city share its successes with our members across the Miami Valley as they consider emission reduction projects of their own.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

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Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director



Ohio Environmental Council

Luke Sulfridge
Executive Director
Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council
340 West State Street
Ste 134 - A,C, D
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Luke,

The Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) is an environmental advocacy organization located in Columbus Ohio whose mission is to protect the environment and health of all Ohio communities through legal and policy advocacy, decision-maker accountability, and civic engagement] This includes supporting local communities in establishing and implementing clean energy policies and programs that achieve sustainable and equitable decarbonization.

I am writing in strong support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment to OEC's work and priorities include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy. The OEC has a Southwest Ohio regional program focused on empowering local community members and communities.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Comprehensive scope:** The VPP+ project not only aggregates solar projects but also incorporates building upgrades for energy efficiency and workforce training programs, creating a holistic and sustainable solution. OEC supports this effort and would look for opportunities to replicate these programs elsewhere across the state.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.



Ohio Environmental Council

The Ohio Environmental Council has collaborated with SOPEC and the City of Dayton around numerous energy and environmental initiatives. We look forward to supporting this effort and ensuring that successful lessons learned are utilized across the state of Ohio.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and the OEC enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

Nolan Rutschilling
Managing Director of Energy Policy
Ohio Environmental Council



March 8, 2024

Luke Sulfridge
Executive Director
Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council
340 West State Street, Suite 134 A-D
Athens, OH 45701

Dear Mr. Sulfridge,

I am submitting this letter of commitment on behalf of Power a Clean Future Ohio (PCFO) in support of Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

PCFO is a statewide non-profit organization that partners with local governments in Ohio to achieve pragmatic, equitable, and economical carbon emissions reductions. Since its launch in February 2020, PCFO has worked with a diverse and motivated group of 48 municipalities in every corner of Ohio, including the City of Dayton. PCFO brings a knowledge of the political, legislative, and regulatory landscape in Ohio at the state and local level, project management and coordination experience, and the ability to develop cohesive plans and reports in partnership with local governments and key stakeholders.

Aspects of this project that are of particular importance and alignment to PCFO's work and priorities include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Comprehensive scope:** The VPP+ project not only aggregates solar projects but also incorporates building upgrades for energy efficiency and workforce training programs, creating a holistic and sustainable solution.
- **Replicability:** The project serves as a model for other jurisdictions, paving the way for broader adoption of VPP deployment and associated benefits.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and PCFO

enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding. If successful, PCFO would have a strong interest in work collaboratively with SOPEC and in consultation with the City of Dayton to replicate this project in other cities and regions across Ohio through our network of local governments.

Thank you for your consideration. My contact information is below. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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Joe Flarida
Executive Director
Power a Clean Future Ohio
joe@poweracleanfuture.org
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Shelley Dickstein
City Manager
City of Dayton
101 W Third St.
Dayton, OH 45402

Dear Ms. Dickstein,

The City of Riverside is committed to partnering with the City of Dayton and our broader region to advance the economic well-being and quality of life of all area residents. To that end, I am writing in strong support of the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) will generate clean and renewable energy while supporting residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will also dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help alleviate energy burdens for low-income residents, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Aspects of this project that are particularly aligned with the City of Riverside include:

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy. Many neighborhoods and Census tracts in Riverside are disadvantaged.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burdens. Lower emissions will help address regional air quality concerns and the health of all residents in Riverside and our region.
- **Comprehensive scope:** The VPP+ project not only aggregates solar projects but also incorporates building upgrades for energy efficiency and workforce training programs, creating a holistic and sustainable solution. The City of Riverside has access to buildings and parcels that may be ideally situated for solar implementation in the future.
- **Financial sustainability:** The revenue recycling/revolving loan fund model ensures long-term viability and fosters the expansion of renewable energy projects beyond the initial investment. This is critical for communities like Riverside, where both the City and residents experience challenges with long-term sustainable funding.
- **Replicability:** The project serves as a model for other jurisdictions, paving the way for broader adoption of VPP deployment and associated benefits.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.

The City of Riverside has already partnered with SOPEC for electricity and natural gas aggregation services. We know the value SOPEC brings as a champion of sustainable energy in the State of Ohio, and we believe SOPEC has the appropriate resources and skilled personnel to manage this project.



The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and The City of Riverside. I enthusiastically commend and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

Josh Rauch

City Manager



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Office of the President
444 West Third Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402-1460

February 23, 2024

Shelley Dickstein
City Manager, City of Dayton
101 W. Third Street
Dayton, OH 45402

Dear Shelley,

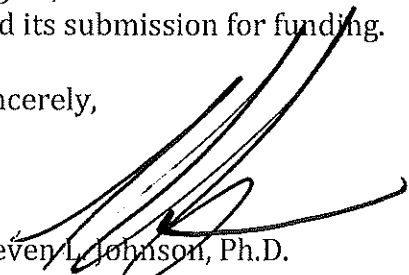
Sinclair College, a local and national leader in delivering high-quality affordable higher education, is proud to be among the first community colleges to offer degrees and certificates in Sustainability and Energy Management. Our Center for Energy Education and affiliated Laboratory demonstrates our commitment to preparing students for jobs in the energy and building management industries that will enable them to protect the natural environment while promoting human well-being. We recognize the value of a thorough understanding of how natural systems function and how human activities impact them.

Sinclair is pleased to support the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Sinclair is particularly excited about the workforce development aspect of the VPP+ project, which will support existing, and create new, quality jobs in sustainability and energy management, and empower residents of low-income and underrepresented communities with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating opportunities for Sinclair graduates.

The VPP+ project being submitted to the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region, and Sinclair enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,



Steven L. Johnson, Ph.D.
President and CEO

www.sinclair.edu



Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association

PO Box 64, Dayton OH 45404

February 26, 2024

Shelley Dickstein, City Manager
City of Dayton
101 W Third St
Dayton OH 45404

Dear Ms. Dickstein,

The Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association is dedicated to increasing interest and participation in the affairs of the neighborhood and promoting a better quality of life for all residents. As the President of the neighborhood association, I am fully in support of the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and City of Dayton Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

This project is of particular importance because one of the sites proposed for solar array implementation is the Valleycrest Superfund site in Old North Dayton. We have long worked with the City of Dayton to see this site remediated and reused for the benefit of the neighborhood. Their assistance has been instrumental in having the site capped and prepared for a reuse such as these solar arrays. All of the aspects of the proposed project are in alignment with our continued partnership with the City.

- **Community-focused approach:** The project prioritizes the participation of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), ensuring equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy.
- **Cleaner, healthier future:** The VPP+ will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean power for residents with significant energy burden and generate deeper impact and emissions reductions in funding sustainable and energy efficiency projects that will improve and benefit long-term community health.
- **Comprehensive scope:** The VPP+ project not only aggregates solar projects but also incorporates building upgrades for energy efficiency and workforce training programs, creating a holistic and sustainable solution.
- **Financial sustainability:** The revenue recycling/revolving loan fund model ensures long-term viability and fosters the expansion of renewable energy projects beyond the initial investment.
- **Replicability:** The project serves as a model for other jurisdictions, paving the way for broader adoption of VPP deployment and associated benefits.
- **Workforce Development:** The VPP+ project will support existing and create new quality jobs and empower LIDAC residents with targeted recruitment and career pathways, creating a sustainable and diversified workforce.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and the Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Thank you for your time and dedication to supporting initiatives that uplift our community. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at ondneighbors@gmail.com or 313-590-7171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Tepper", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Matthew Tepper, President
Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association



March 19, 2024

Shelley Dickstein
City Manager, City of Dayton
101 W Third Street Dayton OH 45402

Support for SOPEC and Dayton Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for VPP+ Development

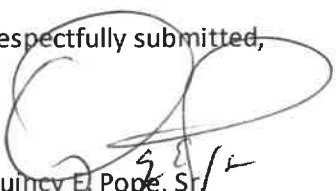
Dear City Manager Dickstein,

As a neighboring and partner jurisdiction, the city of Trotwood is submitting this letter of support for Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and the City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of solar arrays to create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) to generate clean and renewable energy and fund a program that will provide financial resources to residential, commercial, and community energy efficiency projects. We further support this projects transformative and innovative approach to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors.

Through our recent strategic plan, conducted in 2019, the city of Trotwood and its citizens clearly outlined that adopting partnerships to advance new technologies and renewable energy sources was a priority for the community. Given this alignment, we support lend our strong support to this initiative as the positive impact from this initiative will positively impact the greater Dayton area. The city of Trotwood looks forward to the opportunity to partner with this initiative to eventually deploy similar initiatives for our residents.

The VPP+ project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region and [organization] enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Respectfully submitted,



Quincy E. Pope, Sr.
City Manager, City of Trotwood



March 4, 2024

Shelley Dickstein
Dayton City Manager
101 West Third Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Dayton's application for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation funds

Dear Shelley,

The University of Dayton's Hanley Sustainability Institute (HSI) is committed to partnering with those leading the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council and City of Dayton's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRIG). Their goal to deploy solar arrays and create a regional virtual power plant and revolving green fund (VPP+) is a critical next step for our community.

This innovative and transformative project will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve indoor and outdoor air quality by funding energy and sustainability projects in the power, transportation, and building sectors. As an educational institution that works alongside community and government organizations, HSI will introduce, connect, promote, and collaborate the effort associated with the CPRIG to an extensive network of partners connected with the university. In addition, HSI will work with the leaders of this effort to develop appropriate educational and training programs for the development of the clean energy workforce connected to this initiative. The CPRIG initiative aligns with HSI's strategic plan priority around community climate resilience and our own Energy Equity Initiative. As a partnering organization we agree to contribute technical expertise and community engagement support to enhance the program's effectiveness.

The project being submitted for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant funding will create a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier future for our entire region. The Hanley Sustainability Institute enthusiastically commends and supports the efforts of this application and its submission for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Pair".

Donald L. Pair, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Hanley Sustainability Institute
Professor of Geology and Environmental Geosciences
University of Dayton