

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 1, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Regan,


We write to express our full and fair consideration for the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)'s application to advance environmental sustainability and combat climate change in our region through the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) program. This project aims to provide technical assistance for building decarbonization (B1) and increase efforts toward achieving net zero municipal buildings (B3).

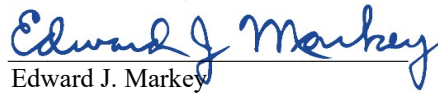
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We urge the EPA to give OCPC's application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) program your full and fair consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter as we endeavor to realize a sustainable future for our communities.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator


Edward J. Markey
United States Senator


Stephen F. Lynch
Member of Congress



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Sincerely,

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Rachel Bruce

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RE: Old Colony Planning Council, Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

Dear Department of Energy and Grant Reviewers,

Brockton & Vicinity Building Trades Council and the multitude of trade unions we represent, wholeheartedly offers this letter of support for Old Colony Planning Council's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Proposal. Old Colony Planning Council made a point to reach out to local organized labor and we have created a Community Workforce Agreement in partnership with them. This Community Workforce Agreement will be followed by each of the participating municipalities and will be a requirement in their contractor selection process.

By doing so, this project will secure local, skilled labor to retrofit and restore older public buildings and green energy infrastructure and will create good, local union jobs with family-sustaining wages and benefits at the same time. By using this Community Workforce Agreement, this grant proposes to utilize the long-established registered apprenticeship programs of the Brockton & Vicinity Building Trades Council trade unions to ensure the highest standards of safety, coordination and training for these projects, while also putting a focus on local worker participation and benefits.

Additionally, this CPRG proposal plans to financially support Building Pathways South, a registered pre-apprenticeship pipeline for the region that focuses on recruiting women and people of color with no prior construction background into well-paid, highly trained careers in building trades unions. This partnership will go hand-and-hand with the increased demand for Registered Apprenticeship and for green energy retrofit and infrastructure projects.

This project stands to have a positive effect on union construction workers across the region and to greatly impact the speed and efficiency of Old Planning Colony Councils' region's transition to green energy, decarbonization and emission reduction.

Sincerely,

Dave Fantini
President
Brockton & Vicinity Building Trades Council



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March 28, 2024

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