

Letters of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

The following entities have submitted letters of commitment to Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant and are included in this attachment:

State agency partners:

- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Oregon Health Authority
- Oregon Housing and Community Services

Local agency partners:

- City of Bend
- City of Eugene
- City of Hood River
- City of Medford
- City of Ontario
- City of Pendleton
- City of Portland
- City of Reedsport
- City of Tillamook
- Emerald People's Utility District
- Lane County
- Metro Regional Government

Coalition, non-profit, and contractor partners:

- Center for Sustainable Energy
- Energy Trust of Oregon
- Lane Regional Climate Collaborative (Lane Regional Air Protection Agency and partners)
- Oregon Environmental Council and partners
- Prosper Portland
- Thuy Tu Consulting

Tribal partners:

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation



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Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) would like to express our support and commitment to continue partnering with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant implementation grant opportunity and to assist in the design, implementation, and performance of the emissions reduction measures included in our application.

ODOE is the state's energy agency with a mission to help Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations. On behalf of Oregonians across the state, we achieve our mission by providing: a central repository of energy data, information, and analysis; a venue for problem-solving Oregon's energy challenges; energy education and technical assistance; regulation and oversight; and energy programs and activities that save energy, support the state's decarbonization efforts, make communities more resilient, and position Oregon to lead by example. We also staff the Oregon Climate Action Commission, a 35-member board that tracks Oregon's progress in addressing climate change and recommends ways to coordinate state and local efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The CPRG Implementation Grant opportunity strongly aligns with ODOE's mission to advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition and support Oregon's ongoing efforts to address the climate crisis. ODEQ and ODOE have worked together to identify measures to reduce GHG emissions and support transformational change for a cleaner and healthier Oregon. The measures selected for our application are scalable and ready to implement to provide the greatest benefit possible to Oregonians.

ODOE has supported ODEQ through the design and implementation of Oregon's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant initiative. ODOE worked closely with ODEQ to develop Oregon's Priority Climate Action Plan, and we are actively working on elements of the state's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. ODOE engaged with several state agencies, local governments, non-profit organizations, and

other stakeholders to inform the design and scope of the state's priority climate action measures, and we will be conducting a robust stakeholder outreach and engagement process to inform and strengthen Oregon's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan.

ODOE is invested in the successful and effective implementation of Oregon's priority climate actions. We are committed to maintain our climate action partnership with ODEQ and will continue to collaborate and provide support in the following ways:

- Assist in tracking and reporting outputs and outcomes of priority climate action measures throughout and beyond the five-year implementation period;
- Collaborate with ODEQ and other administering agencies and subrecipients to support successful implementation of priority climate action measures;
- Evaluate and communicate outcomes and impacts of priority climate action measures; and
- Engage with key stakeholders and policymakers to provide progress updates and gather input on measure design and implementation.

ODOE is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership with ODEQ through the planning and implementation of Oregon's priority climate action measures. This work is critical to meeting Oregon's climate pollution reduction goals and presents an unprecedented opportunity to advance an equitable clean energy transition that provides meaningful co-benefits to low-income households and disadvantaged communities. We are confident that our work with ODEQ through this grant opportunity can be used as a model for other states looking to implement similar programs. We look forward to strengthening our collaborative approach to address complex climate issues and benefit those most impacted by climate change.

We look forward to working with you on this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janine Benner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janine" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Benner".

Janine Benner, Director
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March 18, 2024

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SUBJECT: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon:

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to express our support and commitment to work with the Oregon Departments of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and Energy (ODOE) to implement measures in Oregon's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to achieve reductions in transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions via measures outlined in Oregon's Priority Climate Action Plan. Specifically, ODOT will implement the transportation measure to expand ODOT's electric vehicle charging infrastructure in targeted low-income and disadvantaged communities through the Community Charging Rebates Program.

ODOT's Strategic Action Plan aims to provide Oregonians with greater transportation access and a broad range of mobility options, while addressing climate change. The proposed CPRG transportation measures align closely with ODOT's goals, the Statewide Transportation Strategy, and the Oregon Transportation Plan. Transportation accounts for 35% of Oregon's GHG emissions and electrifying the transportation system is critical to reduce our climate footprint.

ODOT's *Transportation Electrification Infrastructure Needs Analysis (TEINA, 2021)* identified the need for a five-fold increase in public EV charging infrastructure to close gaps across all transportation sectors in the state through 2025, with a forty-fold increase needed by 2035. A key finding is that public sector investments are needed, particularly in rural, low-income, and disadvantaged communities -- areas where private sector investments are less likely -- to ensure more equitable access to enable all Oregonians to benefit from transportation electrification.

ODOT is actively implementing EV charging infrastructure programs to address the gaps identified in the TEINA study. In 2023, ODOT launched a \$7 million *Community Charging Rebates Program (CCR)* to increase access to Level 2 charging in all Oregon communities, with 70% of funds reserved for rural and disadvantaged communities. Round 1 was fully subscribed, with disbursements of \$1.75 million to more than 90 projects in over two-thirds of the counties in the state, to provide 375 Level 2 charging ports. Round 2 funding was released in March 2024, and close to \$1 million was subscribed in the first week, reflecting the enormous demand for financial support to offset costs and increase installations of community EV charging infrastructure, especially in sites serving rural, low-income, and disadvantaged residents.

Oregon's CPRG envisions ODOT expanding this highly successful rebate program, tightly focusing on low-income and disadvantaged communities, and ODOT commits to do so, if funded.

ODOT will collaborate with ODEQ and ODOE to ensure the success of transportation measures included in Oregon's Priority Climate Action Plan and Oregon's CPRG grant application. If the CPRG initiatives are funded, ODOT commits to provide support in the following ways:

- Expand the Community Charging Rebates Program to serve a targeted set of use cases reserved only for low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC communities).
- Leverage existing Community Charging Rebates Program resources, systems, processes, and data tracking for the expanded Community Charging Rebates program.
- Assist with tracking and reporting outcomes for the expanded Community Charging Rebates Program throughout the five-year implementation period, and beyond.
- Conduct education, outreach, and assistance for the Community Charging Rebates Program to LIDAC communities, engaging stakeholders to improve this initiative.
- Support the development of medium- and heavy-duty vehicle and infrastructure incentives.

ODOT looks forward to the opportunity to work with ODEQ and ODOE to implement Oregon's transportation Priority Climate Action Plan measures, as proposed in Oregon's CPRG grant request. These measures are critical to meeting Oregon's climate pollution reduction goals and offer an historic opportunity to advance equitable access to zero emission transportation while benefiting low-income households and disadvantaged communities, addressing those most impacted by climate change. We look forward to working together to meaningfully reduce transportation related GHG emissions through this innovative CPRG opportunity.

Sincerely,



Kristopher W. Strickler, Director
Oregon Department of Transportation

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March 14, 2024

Ms. Leah Feldon, Director
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**Subject: Oregon Health Authority Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG
Implementation Grant Application**

Dear Director Feldon:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to express our strong support for Oregon's application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant and our commitment to partner with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and other state agencies to advance greenhouse gas reduction actions that prioritize disadvantaged communities and environmental justice. This work will build on the State of Oregon's long track record of strong and swift climate action to align with the goals and priorities of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Oregon has already established the Clean Fuels Program, the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, Advanced Clean Cars, and Diesel Emission Reduction Grants. The CPRG Implementation Grant opportunity will strengthen and accelerate Oregon's ongoing efforts to address the climate crisis and achieve a cleaner and healthier Oregon, particularly for communities that are bearing the brunt of climate impacts. Among the shovel-ready measures Oregon is ready to scale and implement is OHA's Healthy Homes Grant Program (HHGP).

As identified in Oregon's Priority Climate Action Plan, HHGP is designed to support activities that maximize the energy efficiency of residences, improve the health and safety of occupants of residences, and extend the usable life of residences. HHGP will administer incentive funds to eligible projects that provide weatherization assistance and energy efficiency services to low-income Oregon households for eligible activities, including home energy audits, installation of heat pumps, insulation and sealing, structural repairs, and other greenhouse gas reduction projects that also improve the health and safety of

occupants. OHA will track progress and report outputs and outcomes of HHGP activities for CPRG progress reports.

These efforts will:

- Reduce residential energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and exposure to hazardous air quality and unhealthy ambient air quality among environmental justice communities.
- Improve public health outcomes related to reductions in co-pollutants.

OHA is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership with DEQ through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution and we are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model for other states looking to implement similar programs. We have already learned so much and look forward to growing our collaborative approach to addressing complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change.

Sincerely,



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March 14, 2024

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Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

I am writing this letter to express our strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant.

The Oregon Multi-Family Energy Program administered by the Energy Services Section within the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, (OHCS), recognizes the value of tracking results and ensuring our partners, legislators, and peers, are informed of our progress. Oregon DEQ has proven their ability to implement and track measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through programs such as the Clean Fuels Program, the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, Advanced Clean Cars, and Diesel Emission Reduction Grants. Oregon DEQ's dedication to prioritizing environmental justice through these opportunities has had a positive and lasting impact on Oregon communities.

The CPRG Implementation Grant opportunity is a natural progression in Oregon's ongoing efforts to address the climate crisis and OHCS welcomes a partnership with ODEQ, we have partnered with ODEQ previously with great success and are committed to the following partnership and activities:

- OHCS welcomes the opportunity to continue our partnership with DEQ through the administration of the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant, (CPRG)
- CPRG would facilitate the expansion of OR-MEP into underserved rural communities in parts of the state that don't currently have access to energy incentives; as a result energy consumption will be reduced in those communities through investment within newly constructed multi-family housing units helping reduce GHG emissions from the building(s) and electricity sectors.

OHCS and DEQ are excited by this potential opportunity to grow our partnership through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals for reducing climate pollution statewide, while investing in the development of affordable housing. We are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model for other states looking to implement similar programs.


Sincerely,
Andrea Bell

Executive Director
Oregon Housing and Community Services



Sincerely,

[Jill Smith, Director of Housing Stabilization Division, Oregon Housing & Community Services]

Signed: _____





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Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

The City of Bend is eager to continue our work on creating small, efficient housing that meets both our City Council climate and environment goals as well as our housing affordability goals. I am writing this letter to express my strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants. As Housing Director for the City of Bend, I am familiar with the work and dedication of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State of Oregon in taking strong and swift climate action, and I believe that this application aligns well with the unique goals and priorities of the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

The Oregon DEQ has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Built Environment programs such as small housing, deconstruction, and low-carbon concrete. Your dedication to engaging and prioritizing environmental justice communities through these opportunities has had a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's communities. Bend is excited to partner with the Oregon DEQ to implement the measure to reduce embodied greenhouse gas emissions in buildings and consumption-based emissions of households through the development of space-efficient housing.

The City of Bend is committed to supporting the implementation of this measure in the following ways:

- Provision of grants and technical assistance to developers of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), including supporting the implementation of Bend's existing ADU plan library, support with permit fees and system development charges, and other related costs;

- Provision of grants and support for middle housing land division sites, including duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and other middle housing products. Middle Housing Land Division is a unique Oregon code allowing middle housing to be offered for sale fee simple;
- Grants and technical assistance for cottage and townhome development.

City of Bend is eager to expand the implementation of our middle housing program in partnership with DEQ and private development through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. This funding is particularly important as the market shifts have made dense, efficient development more challenging, particularly in Bend, one of the fastest growing cities in the country. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution while also addressing urgent housing needs and we are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model throughout Oregon and for other states looking to implement similar programs. We look forward to working collaboratively to address complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change and expect to be able to fully commit upon review of the specific grant materials and if awarded to DEQ, approval of the grant and program by the Bend City Council.

Sincerely,



Lynne McConnell
Housing Director
City of Bend



March 13, 2024

Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

I am writing this letter to express the City of Eugene's strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants (CPRG). As Mayor of the City of Eugene, I am familiar with the work and dedication of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State of Oregon in advancing climate action. Oregon's Priority Climate Action Plan and this grant application demonstrates how the state's climate action aligns with the EPA's CPRG goals.

Oregon DEQ has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Built Environment programs such as small housing, deconstruction, and low-carbon concrete. The City of Eugene is excited to partner with Oregon DEQ to implement an innovative grant program to reduce embodied greenhouse gas emissions in buildings and consumption-based emissions of households through the development of space-efficient housing.

The City of Eugene partners with developers to offer a suite of successful housing production and preservation programs that utilize local, state, and federal funds. Our 5-year housing workplan, the [Housing Implementation Pipeline](#) (HIP), outlines near-term goals for how to leverage existing resources and strategies to achieve positive housing and homelessness outcomes. The host of HIP programs and projects supports housing and shelter for all members of the community from people experiencing homelessness to overall housing supply. Climate Change Actions are incorporated into the HIP and include exploration of Transportation Options, Green Housing Policy, and Climate Friendly & Equitable Communities.

If awarded funds, the City of Eugene will use the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant in alignment with the HIP and our City [Strategic Plan](#) in the following ways:

- Leverage \$4.2million of grant funds toward the goal of creating 200 space-efficient low- and moderate-income housing units.
- Utilize existing Affordable Housing production programs that align with CPRG requirements to identify eligible projects and streamline grant access for an efficient process.

The City of Eugene is excited about the opportunity to strengthen our existing partnership with Oregon DEQ through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution while also addressing urgent housing needs and the City of Eugene's existing Affordable Housing production goals. By working together on this innovative space-efficient housing program, we have the potential to create a model program that can be replicated throughout Oregon and inspire similar initiatives across the country. We look forward to working collaboratively with Oregon DEQ to address complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lucy Vinis

Lucy Vinis

Lucy Vinis (Mar 13, 2024 16:25 PDT)



CITY OF HOOD RIVER

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March 11th, 2024

Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants. As Mayor of Hood River, I am familiar with the work and dedication of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State of Oregon in taking strong and swift climate action, and I believe that this application aligns well with the unique goals and priorities of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Oregon DEQ has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Built Environment programs such as small housing, deconstruction, and low-carbon concrete. Your dedication to engaging and prioritizing environmental justice communities through these opportunities has had a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's communities. [Jurisdiction] is excited to partner with Oregon DEQ to implement the measure to reduce embodied greenhouse gas emissions in buildings and consumption-based emissions of households through the development of space-efficient housing.

Hood River is committed to supporting the implementation of this measure in the following ways:

- Continue its support and investment in space efficient housing to provide sustainable options and equitable access to affordable housing for all members of the community.
- Continue its support and investment in climate friendly and sustainable infrastructure projects that reduce carbon emissions and provide positive impacts on the environment, public health wellness and overall community livability
- Continue its commitment to Hood River's Climate Resolution 2019-16, attached.

Hood River is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution while also addressing urgent housing needs and we are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model throughout Oregon and for other states looking to implement similar programs. We look forward to working collaboratively to address complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change.

Sincerely,

Paul Blackburn
Hood River Mayor



February 27, 2024

Leah Feldon
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RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant

Dear Director Feldon,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants. The Planning Director for the City of Medford, Oregon, I am familiar with the work and dedication of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State of Oregon in taking strong and swift climate action, and I believe that this application aligns well with the unique goals and priorities of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Oregon DEQ has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Built Environment programs such as small housing, deconstruction, and low-carbon concrete. Your dedication to engaging and prioritizing environmental justice communities through these opportunities has had a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's communities. Medford is excited to partner with Oregon DEQ to implement the measure to reduce embodied greenhouse gas emissions in buildings and consumption-based emissions of households through the conversion of existing buildings to affordable and workforce housing. This opportunity would complement and benefit from current programs and practices that have accelerated housing production for lower and middle income families that we have developed at the City of Medford. We welcome the possibility of enabling greater participation in climate change solutions among our residents in these income groups.

Medford is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution while also addressing urgent housing needs and we are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model throughout

RE: ODEQ CPRG APPLICATION

February 27, 2024

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Oregon and for other states looking to implement similar programs. We look forward to working collaboratively to address complex climate issues to benefit those most impacting by climate change.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 541-774-2381 or via e-mail at matt.brinkley@cityofmedford.org.

Sincerely,

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March 12, 2024

Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants. As the City Manager of the City of Ontario, Oregon, I am familiar with the work and dedication of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State of Oregon in taking strong and swift climate action, and I believe that this application aligns well with the unique goals and priorities of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Oregon DEQ has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Built Environment programs such as small housing, deconstruction, and low-carbon concrete. Your dedication to engaging and prioritizing environmental justice communities through these opportunities has had a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's communities. Ontario is excited to partner with Oregon DEQ to implement the measure to reduce embodied greenhouse gas emissions in buildings and consumption-based emissions of households through the conversion of existing buildings to affordable and workforce housing.

Ontario is committed to supporting the implementation of this measure in the following ways:

- Working with local developers to convert existing vacant or underutilized buildings into new housing units;
- Ensuring that at least 25% of new housing units will be <80% AMI, all others will be <120% AMI;
- Project compliance and reporting oversight in alignment with federal and state requirements;
- Administration of competitive grant process, in collaboration with DEQ, as needed; and
- Regular communication and reporting with DEQ regarding status of implementation.

Ontario is excited about the opportunity to grow its partnership through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution, while also addressing urgent housing needs and we are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model throughout Oregon and for other states looking to implement similar programs. We look forward to working collaboratively to address complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change.

Sincerely,

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Ontario City Manager



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March 11, 2024

Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants. As Mayor of Pendleton, I am familiar with the work and dedication of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State of Oregon in taking strong and swift climate action, and I believe that this application aligns well with the unique goals and priorities of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Pendleton is committed to supporting the implementation of this measure in the following ways:

1. Pendleton will use its current grant administration process and staff to administer the funding from the EPA. Since 2005 Pendleton has provided grants to over 70 structures in our downtown area, which has over 100 historic buildings. These grants have enabled building owners to preserve their buildings and retain their historic appearance and purposes. However, we have some 20 buildings with unused upper stories that were once boarding houses. Our goal has become to persuade building owners to put these empty spaces to use at a time when housing is such an acute need in our community. We've had success with several projects but there are more to be completed.
2. In developing our program of grants for buildings, we have communicated repeatedly with every downtown building owner. We will be able to utilize these connections to bring attention to this new program from the EPA and the Oregon DEQ.
3. We will develop the necessary legal documentation, in consultation with our DEQ partners, to ensure the compliance of building owners with the requirements of the

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program over five years. Our most recent experience with this was a housing program, utilizing our grant process and staff, that provided funding for restoration of historic homes. With that program we provided forgivable loans that take five years to expire, meaning five years of annual inspections to ensure compliance with our guidelines for the home owners.

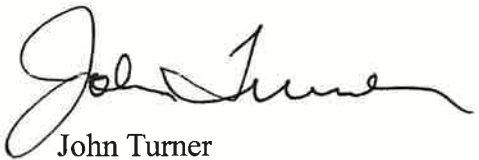
4. Through local news media and social media, we will publicize the program in our community, utilizing the talents of our communications staff. This will ensure that the story is out in the community, where we can maximize our outreach to potential users of the funding.

With Pendleton's support for this program, Oregon DEQ will have a local partner with local connections, ready to jump in and push the program forward. We are eager to make this program work for everyone and look forward to excellent results. The additions to our housing stock will be very much appreciated, given our shortage of housing. And with the program's guidance we will be proud to reduce our carbon footprint in the effort to bring attention to the possibility of using materials that are more earth friendly.

Oregon DEQ has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Built Environment programs such as small housing, deconstruction, and low-carbon concrete. Your dedication to engaging and prioritizing environmental justice communities through these opportunities has had a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's communities. Pendleton is excited to partner with Oregon DEQ to implement the measure to reduce embodied greenhouse gas emissions in buildings and consumption-based emissions of households through the conversion of existing buildings to affordable and workforce housing.

Pendleton is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution while also addressing urgent housing needs and we are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model throughout Oregon and for other states looking to implement similar programs. We look forward to working collaboratively to address complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change.

Sincerely,



John Turner
Mayor





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March 13, 2024

Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. As Director of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) for the City of Portland, I am familiar with the work and dedication of Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), and the State of Oregon in taking strong and swift action to reduce energy and carbon pollution. I believe that this application aligns exactly with the unique goals and priorities of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

ODOE has a proven track record of implementing programs and services to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and make communities more resilient to a changing climate. The CPRG Implementation Grant opportunity strongly aligns with ODOE's mission to advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition and support Oregon's ongoing efforts to address the climate crisis. ODEQ and ODOE have worked together to identify measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support transformational change for a cleaner and healthier Oregon. The measures selected for this application rest on proven solutions, are scalable, and are ready to implement to for the benefit of all Oregonians.

BPS has partnered with ODOE in the past on federal grant projects. The two agencies have a history of collaborating successfully to promote and execute shared goals and priorities around energy efficiency and decarbonization in buildings.

BPS is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership with ODOE through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing energy burden, energy waste, and climate pollution. We are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model for other states looking to implement similar programs. We look forward to growing our collaborative approach to addressing complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change.

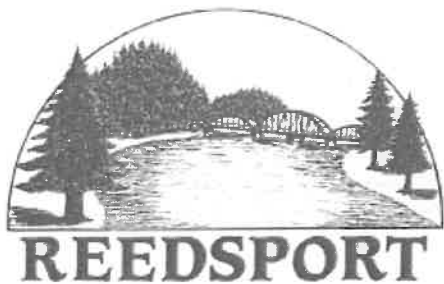
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March 8, 2024

Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants. As the Mayor of The City of Reedsport, I am familiar with the work and dedication of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State of Oregon in taking strong and swift climate action, and I believe that this application aligns well with the unique goals and priorities of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Oregon DEQ has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Built Environment programs such as small housing, deconstruction, and low-carbon concrete. Your dedication to engaging and prioritizing environmental justice communities through these opportunities has had a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's communities. The City of Reedsport is excited to partner with Oregon DEQ to implement the measure to reduce embodied greenhouse gas emissions in buildings and consumption-based emissions of households through the conversion of existing buildings to affordable and workforce housing.

The City of Reedsport is committed to supporting the implementation of this measure in the following ways:

- Partner to reduce emissions from transportation, residential and commercial buildings, as well as waste and materials.
- We will run a competitive grant process to distribute the funds to support conversion to new residential units in their communities.
- Convert existing vacant or underutilized buildings into new housing units. Our projects include whole buildings and portions of buildings.
- We will adhere to project compliance and reporting oversight in alignment with federal and state requirements
- Administer a competitive grant process, in collaboration with DEQ as needed.
- Will maintain regular communication and reporting with DEQ regarding the status of implementation.

The City of Reedsport is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution while also addressing urgent housing needs and we are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model throughout Oregon and for other states looking to implement similar programs. We look forward to working collaboratively to address complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change.

Sincerely,

Linda McCollum

City of Reedsport Mayor



Tillamook County Board of Commissioners

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March 13, 2024

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Director Leah Feldon
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RE: Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants

Dear Director Feldon,

We, the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners, are writing this letter to express our support and commitment to Oregon's application for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants. Tillamook County greatly appreciates the State of Oregon and the Department of Environmental Quality's swift and strong action on both climate and the ongoing housing crisis. We believe that this application aligns with the goals and priorities of the EPA's Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Oregon DEQ has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Built Environment programs such as small housing, deconstruction, and low-carbon concrete. Your dedication to engaging and prioritizing environmental justice communities through these opportunities has had a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's communities. Tillamook County is excited to partner with Oregon DEQ and has both the existing capacity and great need to participate in implementing the measures to reduce the carbon footprint of residential construction through the development of space-efficient housing.

Tillamook County is equipped and ready to support the implementation of the Climate Pollution Reduction program in the following ways:

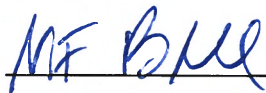
- Through the Tillamook County Housing Commission and the Tillamook County Multi-Family Rental Housing Fund, Tillamook has an existing pipeline for identifying and supporting space efficient housing production opportunities through grant funding.
- The Housing Commission has an established competitive grant application program that has been proven successful in supporting the production of affordable and workforce level housing and is able to implement the requirements of the EPA grant program.
- The Housing Commission has a network of partners and a pipeline for identifying space efficient housing units awaiting funding solutions that would qualify for participation in this program and will be able to efficiently distribute funds to qualified projects.
- Tillamook County has over 130 space efficient affordable and workforce housing units in pre-development that will qualify and make immediate use of this grant.

- The Tillamook County Housing Commission and the Multi-Family Rental Housing Fund has provided \$1.2 million in support of affordable and workforce housing and will continue to have the ability to provide \$400,000+ of support for affordable and workforce housing production annually.
- The Tillamook County Housing Coordinator is a dedicated housing production position able to work with grant recipients to connect them to additional funding opportunities to ensure that projects are fully supported to completion.
- The Department of Community Development has a proven track record of supporting housing innovation, including supporting space efficient housing construction.
- The Housing Commission has regional partners able to support the financial administration, accounting, and reporting of grant programs of this size.

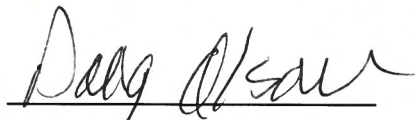
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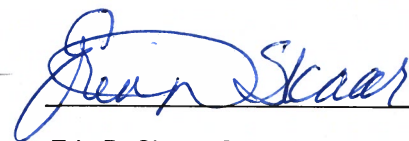
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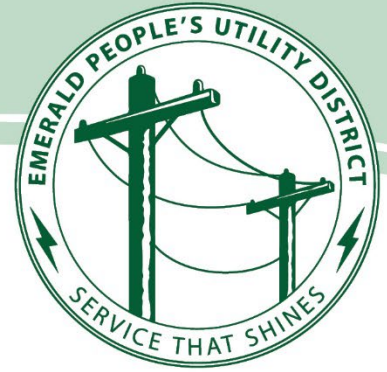
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March 22, 2024

Leah Feldon
Director of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program
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Dear Director Feldon,

Subject: Letter of Support for EPA CPRG Grant related to Voluntary Expansion of the Landfill Gas Collection and Control System, Short Mountain Landfill, Lane County, Oregon

Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD) strongly supports the application of the US EPA CPRG grant and participating in the landfill methane capture and reduction project. Funding from this grant would help EPUD achieve its goals of early landfill gas (LFG) capture beyond what is required by current regulations. EPUD sees multiple benefits from the early capture of LFG including:

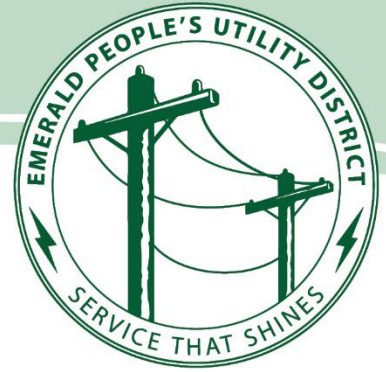
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction
- Reduction in criteria air pollutants
- Improved leachate quality
- Improved groundwater quality

If awarded, EPUD would utilize this funding to implement innovations for early capture of LFG at the Short Mountain Landfill. EPUD would implement new techniques and innovations in horizontal gas collector design that minimize the potential for clogging of horizontal gas collectors in wet landfills, thereby increasing the effectiveness of LFG recovery over a longer period of time. This technique is particularly important at landfills in wet climates not only to maximize life of the collector, but to capture the peak of LFG generation within the first 1 to 2 years of LFG production.

When compared to sites in other climate regions, landfills in the Pacific Northwest (on the west side of the Cascade Mountains), experience LFG gas production early within 8 to 12 months with a greater peak generation rate and rapid decline thereafter. Capturing this LFG early in the process results in a larger volume of LFG capture than other time periods. Landfill owners and operators typically do not implement gas collection this early in the waste disposal process, thereby increasing the potential GHG emissions and odors prior to implementing LFG recovery due to regulations.



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In addition to the reduction of GHGs, there is also a reduction in toxic air pollutants due to the nature of LFG containing trace compounds of criteria air pollutants. Also, LFG recovery has also been found to improve leachate quality and groundwater quality by removing trace compounds from LFG that become soluble in leachate and groundwater. Implementing vertical gas wells for additional LFG recovery in the older unlined areas of the landfill could see the benefits of improved groundwater quality.

For an estimated 6.5-million-dollar investment in landfill gas collection and control system infrastructure, a reduction in GHG emissions of approximately 275,000 MTCO₂e (cumulative, 2025-2030) and 1.1 million MTCO₂e (cumulative, 2025-2050) could be realized for a cost effectiveness of \$24/MT reduced 2025-2030 and \$6/MT reduced 2025-2050. We believe the funding for this landfill gas application could be more cost effective than other types of applications for GHG reductions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Roadman', is written over a horizontal line.

Kyle Roadman
General Manager



Lane County Public Works Department Waste Management Division

March 5, 2024

Leah Feldon, Director
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Dear Director Feldon,

I would like to express our strong support of Oregon's Priority Climate Action Plan and application for submission of a CPRG grant application funding to the EPA. The Waste Management Division of Lane County Public Works is especially interested in the landfill methane and food waste recovery initiatives that could be supported with this funding.

Lane County, Oregon's fourth-most populated county, is vigorously working on construction of an Integrated Material and Energy Recovery Facility (IMERF) that will drastically reduce organics entering the landfill while utilizing Anaerobic Digestion to capture the produced methane gas and place it on the natural gas pipeline. The project has the potential to reduce over 88,000 tons of CO2 equivalent emissions and to create 1 million diesel gallon equivalent of biogas per year. CPRG grant funding could help offset the cost of this initiative, and in turn reduce the cost to ratepayers for the project.

Additionally, funding could be used by our partner, Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD), to increase efficiency of the current methane gas capture system at Short Mountain Landfill. EPUD is exploring replacing their aging electric producing generators with new ones that could better utilize the gas they capture, as well as increasing overall gas collection with additional horizontal and vertical collectors. They too would be very interested in applying for funding that would assist with their methane gas capture and reduction initiatives.

I applaud DEQ for their dedication to reducing methane gas emissions and food waste reduction and appreciate the opportunity to share my support of the CPRG grant application funding proposal to the EPA.

Sincerely,

Jeff Orlandini
Division Manager
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March 22, 2024

Leah Feldon
Director
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Dear Director Feldon:

I am writing this letter to express Metro's commitment to support the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) application for an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG). As the regional planning agency for Oregon's largest metropolitan area, Metro works with DEQ – and the other state agencies who are part of Oregon's implementation grant application – to meet Oregon's climate goals.

Last fall, Metro had the honor to lead a CPRG planning grant for the Portland-Hillsboro-Vancouver metropolitan region, and we collaborated closely with DEQ throughout the process. The resulting state and metro area Priority Climate Action Plans, as well as the resulting implementation grant applications, complement each other and reflect the how state, regional and local agencies can best work together to collectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The State of Oregon has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in collaboration with local and regional partner agencies. If funded, Oregon's CPRG implementation application will leverage this success by increasing resources for many programs that already support local and regional climate efforts, such as the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, the Zero Emission Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program, incentives for residential heat pump installation, and the Healthy Homes Grant Program. For these programs to be successful, agencies and residents in Oregon's largest metropolitan area need to be prepared to apply for and use the resources that are available.

Metro is committed to providing feedback as these funding programs are developed, sharing information with community and agency partners, and supporting future funding applications. The Portland metropolitan area includes roughly half of Oregon's population, and a significant number of communities that are actively working to combat climate change. Metro's support will help to ensure that new grant-funded resources efficiently and effectively reduce GHG emissions.

The CPRG Implementation Grant opportunity is a natural progression of Oregon's ongoing efforts to address the climate crisis, and measures in this application will support transformational change to a cleaner, healthier, and more equitable Oregon. Thank you for this opportunity to advance collaborative climate action in Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Ciarlo".

Catherine Ciarlo
Planning, Development, and Research Director



February 28, 2024

Leah Feldon, Agency Director
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
700 NE Multnomah St., Suite 600
Portland, OR 97232

Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants. As President of the Center for Sustainable Energy ("CSE"), I am deeply familiar with the work and dedication of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality ("ODEQ") and am proud of the strong and swift climate action that have been taken in the State of Oregon. I believe that this application aligns perfectly with the unique goals and priorities of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant ("CPRG") Program and is an incredible opportunity to showcase the great work that Oregon has already begun.

Oregon has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and with CPRG funding I am confident in ODEQ and partner agencies to expand this work, while centering those most impacted. Your dedication to engaging and prioritizing environmental justice communities through these opportunities has had a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's communities. The CPRG Implementation Grant opportunity is a natural progression of Oregon's ongoing efforts to address the climate crisis. Measures in this application will support transformational change to a cleaner and healthier Oregon. Measures included are scalable and ready to implement to provide the most benefit possible to Oregonians.

CSE has supported ODEQ through the implementation and administration of the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program ("OCVRP") and seen great successes throughout our partnership and are committed to continuing our support by reviewing and processing rebates for the OCVRP and supporting grant reporting requirements.

CSE is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership through the CPRG Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution and we are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model for other states looking to implement similar programs. We have already learned so much together and look forward to growing our collaborative approach to addressing complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

A blue ink signature of Lawrence E. Goldenhersh, written in a cursive style, enclosed within a blue DocuSign signature box.

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Lawrence E. Goldenhersh, President

March 4, 2024

Director Leah Feldon
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
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Dear Director Feldon:

On behalf of Energy Trust of Oregon, I am pleased to provide this letter of support and commitment for Oregon's application for an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant.

Energy Trust is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping 2.4 million utility customers of PGE, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas and Avista invest in and benefit from energy efficiency and clean, renewable power. We provide cash incentives and services to help utility customers and community leaders make improvements to save energy, generate renewable power, and manage costs in homes, businesses, communities and public spaces. We work closely with local nonprofits and community-based organizations, and manage a Trade Ally Network of skilled contractors, installers and builders.

Energy Trust's programs, supplemented by EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant resources, will support the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals for residential new construction and residential weatherization by expanding our current offers and better address barriers for customers of the above listed utilities. EPA's commitment to environmental justice in its programming of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants will help Energy Trust deliver more benefits to priority communities we have not served in the past.

Energy Trust is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership with DEQ through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution, and we are confident our work together through this grant can be used as a model for other states looking to implement similar programs.

Thank you,



Lizzie Rubado
Director of Innovation and Development
Energy Trust of Oregon

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City of Eugene
City of Springfield
University of Oregon, Office of Sustainability
Lane Community College (LCC)

March 22nd, 2024

Director Leah Feldon
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600
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Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

The Lane Regional Climate Collaborative (LRCC) expresses our support for and commitment to the State of Oregon's application for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) program. LRCC is a consortium of city and county governments and agencies, non-profits, utilities, and educational institutions that formed through a shared commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing resiliency planning and support for environmental justice communities in Oregon's Lane County.

Throughout the development of Oregon's Priority Climate Action Plan, we have maintained close communication with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), providing insights, feedback, and support as a way to sustain and expand our work through additional partners, collaborative projects, and shared information. These efforts have helped ensure that our region's climate change mitigation and resiliency efforts have the highest potential impact and greatest possibility of success. We firmly believe that Oregon's application for the CPRG aligns seamlessly with the overarching objectives of the EPA's Strategic Plan and CPRG Program. This application presents a remarkable opportunity to showcase the impactful initiatives already underway and to augment our collective efforts in mitigating climate change.

The State of Oregon has consistently demonstrated its commitment to developing and implementing effective measures aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. With the assistance of CPRG funding, we are confident that DEQ and its partner agencies will be empowered to further amplify these efforts, foster deeper collaboration with local jurisdictions, and prioritize the needs of communities disproportionately affected by climate change, reinforcing EPA's commitment to environmental justice.

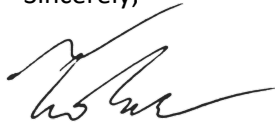
In pledging our continued support, LRCC is poised to:

- Provide DEQ with information and advocate for programs best suited to disadvantaged communities in Lane County;
- Promote CPRG-funded programs to maximize uptake among Lane County residents;
- Work together to apply for funding to maximize the impact these funds will have in Lane County; and
- Continue to hold regular meetings with DEQ staff to share information.

Looking ahead, LRCC remains steadfast in our commitment to supporting and engaging with the Oregon's climate initiatives. We are eager to further cultivate our partnership with the State through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant, recognizing the urgency of our collective mission to combat climate change. We are optimistic that our collaborative efforts will yield tangible results, serving as a blueprint for other states grappling with similar challenges. By harnessing our collective expertise and experience, we are confident in our ability to affect tangible change in reducing emissions and fostering resilience in the face of our many climate challenges.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to this crucial endeavor. LRCC is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to Oregon's ongoing efforts in combating climate change. We are committed to working alongside DEQ and our fellow stakeholders, confident that together, we can affect positive and lasting change for our State and region.

Sincerely,



Travis Knudsen
Public Affairs Manager
Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

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Morgan Schafer, Climate Pollution Investments Coordinator, DEQ
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March 28, 2024

Director Leah Feldon
Department of Environmental Quality

**RE: Support for State of Oregon's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)
Implementation Grant application**

Dear Director Feldon,

The undersigned climate, conservation, business, and environmental justice organizations write to express our support for the State of Oregon's application for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant. As Oregon's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) made clear, this CPRG funding application represents a key opportunity for Oregon to quickly implement effective actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and we greatly appreciate the coordinated effort by our state agencies to prepare it. This is an opportunity for Oregon to scale up climate solutions that we desperately need, and bring an equitable and rapid transition from fossil fuels to clean energy closer within reach while increasing the resilience of our communities.

We appreciate the State's prioritization of reducing greenhouse gas in the transportation and building sectors, the two largest emission sources by sector in Oregon. These are wise areas of focus, as they have the furthest to go in Oregon's pathway to decarbonization but also have proven existing programs that need to be scaled up to rapidly decrease climate and air pollution.

Of particular note is the high priority for transitioning the light, medium and heavy-duty transportation fleets to electric vehicles. We strongly support the focus on scaling up Oregon's highly successful "Charge Ahead" rebate program to increase Oregonians' equitable access to EVs, which is perennially oversubscribed due to popularity. We also strongly support the request for much needed funding for Oregon's new medium and heavy-duty electric vehicle incentive program and zero emission charging infrastructure fund. In Oregon, trucks, buses, and delivery vans pump out 70% of smog pollution (NOx), 64% of black carbon (or particulate pollution), and nearly half (42%) of climate pollution from transportation due to burning diesel, yet they're fewer than 10% of all vehicles on the road. Federal funding will be essential to scale these programs into more significant levers for reducing GHG emissions and local air pollution in disadvantaged communities.

With respect to the building sector, we are incredibly excited about the focus on supporting incentives for early or voluntary adoption of Oregon's new statewide building performance standard, and incentives for electrifying homes and buildings with heat pumps and other equipment. Much like the transportation sector, replacing fossil fuel HVAC and appliances with electric alternatives is one of the top ways to cut climate pollution in the buildings sector. This is particularly true because Oregon is on the path to 100% clean electricity and incentivizes solar and storage on homes and buildings. Energy-efficient and resilient buildings that run on clean energy can lower household and businesses' energy bills and protect people from climate harms.

The PCAP and the accompanying CPRG implementation funding application represent a critical opportunity for Oregon to secure much needed funding for rapid and equitable decarbonization. If Oregon is successful in its efforts to secure this funding, we stand ready to support the state during implementation to ensure it rapidly cuts climate pollution and is targeted to benefit our frontline communities and lower-income Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Meredith Connolly
Oregon Director
Climate Solutions

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Director of Programs
Oregon Environmental Council

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Climate Action Director
The Nature Conservancy Oregon

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March 12, 2024

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Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

I am writing this letter to express Prosper Portland's strong support for and commitment to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants. As the City of Portland's economic development and urban development agency, Prosper Portland is a committed partner to this effort with decades of experience working with community groups and local developers to reach community supported goals and redevelopment projects. The CRPIG aligns well with Advance Portland, the city's inclusive economic development strategy which is grounded in the City's climate policy. As Portland's urban development agency, we have established relationship with the City's commercial development community, and we offer exist financial tools that can leverage CRPIG resources to incent delivery of office-to-residential conversion.

We have worked closely with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on a number of development and brownfield related projects in Portland and appreciate the work and dedication of DEQ and the State of Oregon in taking strong and swift climate action. We believe that this application aligns well with the unique goals and priorities of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. Oregon DEQ has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Built Environment programs such as small housing, deconstruction, and low-carbon concrete with the goal of engaging and prioritizing environmental justice communities and effecting a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's communities.

Prosper Portland is excited to partner with Oregon DEQ to implement the activities included in the State's application, including effecting a reduction in embodied greenhouse gas emissions through the conversion of existing commercial buildings; partnering with industry to leverage investment and generate inclusive economic growth; and increasing housing production that addresses the City of Portland's adopted 2045 Housing Needs Analysis.

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Prosper Portland is committed to supporting the implementation of this measure in the following ways:

- Leverage existing networks to inform and educate the community and real estate development network about the grant opportunity.
- Design an inclusive and competitive request for proposal process to solicit and review proposals from local development firm for office-to-residential conversions.
- To leverage Prosper Portland existing loan programs to provide additional financial support for selected projects.
- To employee Prosper Portland business equity and workforce development, and green building policies to encourage participation of MWESB firms, use of apprentice labor and renovation to a high resiliency standard.
- Provide grantor and lender oversight as the selected project move through construction.
- To partner with EDA to design system to monitor grantee projects' compliance with the 5-year affordability requirement.

Prosper Portland is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership with DEQ through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Portland and Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution while also addressing urgent housing needs. We are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model. We look forward to working collaboratively to address complex climate issues to benefit those most impacting by climate change.

Sincerely,

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Kimberly Branam
Executive Director
Prosper Portland



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March 4, 2024

Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Leah Feldon, Agency Director
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Dear Director Feldon:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support and commitment to Oregon's application for the Environmental Project Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants (CPRG). As owner and principal of Thuy Tu Consulting, I am deeply familiar with the work and dedication of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and am proud of the strong and swift climate action that has been taken in the State of Oregon. I believe that this application aligns perfectly with the unique goals and priorities of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program and is an incredible opportunity to showcase the great work that Oregon has already begun.

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Thuy Tu Consulting has supported ODEQ through Charge Ahead focused engagement efforts for the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program and seen great successes throughout our partnership and are committed to continuing our support in the following ways:

- Focused engagement with low-income, disadvantaged communities, as defined by the EPA, within Oregon; and
- Partnering with community leaders within low-income, Black Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) and disadvantaged communities.

Thuy Tu Consulting is excited about the opportunity to grow our partnership through the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. The need for this work is critical to meet Oregon's goals in reducing climate pollution and we are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model for other states looking to implement similar programs. We have already learned so much together and look forward to growing our collaborative approach to addressing complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Thuy at 503.490.6389 or through e-mail at thuy@thuytuconsulting.com.

Sincerely,

Thuy Tu, Principal
Thuy Tu Consulting, LLC



The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

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3/14/2024

Subject: Letter of Support for Oregon's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (Tribe) strongly supports the State of Oregon's application to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant Program (CPRG).

The impacts from climate change not only threaten the health and safety of Tribal members, but also the cultural connections with the land. Since time immemorial, the Tribe has been the historic land manager of the Willamette Valley in Oregon. Presently, the Tribe is living with the local impacts from climate change, such as increased wildfire risk, excessive summer heat, seasonal air quality concerns, drought, and struggling native fisheries.

Large scale actions proven to reduce greenhouse gas emissions would result from this funding and help to reduce future impacts from climate change. The State's application includes measures that would be directly available to the Tribe and its membership through grant and rebate programs, such as weatherization plans, clean vehicle rebates, and waste reduction efforts. Staff from the Tribe's Natural Resources Department have been collaborating with staff from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality since the CPRG Planning and Implementation opportunities were announced; the Tribe has provided input and guidance on the State's Priority Climate Action Plan, and the plan reflects Tribal needs. The Tribe will continue to dedicate staff time to collaborate in the development of the State's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. We will also work cooperatively to provide insight on the needs and priorities of the Tribe to address and combat climate change if CPRG implementation grant funding is awarded. The need for investment in this work is critical to address complex climate issues and reduce climate pollution impacts on our community.

Hayu-masi (Many thanks),

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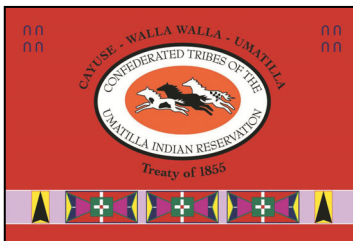
Cheryl Kennedy, Chairwoman
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council

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Subject: Letter of Commitment for Oregon's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Director Feldon,

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Department of Natural Resources (DNR) strongly supports and remains committed to Oregon's application for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant Program. The DNR is familiar with the work and dedication of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and appreciates the thorough and efficient climate action taken by the State of Oregon. The DNR has collaborated extensively with ODEQ for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) planning grant in development of the Priority Climate Action Plan. The State of Oregon's application includes measures that will support Tribal Nations, including the CTUIR, through grant programs, incentives, and other collaborative opportunities. Our respective applications are complimentary and align well with the unique goals and priorities of EPA's CPRG Program. This is a critically important opportunity to showcase the great work that Oregon, Tribal Nations, and our greater region has undertaken.

The State of Oregon has a proven track record of implementing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and with CPRG funding, ODEQ and partners will expand this work, while focusing on those most impacted. The CPRG Implementation Grant opportunity is a natural progression of Oregon's ongoing efforts to address the climate crisis. Your dedication to engaging and prioritizing environmental justice communities through these opportunities will have a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's communities. Measures in this application support transformational change to a cleaner and healthier Oregon, are scalable, and ready to implement to provide the most benefit possible.

We are committed to continuing to support in the following ways:

- Coordinating and collaborating with ODEQ's EPA CPRG Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), with a focus on Indigenous leadership, knowledge systems, and aspiration in the face of ongoing and increasing climate impacts.
- Increasing understanding of carbon reduction and sequestration opportunities with the CTUIR community with the intent of securing meaningful participation in carbon reduction planning and project development consent.

CTUIR DNR Letter to ODEQ Director Feldon

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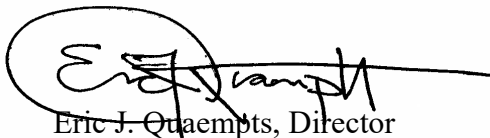
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- Connecting and collaborating with other regional partners engaged in this work, and to developing a regional understanding of carbon reduction and management opportunities.

The CTUIR DNR is eager to use this opportunity to grow our partnership through the CPRG program. The need for this work is critical to meet our region's goals in reducing climate pollution and we are confident that our work together through this grant can be used as a model for others to implement similar programs. We have learned so much together and look forward to growing our collaborative approach addressing complex climate issues to benefit those most impacted by climate change.

Sincerely,

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Eric J. Quaempts, Director
Dept. of Natural Resources

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Cc: Matthew Davis, ODEQ Policy and External Affairs Manager, via email
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