CPRG IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS COMPETITION

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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**TYPE OF APPLICATION ** Individual Applicant Lead Applicant for a Coalition

*If lead applicant for a coalition, provide a list of the coalition members below:*

*Region Nine Development Commission, Southwest Regional Development Commission, Mid Minnesota Development Commission, Upper Minnesota Valley Development Commission, West Central Initiative Foundation.*

**FUNDING REQUESTED:** *Provide total EPA CPRG Implementation Grant funding requested.* ***$10,500,000***

**APPLICATION TITLE:** *Solar for Public Rural Entities*

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF GHG MEASURES:** With this greenhouse gas reduction measure we will provide an opportunity for the benefits of the energy transition to stay in our underserved rural communities by implementing solar on public facilities. The coalition of regional development organizations will leverage their local connections and staff capacity to install 3.6 megawatts of solar across 36 counties in rural Minnesota.

**SECTORS:** *Identify the sector(s) associated with the GHG reduction measures included in the application.*

Industry Commercial and Residential Buildings

Electricity Generation Agriculture/Natural and Working Lands

**X**

Transportation Other (please describe)

Waste and Materials Management

EXPECTED TOTAL CUMULATIVE GHG EMISSION REDUCTIONS

*For all proposed measures combined, provide the estimated cumulative GHG reductions:*

Estimated cumulative GHG reductions for 2025-2030 (in metric tons)

36,624 metric tons of CO2 equivalent

Estimated cumulative GHG reductions from 2025-2050 (in metric tons)

95,267.55 metric tons of CO2 equivalent

LOCATIONS: *List the primary location(s) where the proposed measures will be implemented*

Counties: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin, Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift, Yellow Medicine, Cass, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, Yellow Medicine, Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan, Jackson, Cottonwood.

State; Territory; Federally recognized Tribe

Minnesota

APPLICABLE PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN(S) (PCAP) ON WHICH MEASURES ARE BASED: Minnesota

PCAP Lead Organization(s): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

PCAP Title(s): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Priority Climate Action Plan

PCAP Website link(s) (if applicable): <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/aq1-70.pdf>

List of GHG reduction measures and PCAP page reference for each measure:

**GHG Reduction Measure #1: Solar on Rural Public Facilities**

**Page 39: Section 3.2.** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from commercial and public buildings by promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy, electrification, and lower-carbon design, materials, and fuels