



## Climate Solutions Accelerator

of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region

March 25, 2024

Re: City of Rochester US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) – Implementation

To Whom It May Concern:

The Climate Solutions Accelerator of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region (the Accelerator) strongly supports the City of Rochester's application for an implementation grant to carry out the goals and strategies of the recently completed Priority Climate Action Plan for the Genesee/ Finger Lakes Region. The measures proposed by the City of Rochester to reduce greenhouse gas emissions align with the Accelerator's goal of increasing the number of buildings in Rochester and the surrounding region that use renewable energy and clean, all-electric heating and cooling systems.

The Accelerator will support the City's efforts by promoting the residential solar and clean heating and cooling programs. We will also educate homeowners about the benefits of rooftop solar, home insulation and air-sealing, air-source heating and cooling, and heat pump water heaters, and answer any questions homeowners may have about these technologies and how these systems operate and are maintained.

The Accelerator has a robust community education and outreach program and partners with many local, regional, and state agencies to advance sustainable building solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. By publicizing Rochester's experience to other municipalities, the benefits of Rochester's program can be multiplied, leading to transformational impacts across the region and nationwide.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at [abby@climategfl.org](mailto:abby@climategfl.org).

Sincerely,

Abigail McHugh-Grifa, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

Mission: To create a healthier, more equitable, and regenerative community by catalyzing local efforts to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions and address the effects of climate change.