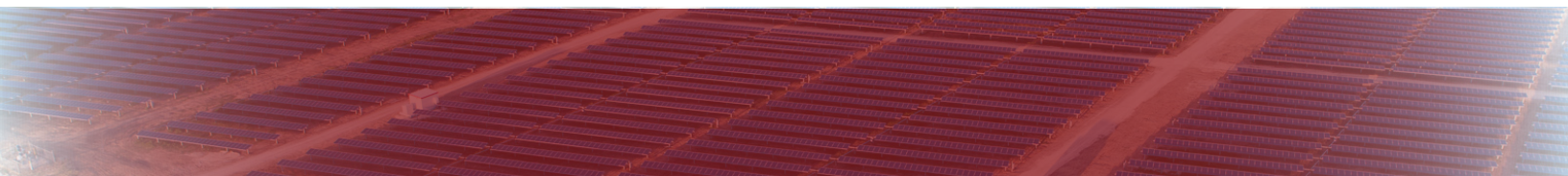


Letters of Support

- Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG)
- Alamo Colleges District – San Antonio College
- Build San Antonio Green (BSAG)
- Congressman Greg Casar, U.S. Congressman, 35th District of Texas
- Congressman Joaquin Castro, U.S. Congressman, 20th District of Texas
- Dr. Henry Cuellar, U.S. Congressman, 28th District of Texas
- Greater: SATX Regional Economic Partnership
- Opportunity Home San Antonio
- New Life Christian Center
- Public Citizen
- Peter Sakai, Bexar County Judge
- San Antonio Growth for the Eastside (SAGE)
- Sierra Club - Alamo Group
- Southwest Research Institute (SwRI)
- Texas Women in Trades
- University of Texas @ San Antonio (UTSA)
- Workforce Solutions Alamo





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26 March 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Program Coordinator
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Subject: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity Number
EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Program Coordinator,

Please accept this Letter of Support for the City of San Antonio's partnership with CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System (SAWS) on the development and execution of the proposed project under the Environmental Protection Agency's EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 Climate Pollution Reduction Funding Grant. As the regional planning authority for the 13-county region including and surrounding San Antonio, the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) encourages collaboration among public and private entities to improve the quality of life of its residents.

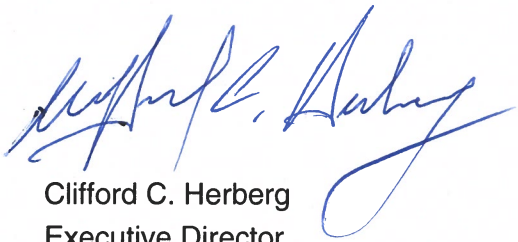
AACOG takes seriously its responsibility to protect human health and the environment as the United States faces the increasingly harmful impacts of climate change. Extreme heat, longer and more frequent droughts, water scarcity, more severe winters, and dangerous levels of flooding increasingly impact the region; unfortunately, these impacts have the most severe consequences for vulnerable and underserved communities. We recognize that we must not only take immediate action to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are accelerating climate change, but at the same time increase the resilience of our most vulnerable neighbors to these impacts.

This project will not only significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by bringing a local 100-megawatt community solar project online, but it will do so in the context of ongoing and projected transition away from carbon-based energy sources led by the local municipally owned electric utility, CPS Energy.

In addition, the solar project and battery storage proposed for the San Antonio Water System's (SAWS) H2Oaks facility will help decarbonize and increase resilience in the regional water system. Finally, this project will provide direct financial benefit to our most energy burdened residents, while providing much-needed job opportunities for our community members who need them the most.

AACOG is proud to support this project as it exemplifies the collaborative spirit for community enhancement that is the foundation of its mission. We appreciate the opportunity to lend our support to this transformative project.

Sincerely,



Clifford C. Herberg
Executive Director



March 25, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Program Coordinator
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Subject: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

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At the William R. Sinkin Sustainability Education Center, we support the City of San Antoino's partnerships with utility suppliers in this application for funding to mitigate climate pollution with action and community education.

Sincerely,

Rose M. Flores
Academic Program Director
William R. Sinkin Eco Centro
San Antonio College
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March 25, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Subject: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Program Coordinator,

On behalf of Build San Antonio Green (BSAG), I offer my strong support for the City of San Antonio's partnership with CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System (SAWS) on the development and execution of the proposed project under the Environmental Protection Agency's EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 Climate Pollution Reduction Funding Grant. Just like the EPA, the San Antonio community takes seriously its responsibility to protect human health and the environment as the United States faces the increasingly harmful impacts of climate change. Here in San Antonio, we are experiencing more extreme heat, drought and water scarcity, and dangerous levels of flooding, among other impacts. Unfortunately, these impacts have the most severe consequences for our frontline and ad vulnerable communities. We recognize that we must not only take immediate action to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are accelerating climate change, but at the same time increase the resilience of our most vulnerable neighbors to these impacts.

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BSAG was founded in 2001 as a nonprofit partner of the City of San Antonio, CPS Energy, and Bexar County to protect and enhance the lives of the people of our community through emissions reduction and energy savings strategies. We have certified over 42 million sq. ft. of green buildings locally and connected thousands of residents to their options to go Solar through providing free technical assistance. As a proud partner with the Department of Energy and a 9 time ENERGY STAR award winner, we recognize the viability of this project.

No community is better primed than San Antonio to benefit from the pursuit of these grant funds as we serve one of the largest and fastest growing population in the nation, where nearly 25% of the population experiences inequities in housing, employment, and environmental quality. We believe strongly that the City of San Antonio and this partnership are well positioned to leverage these funds to have a huge impact on the quality of lives of the people of our community.

Sincerely,

Anita Ledbetter
Executive Director
Build San Antonio Green



Congress of the United States
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CONGRESSMAN GREG CASAR
TEXAS 35TH DISTRICT

March 28, 2024

Michael S. Regan
EPA Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

I request your full and fair support for the City of San Antonio's application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for the **Preparing Alamo Area Water & Energy Systems for an Equitable & Sustainable Future Project**. This project prioritizes local solutions to deploy clean and resilient strategies with community-focused benefits. This project's success depends on the City's committed partnership with both CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System (SAWS).

As the United States faces the increasingly harmful impacts of climate change, San Antonio demonstrates its commitment to both community health and the environment through this project. Collectively, we are experiencing more extreme heat, drought, water scarcity, and dangerous levels of flooding. Unfortunately, these impacts have the most severe consequences on frontline and vulnerable communities. Immediate action must be taken not only to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are accelerating climate change but also to increase the resiliency of our most vulnerable populations to these impacts.

If funded, this project will significantly reduce carbon emissions by bringing a new local 100 MW community solar project online in an Energy Community that has historically served as a basis for fossil fuel electricity generation. In addition, the solar project and battery storage at SAWS H2Oaks facility will help decarbonize and increase resilience in the regional water system. Investing in clean energy will provide direct financial benefit to our most energy-burdened residents. It is also an investment in the community through workforce development as this project will pair with a solar job training program, bringing critical employment to the region.

We are excited to see local municipalities in our community taking advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime investment made by the administration to improve the health and quality of life of our community. Thank you again for your full and fair consideration of this request from the City of San Antonio in partnership with CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System.

Sincerely,

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Congressman Greg Casar
Texas Congressional District 35

JOAQUIN CASTRO
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Michael S. Regan
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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Administrator Regan:

I am writing to request your consideration of the City of San Antonio's application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for the *Preparing Alamo Area Water & Energy Systems for an Equitable & Sustainable Future* Project. This project prioritizes local solutions to deploy clean and resilient strategies with community-focused benefits. The success of this project is dependent on the committed partnership with both CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System (SAWS).

Through the implementation of this project, San Antonio will demonstrate its commitment to prioritize human health and the environment as the United States faces the increasingly harmful impacts of climate change. Collectively, we are experiencing more extreme heat, drought and water scarcity, and dangerous levels of flooding, among other impacts. This project will not only significantly reduce carbon emissions by bringing a new local 100 MW community solar project online in an Energy Community that has historically served as a basis for fossil fuel electricity generation. In addition, the solar project and battery storage at SAWS H2Oaks facility will help decarbonize and increase resilience in the regional water system. Finally, this project will provide direct financial benefit to our most energy burdened residents, while providing much-needed job opportunities for the community.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the grant proposal submitted by the City of San Antonio. We must not only take immediate action to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are accelerating climate change but also increase the resiliency of our most vulnerable populations to these impacts. I am confident that the activities of this project as it implements a greenhouse gas reduction program will have both a local and regional impact. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Director of Outreach, Jasmine Rodriguez-Ramos at (210) 348-8216 or by email at Jasmine.Rodriguez@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Joaquin Castro
United States Congressman

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March 28, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: *Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07*

Dear Administrator Regan:

I write to express my support for the City of San Antonio's application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for their Preparing Alamo Area Water & Energy Systems for an Equitable & Sustainable Future Project. This project prioritizes local solutions to deploy clean and resilient strategies with community-focused benefits. The success of this project is dependent on the committed partnership with both CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System (SAWS).

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This project will diminish carbon emissions by introducing a new 100 MW community solar initiative within a locality historically reliant on fossil fuel electricity generation. Furthermore, the integration of solar panels and battery storage at the SAWS H2Oaks facility will contribute to decarbonization and bolster resilience within the regional water system. Lastly, the project will directly benefit our most energy-burdened residents, while also creating essential job opportunities for the community.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this application, consistent with applicable agency guidelines. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my Legislative Assistant, Randy Aguilar, at Randy.Aguilar@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-1640 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Dr. Henry Cuellar
U.S. Congressman
28th District of Texas

March 25, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Program Coordinator
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20004

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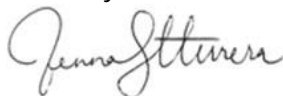
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greater:SATX is the local resource for all things within the greater San Antonio, TX region. Our economic development efforts place emphasis on sustainable resources and environmentally friendly operations that benefit our region. We help businesses navigate the region with localized insights and business connections, provide data needed to inform decisions, and access workforce support. SA WORX, the organization's workforce arm, works directly with employers, education and training providers, and workforce organizations to build and strengthen the programs that make our people career ready. We are proud to support the City and its utilities in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Jenna Saucedo-Herrera
CEO,
greater:SATX



Romanita Matta-Barrera
Chief Business Advancement Officer,
greater:SATX



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March 26, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Opportunity Home San Antonio, an organization dedicated to providing housing assistance to more than 62,500 children, adults and seniors through our public housing, housing choice vouchers and mixed-income programs, is keenly interested in supporting initiatives that improve the quality of life for our community members. Given the intersection of environmental justice and housing affordability, we see potential synergies between our mission and the goals of this project. We are eager to explore opportunities for collaboration and support as the project progresses.

Thank you for considering our support for this vital initiative that will benefit our community's health, environment and economic well-being.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Hector Martinez
Director of Construction Services and Sustainability
Opportunity Home San Antonio



New Life Christian Center

26 March 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

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As the Operations Administrator of New Life Christian Center and a member of The Environmental Collaborative of San Antonio EcoSA, I have seen the impact this type of collaborative work has had in San Antonio. During my time on the CPS Rate Advisory Committee representing District 4, a disadvantaged community in the Southwest sector of San Antonio, I advocated for targeted collaborative projects. Projects that would benefit our most vulnerable residents and simultaneously help achieve the Climate Action Adaptation Plan (CAAP) goals. I support this project because it meets both of these criteria. If awarded, as an engaged community stakeholder, I look forward to ensuring its successful implementation.

This project will not only significantly reduce carbon emissions by bringing a local 100 MW community solar project online, but it will also do so in an Energy Community that has historically served as a basis for fossil fuel electricity generation. In addition, the solar project and battery storage at SAWS H2Oaks facility will help decarbonize and increase resilience in the regional water system. Finally, this project will provide direct financial benefit to our most energy burdened residents, while providing much-needed job opportunities for our community members who need them the most.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for funding letter of support. If you have any questions. I can also be contacted at 210-675-4023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Onofre
Operations Administrator

3/26/2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Public Citizen is a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization that champions the public interest in the halls of power. Our Texas office works to protect the health and prosperity of our communities and families. We support a just energy transition that creates green jobs, living wages, and a strong economy.

San Antonio is the third poorest among the nation's ten most populous cities. Vulnerable residents such as the working poor, senior citizens and people with disabilities face high energy burdens. A quarter of low-income households have an energy burden above 13% in the San Antonio metropolitan area. These same residents also live near toxic industrial facilities and are experiencing the most severe impacts of the climate crisis.

It's critical that San Antonio work aggressively to protect our environment and health as we continue to set record setting temperatures in the summer. Recently, our area was placed in nonattainment for ozone by the Environmental Protection Agency. We have to not only rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions that are contributing to our worsening climate and unhealthy environment, but ensure we prioritize the most vulnerable neighbors.

We believe this project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by deploying a local 100 MW community solar program while also prioritizing an Energy Community. The solar project and battery storage at SAWS H2Oaks facility will help decarbonize and increase resilience in the regional water system. Also, the project will bring a financial benefit to some of our most energy burdened neighbors and much needed jobs to our most under-resourced neighbors.

Public Citizen looks forward to providing support and feedback in this project.

Sincerely,

DeeDee Belmares
Clean Energy Advocate
Public Citizen

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PETER SAKAI
BEXAR COUNTY JUDGE

March 25, 2024

Michael S. Regan
EPA Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of Bexar County, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the City of San Antonio's application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for the *Preparing Alamo Area Water & Energy Systems for an Equitable & Sustainable Future* Project. This project prioritizes local solutions to deploy clean and resilient strategies with community-focused benefits. The success of this project is dependent on the committed partnership with both CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System (SAWS).

Through the implementation of this project, San Antonio will demonstrate its commitment to prioritize human health and the environment as the United States faces the increasingly harmful impacts of climate change. Collectively, we are experiencing more extreme heat, drought and water scarcity, and dangerous levels of flooding, among other impacts. Unfortunately, these impacts have the most severe consequences on frontline and vulnerable communities. We recognize we must not only take immediate action to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are accelerating climate change but also increase the resiliency of our most vulnerable populations to these impacts.

Bexar County supports the activities of this project as it implements a GHG reduction program having both a local and regional impact. This project will not only significantly reduce carbon emissions by bringing a new local 100 MW community solar project online in an Energy Community that has historically served as a basis for fossil fuel electricity generation. In addition, the solar project and battery storage at SAWS H2Oaks facility will help decarbonize and increase resilience in the regional water system. Finally, this project will provide direct financial benefit to our most energy burdened residents, while providing much-needed job opportunities for the community.

Bexar County is committed to supporting this project and will be involved to ensure meaningful development of activities. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Sakai", is written over the word "Respectfully,".

Peter Sakai
Bexar County Judge



March 28, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20004

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San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE) serves as a growth engine for San Antonio's historically underserved Eastside. SAGE's mission is to champion investments that improve the quality of life of individuals, families, neighborhoods, and businesses on the City's Eastside by serving as the economic development resource. SAGE supports this project as it addresses our climate's pollution concerns in our vulnerable communities. SAGE is committed to supporting and partnering with the City of San Antonio, CPS Energy, and SAWS to implement the proposed project, should they be awarded this opportunity. Specifically, we are excited about the opportunity for future job creations in the community.

SAGE is committed to supporting this project and will be involved in the related engagement to ensure that the worst effects of climate change are mitigated. If there are any questions, please contact me at 210-382-7876.

Sincerely,


James A. Nortey
Chief Executive Officer



March 25, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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The Alamo Group of the Sierra Club has promoted this project for many years with SAWS, CPS Energy and City of San Antonio officials. We see this a win-win-win-win for the City of San Antonio, SAWS, CPS Energy and most of all, the citizens of San Antonio. The solar component and battery storage element of this project, coupled with on-site stored water, will allow SAWS to provide water to their customers in the event of a large-scale electric grid outage. The air quality benefits to citizens are substantial as well. This project reduces greenhouse gas generation and dovetails well into our San Antonio Climate Action goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for this project.

Sincerely,
Alan Montemayor
Chair, Alamo Group of the Sierra Club

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DIVISION

March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of Southwest Research Institute (SwRI), I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the City of San Antonio's application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for the *Preparing Alamo Area Water & Energy Systems for an Equitable & Sustainable Future* Project. This project prioritizes local solutions to deploy clean and resilient strategies with community-focused benefits. The success of this project is dependent on the committed partnership with both CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System (SAWS).

Through the implementation of this project, San Antonio will demonstrate its commitment to prioritize human health and the environment as the United States faces the increasingly harmful impacts of climate change. Collectively, we are experiencing more extreme heat, drought and water scarcity, and dangerous levels of flooding, among other impacts. Unfortunately, these impacts have the most severe consequences on frontline and vulnerable communities. We recognize that we must not only take immediate action to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are accelerating climate change but also increase the resiliency of our most vulnerable populations to these impacts.

SwRI supports the activities of this project as it implements a GHG reduction program having both a local and regional impact. This project will not only significantly reduce carbon emissions by bringing a new local 100 MW community solar project online in an Energy Community that has historically served as a basis for fossil fuel electricity generation. In addition, the solar project and battery storage at the SAWS H2Oaks facility will help decarbonize and increase resilience in the regional water system. Finally, this project will provide direct financial benefit to our most energy burdened residents, while providing much-needed job opportunities for the community.

SwRI is committed to supporting this project and will be involved to ensure the meaningful development of activities. Should you need more information on this project or SwRI, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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22 March 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Program Coordinator
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Subject: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Program Coordinator,

Please accept this Support Letter indicating Texas Women in Trades' willingness to work with the City of San Antonio on the development and execution of the proposed project under the Environmental Protection Agency's EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 Climate Pollution Reduction Funding Grant. Just like the EPA, the San Antonio community takes seriously its responsibility to protect human health and the environment as the United States faces the increasingly harmful impacts of climate change. Here in San Antonio, we are experiencing more extreme heat, drought and water scarcity, and dangerous levels of flooding, among other impacts. We are also working to combat low educational attainment and systemic issues facing historically-underserved communities. With these challenges comes an opportunity to invest in a cleaner economy that will spur innovation and economic growth while building a more equitable, resilient San Antonio.

Texas Women in Trades / Texas Women Work is committed to serving the people of San Antonio and Bexar County by working to bring more women, people of color and young people to the skilled construction trades. Texas Women in Trades / Texas Women Work does recruitment and retention efforts for the construction trades industries. We have been committed to construction trades recruitment and retention efforts since 2013 and have served countless individuals. We have deep roots in San Antonio and have been recognized for our success by serving as a stakeholder for federal agencies (OFCCP, DOL WB, Office of Apprenticeship, Wage and Hour), working with the City's Workforce Development Office and the Mayor's Office.

We support the City of San Antonio's plan to enable low-income and disadvantaged communities in San Antonio to deploy and benefit from meaningful weatherization upgrades. We commit to helping execute project by expanding access for women to training and education in the trades.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allie Perez".

Allie Perez
Texas Women in Trades
Founder

March 27, 2024

Michael S. Regan
EPA Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of The University of Texas San Antonio, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the City of San Antonio's application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for the *Preparing Alamo Area Water & Energy Systems for an Equitable & Sustainable Future* Project. This project prioritizes local solutions to deploy clean and resilient strategies with community-focused benefits. The success of this project is dependent on the committed partnership with both CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System (SAWS).

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The University of Texas San Antonio is committed to supporting this project and will be involved to ensure meaningful development of activities. Should you need more information on this project, or The University of Texas at San Antonio please contact me.

Sincerely,



JoAnn Browning, Ph.D., P.E.
Interim Vice President



March 22, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Program Coordinator
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Subject: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Program Coordinator,

Please accept this Support Letter indicating Workforce Solutions Alamo's willingness to work with the City of San Antonio on the development and execution of the proposed project under the Environmental Protection Agency's EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 Climate Pollution Reduction Funding Grant. Just like the EPA, the San Antonio community takes seriously its responsibility to protect human health and the environment as the United States faces the increasingly harmful impacts of climate change. Here in San Antonio, we are experiencing more extreme heat, drought and water scarcity, and dangerous levels of flooding, among other impacts. We are also working to combat low educational attainment and systemic issues facing historically underserved communities. With these challenges comes an opportunity to invest in a cleaner economy that will spur innovation and economic growth while building a more equitable, resilient San Antonio.

Workforce Solutions Alamo serves as the governing board for the regional workforce system, a network of service providers and contractors that brings people and jobs together. We represent the taxpayers of the 13-county Alamo region that includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson counties. Our key executives, staff and board members reflect the diverse constituencies of the regional community: business, economic development, education, labor, community organizations, and government.

Our mission is to strengthen the Alamo regional economy by growing and connecting talent pipelines to employers, and our vision is to lead the most integrated community workforce network in the nation. As part of the City of San Antonio's Ready to Work program, we are doing just that, by interviewing, assessing, and enrolling local residents into training aligned with high-quality, well-paid jobs, such as those in the clean energy sector.

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We look forward to developing and enhancing training opportunities aligned with this initiative, to better serve our local residents and employers, and to meet the combined goals of prosperity and health. Thank you for the opportunity to work with the City of San Antonio and local community members on this project.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Adrian Lopez

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Adrian Lopez, Chief Executive Officer