



Letter of Commitment: Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metro Area's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

March 28, 2024

Dear Mr. Joshua Lee,

GRID Alternatives Inland Empire (GRID) is pleased to support the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metro Area's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application. The application is led by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority / San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCTA/SBCOG), in coalition with the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) to achieve significant greenhouse gas emission reductions while delivering community benefits, particularly to the region's most vulnerable communities.

GRID's mission is to build community-powered solutions to advance economic and environmental justice through renewable energy. Partnering with public agencies to deliver renewable energy solutions and programs is vital to that mission. A CPRG award would bring together community based organizations and public agencies in an unprecedented way that would yield transformative results at the community level. GRID's role in the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metro Area CPRG application will be as follows:

- Educate residents about the benefits of solar and battery storage as it relates to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, resilience, and the energy burdens Low Income Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) experience each month.
- Install up to 415 solar plus storage systems in LIDACs as part of our Energy for All program.
- Perform outreach and community engagement activities to ensure community input is incorporated into the region's municipal decarbonization plans, including the creation of multiple community resilience hubs.
- Provide industry-recognized hands-on solar installation training and job placement services for up to 60 participants who will install solar and storage systems on up to 72 homes in LIDACs.

Over the last twelve years, GRID has installed over 2,500 solar systems and provided over 107,000 hours of hands-on training in LIDACs. A CPRG award would allow us to build on this work in collaboration with a wider group of stakeholders and deepen our community engagement to support community-based resilience projects. In short, a CPRG award would make a true, lasting impact on the Inland Empire communities and is deserving of your consideration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jaime Alonso, Executive Director of GRID Alternatives Inland Empire at 951-471-7048 or via email at jalonso@gridalternatives.org.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaime Alonso".

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