



TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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March 26, 2024

EPA Region 8 Headquarters
1595 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80202

Subject: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant- Letter of Support for Application

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa please accept this letter of support regarding our application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Our tribe is located on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation, in Rolette County, North Dakota. With high rates of poverty, the Turtle Mountains is a disadvantaged community that presents great potential for this award.

I have no doubt that this program will help our community build sustainable development with an emphasis on access to renewable energy. This grant can be a catalyst for change and a beacon of hope for growth and long-term community resilience.

On behalf of Tribal Government, please accept this letter of support for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa application to EPA. We look forward to working closely with EPA to ensure program success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. S.", is written over a large, faint circular watermark of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa logo.

Mr. Jamie S Azure
Tribal Chairman
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa



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Letter of Commitment

March 22, 2024

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I support this project and encourage you to move forward with its implantations. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of our residents and pave the way for a brighter, greener future.

The importance of clean energy not only contributes to mitigating the global climate crisis but also stimulates economic development, creating new jobs, and fostering a culture of environment responsibility in our community. This grant would provide financial assistance that would empower our Nation, individuals, businesses, and organizations to make the transition to clean energy sources, ultimately resulting in a healthier and more prosperous community.

Sincerely,

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Monte Poitra
Director
Head Start School



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As a representative of Natural Resources, I am submitting this letter of commitment for the Turtle Mountain Planning Department application to the climate pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition. Under U.S Environment Protection Agency Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. This initiative will implement greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures identified in the statewide North statewide North Dakota Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

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Sincerely,

Jeff Desjarlais Jr.
Natural Resources Director



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As a representative of Tribal Transportation, I submit this letter of commitment for the Turtle Mountain Planning Department application to the climate pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition, Under U.S Environment Protection Agency Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. This initiative will implement greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures identified in the statewide North statewide North Dakota Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

We are a committed partner for reducing greenhouse gas emissions within our community and look forward to collaborating with the Turtle Mountain Planning office and other project partners on this initiative. For any questions or concerns, please contact me at 701-477-0470.

Sincerely,

Ron Trottier Jr.
Director
Tribal Transportation



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On behalf of the Turtle Mountain Agriculture Department, we submit this letter of commitment for the Turtle Mountain Planning Department application to the climate pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition. Under U.S Environment Protection Agency Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. This initiative will implement greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures identified in the statewide North statewide North Dakota Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

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Sincerely,

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Sam LaRocque
Tribal Agriculture Director



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Sincerely,

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Cora Champagne
Acting Director
Tribal EPA



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I wholeheartedly support this project and encourage you to move forward with its implantations. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of our residents and pave the way for a brighter, greener future.

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Sincerely,

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Max Defender
Transfer Station Director



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RE: TMHA Letter of Commitment

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I am writing to express the Turtle Mountain Housing Authority's (TMHA) support for the installation of solar panels on tribal homes on the Turtle Mountain reservation. This initiative aligns perfectly with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa's commitment to a greener future and will have a positive impact on the reservation community.

This letter is regarding the Turtle Mountain Planning Department's application to the climate pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General competition. Under U.S Environment Protection Agency Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. This initiative will implement greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures identified in the statewide North statewide North Dakota Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

TMHA believes solar project will be beneficial by providing clean and affordable energy, create job opportunities and improve access to electricity for essential needs; and the project has the potential to attract new businesses and investors to our community leading to a thriving local economy and improved employment prospects for our residents. In addition to the economic benefits, the solar project will have a positive impact on the environment. By reducing reliance on traditional energy sources, it can aid the effort to significantly reduce the carbon footprint and combat climate change.

The use of solar panels and/or solar grids on tribal homes will not only provide immediate cost savings but also personify the Turtle Mountain Tribe's commitment to environmental stewardship by implementing and utilizing natural resources and promoting sustainability within the Turtle Mountain Tribal community.

Respectfully,

John Hagerty
for Director

Rebecca Olander, Executive Director
Turtle Mountain Housing Authority



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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Dean of Career and Technical Education (CTE) at Turtle Mountain Community College (TMCC), I hereby submit this letter of commitment for the Turtle Mountain Planning Department application to the climate pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition. Under U.S Environment Protection Agency Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. This initiative will implement greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures identified in the statewide North statewide North Dakota Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

The Economic and environmental benefits are complemented by other benefits that extend beyond the campus – and to the Tribe as a whole. The possibility of “Sovereignty through sustainability” becomes a reality when academics give people focus and a goal to strive for. From this program, the community will achieve a better understanding of how clean energy can work to make a better world while saving on heating and electrical costs. It will open many doors for staff, facility, students, and local community members as an entryway into the renewable energy industry. We are excited about this important step forward at Turtle Mountain.

Sincerely,

Sheila Trottier
Dean of Career & Technical Education
Turtle Mountain Community College

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

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Northern Plains Electric has a longstanding relationship with the Turtle Mountain Tribe and decades of experience working to solve issues related to weather, infrastructure and congestion to ensure that all our customers have safe and reliable energy. Installing solar and storage on Turtle Mountain Reservation will provide the reservation with onsite, low-cost energy. The solar integration on Turtle Mountain will also relieve congestion issues on the grid by freeing up approximately 8MWs of load that is currently being used to serve the reservation. This is a win-win for the whole region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ashten Dewald".

Ashten Dewald
Engineering Manager
Northern Plains Electric Cooperative



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Pete Erickson, Member Services Manager
North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.