**FY 2024 CPRG: Implementation Grants General Competition**

**EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07**

**Upper Columbia United Tribes Decarbonization Project**

This application for the CPRG implementation funds is being submitted by the Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) as an individual applicant with the primary intent of reducing climate pollution and improving the lives of Tribal members and their communities in an immediate and impactful way. The primary locations where this project will be implemented include the tribal territories of the UCUT member tribes throughout Idaho and Washington State and the surrounding communities.

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**Requested Funding:** $49,000,042.

**Expected Total GHG Emissions Reductions:** 316,866 MT CO2e

**GHG Measures Included in this Application:**

* **Implementation Capacity Building:** Despite the generous funding becoming available, there is a lack of funding specifically for capacity building within the tribes. Therefore, UCUT is planning to request funding to build internal capacity within each of the tribes and UCUT.
* **Tribal Residence Decarbonization Program:** This measure will provide capital to reduce emissions from tribal member residences, with a focus on energy efficiency.
* **Carbon Smart Transportation:** This measure will serve to reduce emissions caused by transportation within the tribes including fleet vehicle operations and commutes from tribal and staff members.
* **Commercial and Industrial Decarbonization:** This decarbonization strategy will implement an energy efficiency program for all tribally owned commercial and industrial operations through energy audits, retro-commissioning, and retrofits/replacements.
* **Waste Reduction Programs:** This measure will implement composting and recycling programs to reduce waste that leads to more GHG emissions such as methane emissions from landfills.
* **Green Construction Standards:** This measurewill support the development of a culturally focused community guidebook for new construction standards.
* **Unified Forest Management Plan:** This measure will serve to develop a unified forest management plan that incorporates Tribal Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and modern forest management practices.

**PCAP Reference:** The Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) from which all of these measures are derived is the Upper Columbia United Tribe’s own PCAP titled [“Upper Columbia United Tribes Priority Climate Action Plan”](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-03/upper-columbia-united-tribes-priority-climate-action-plan.pdf). The associated measures and their respective page numbers in the PCAP are as follows: Implementation Capacity Building (PG. 12), Tribal Residence Decarbonization Program (PG. 14), Carbon Smart Transportation (PG. 15), Commercial and Industrial Decarbonization (PG. 18), Waste Reduction Programs (PG. 19), Green Construction Standards (PG. 20), Unified Forest Management Plan (PG. 21).