



March 18, 2024

Kim Shelley
Executive Director
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
195 N. 1950 W.
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Subject: Letter of Commitment/Support to Partner with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, Phase II Implementation Grants ([NOFO EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07](#))

Dear Director Shelley,

Weber State University is committed to supporting the State of Utah's application entitled "Beehive Emission Reduction Plan: Implementation Grant Program" in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) No. EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07.

Weber State University intends to partner with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ), Division of Air Quality (DAQ), to implement the Demonstration and Assistance program proposal in the Outreach, Education, and Workforce Training Related to Emission Reduction Efforts measure of the Beehive Emission Reduction Plan.

Weber State University understands the importance of supporting our community in striving for carbon neutrality. The University will reach carbon neutrality by 2040, and has a university-wide strategic goal to help the *region* strive for carbon neutrality by 2050. The CPRG Funds would allow Weber State to work with our LIDAC communities to increase energy efficiency in residential housing, provide energy and climate coaching services, and support both urban and rural populations meet their climate goals in ways that support their values and needs.

Upon notification of award, Weber State will collaborate with DAQ to establish program parameters, goals, design and implement the program to accomplish greenhouse gas reduction goals. Weber State will report progress and performance throughout the project period, and will engage in a long-term collaborative relationship, and be diligently involved throughout the project.

We are pleased to join DEQ in this application and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brenda M. Kowalewski'.

Brenda M. Kowalewski
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