

## Appendix D

### Letters of Intent from Coalition Members



March 22, 2024

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

Dear Administrator Regan:

The Housing Authority of the City of Vancouver ("VHA") is in full collaboration and support of the Housing Authority of Washington County's proposed Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The proposed scope of work and targeted population in Washington County's application reflects our regional priorities of increasing low-income resident's access to energy efficient technologies while also increasing their financial resiliency by reducing their monthly expenses.

As a designated subrecipient and active member of this coalition, VHA fully intends to participate in the execution and implementation of the declared scope of work on our publicly owned and managed housing if granted. We recognize our role as project manager includes overseeing the proposed upgrades to our units, responsibility for contract execution with subcontractors, invoicing, reporting, and tracking the progress and associated expenses.

Our participation in this collaboration will provide VHA access to leveraged funding from the Energy Trust of Oregon which also serves Southwest Washington, Clark Public Utilities, the State of Washington's Housing Preservation Program, and Washington State University's Community Solar Expansion Program allowing VHA to scale the impact of energy efficiency upgrades within our portfolio. We will work with Washington County to facilitate the cross-state funding for this expanded scope as well by submitting documentation of product installation and associated costs. Likewise, we will comply with all efforts to document each property's energy usage before and after the improvements for tracking of actual reductions in kWh and GHG emissions.

Our Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application provides an opportunity for a regional approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This unique partnership brings together three public housing authorities serving three counties in two states. Most importantly an undertaking of this magnitude will have profound impacts on the residents we serve and the greater Portland-Vancouver region. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to VHA's Chief Real Estate Officer Victor Caesar at [vcaesar@vhausa.com](mailto:vcaesar@vhausa.com) or 360-993-9578.

Sincerely,

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March 21, 2024

Molly Rogers  
Director, Department of Housing Services  
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Hillsboro, OR 97124

Dear Director Rogers,

The Housing Authority of Clackamas County is pleased to support the coalition application led by Washington County for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) to fund energy efficiency retrofits in publicly owned affordable housing units.

The Portland-Vancouver metro area has experienced skyrocketing housing costs over the last 15 years. We need to both create more affordable housing units and maintain the ones that we have in order to enable as many people as possible to take advantage of the walkable neighborhoods, high-quality transit service, and access to jobs and amenities that our metro area offers. This project, which will provide energy efficiency retrofits for 907 units of affordable housing throughout the metro area, will provide cost-effective GHG reductions while reducing monthly utility costs for members of Low-income and Disadvantaged Communities. It will allow public agencies to provide comprehensive energy efficiency improvements to many older, less-efficient homes, thereby reducing GHG and pollutant emissions as well as increasing residents' climate and economic resiliency. These updates are critical at a time when the utilities serving the region plan to increase rates by 17 percent in the near future.

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We will work with Washington County to facilitate the funding for this expanded scope as well by submitting documentation of product installation and associated costs. Likewise, we will comply with all efforts to document each property's energy usage before and after the improvements for tracking actual reductions in kWh and GHG emissions. Our participation in this collaboration also provides us access to leveraged funding from the Energy Trust of Oregon that we otherwise would not have, allowing us to expand the impact of energy efficiency upgrades to include appliances.

This opportunity provides an incredibly rare funding source for these essential, proactive upgrades allowing us to increase equity and access to the latest technology for Low-Income residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Toni Karter*

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Executive Director

*Healthy Families. Strong Communities.*