



## Mayor Lisa Brown

March 15, 2024

Michael Fong, Director  
Washington State Department of Commerce  
1011 Plum Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98504

**RE: Accelerating Washington State's Climate Commitments: A Bold & Inclusive Path to Net Zero Emissions**

Dear Director Fong:

On behalf of the City of Spokane, we commit to partnering on the programs outlined in your grant application, *Accelerating Washington State's Climate Commitments: A Bold & Inclusive Path to Net Zero Emissions*, for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program's (CPRG) Implementation Grants through the lifetime of the project period (up to five years after funds are awarded). The City of Spokane is committed to the goals of this grant application to implement ambitious, scalable measures to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and substantial community benefits across the transportation, built environment, and waste management sectors in alignment with Washington State's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

Partnering with the State provides access to knowledge and insight that as a local agency, if we were to apply for these funds alone, we would not otherwise benefit from. The City also has a long history of working with our State's Commerce Department and have successfully delivered projects in the past in partnership with Commerce. We believe our strength in delivering on our proposed measure is based on a successful history of working with the State.

Our partnership with our local power utility company, Avista, is also critical to providing our innovative demonstrations in both smart charging and a mobile power solution for City facilities. We have long term agreements with Avista through our power use agreements and have a strong working relationship with Avista over numerous joint projects and initiatives.

As a strong partner with a track record of successfully completing Federally funded projects, the City of Spokane is committed to delivering our innovative project in coordination with both the State and Avista. The City of Spokane will be directly responsible for:

- The purchasing and commissioning of 87 light duty EV's in our Public Works fleet. This represents over 90% of Public Works light duty fleet.
- Coordinating with Avista to select the City facility sites needed to facilitate the mobile power solution demonstration.

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- Including making available the needed EV's and coordinating the installation of any needed power equipment to allow for a seamless connection of the EV to the City's facility.
- If deemed feasible, the City will coordinate with Spokane Transit to utilize an EV bus during the mobile power solution demonstration.
- Any power equipment that needs to be installed on the bus for this demo will be coordinated through both the City and Avista.

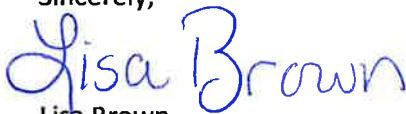
The City of Spokane has for decades purchased and commissioned vehicles within our Fleet Department. To date our Fleet Department has coordinated with Avista to install over 70 charging stations throughout City departments. We will build on this existing experience of our City's Fleet Department working closely with Avista combined with the City's well-established purchasing/commissioning teams to successfully deliver the City's elements of this GHG-reducing measure for our light duty vehicles within our Public Works division.

We believe our partnerships with both the State and Avista provide a strong framework for success and leverages each entity's strengths in the following ways:

- The State will provide needed guidance to ensure the Federal process is followed and project deadlines are met. This will ensure an overall efficient delivery of this proposed measure.
- Avista will provide the knowledge and experience to oversee the design and installation of the charging stations and needed power equipment. They will obtain and test the smart software needed to demonstrate that smart charging can impact (at scale) the ability to minimize on-peak loads. Avista will also provide the knowledge and experience to lead the mobile power demonstration during extreme weather events.
- The City will convert its light duty fleet to EV's to allow the demonstration of the smart charging and providing EV's as backup power to critical loads during extreme weather. The City will build upon its long-standing relationship with our local transit agency for the potential use of a transit bus during the mobile power demonstration.

For these reasons, the City of Spokane is strongly committed to partnering with the Washington State Department of Commerce on its application for the CPRG Implementation Grants to accelerate the state's progress toward its climate goals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa Brown

Mayor