

# WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC.

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Maria Redmond  
Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy  
101 E Wilson St  
Madison, WI 53703

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Redmond:

West CAP supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General application (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07) submitted by State of Wisconsin Department of Administration through the Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy (OSCE). We are pleased to endorse the OSCE's efforts, as described in this application, to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through implementing measures in the Wisconsin Emissions Reduction Roadmap.

Given Wisconsin's proven success in implementing equitable climate policies, we have full confidence in the OSCE's ability to develop and achieve the objectives laid out in the application and believe they will lead to important emissions reduction while mobilizing collective power to address historic injustice, create new jobs, and spur transformative climate action. The State of Wisconsin, through the OSCE, has a commendable track record of effectively utilizing state and federal grants while actively engaging with low-income and disadvantaged communities. Under the leadership of Governor Tony Evers, and through the OSCE, Wisconsin has demonstrated a strong commitment to achieving economy-wide carbon neutrality.

Throughout the period of this grant, we will work closely with the WI OSCE to further develop and deliver programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create high quality jobs, and address historic injustice. Our organization feels strongly about the need for collective action related to pollution reduction implementation. We recognize there are inherent environmental, health, financial, political, societal, and economic benefits to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our communities. This funding will help WI rapidly transition to a clean energy economy that benefits all residents in the state.

West CAP's mission is to take action against poverty by developing the social and economic assets of low-income families and their communities, and by working to create a more just and sustainable society. We have a long history of energy conservation and innovation on behalf of Wisconsinites struggling financially, as well as benefiting the larger community and a future we all share. Currently we

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are state and national leaders in the development of high quality and very green affordable housing and have done pioneering work in dramatically reducing GHG emissions and fossil fuel consumption through deep retrofits of existing low-income rental housing for over twelve years. We have much to do in addressing our climate future, and funding OCES to help us all do that work would be very, very helpful.

We are enthusiastic about partnering with the State of Wisconsin to advance the goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through this pivotal program.

Sincerely,

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