



March 24, 2024

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

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Redmond:

Wisconsin's Green Fire, Inc. 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.

WGF has a mission to "advance science-informed analysis and policy solutions that address Wisconsin's greatest conservation challenges". This mission drove our work in Monroe County where we launched the Climate Readiness and Rural Economic Opportunity Assessment. The result—a 30-year plan for conservation and climate resilience. WGF has vast cross-disciplinary experts that see climate work as systems-based work. For that reason, we endorse OSCE and its efforts to meet our climate goals.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meleesa Johnson', is written over a horizontal line.

Meleesa Johnson- Executive Director
Wisconsin's Green Fire, Inc.