

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Clean Communities Investment Partnership Application Funding Opportunity EPA-R-HQ-NCIF-23</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to provide a letter of support for the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF)
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to provide a letter of support for the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF).

**Background:** CCIP is a collaboration of strong partners— Enterprise Community Partners, Rewiring America, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, United Way Worldwide and Habitat for Humanity. The coalition is designed to couple tailored financial products with software solutions and complementary partnerships that will build demand for single- and multi-family home electrification in low-income communities and beyond. CCIP presents a detailed and compelling vision to effectively remove barriers, build markets and help U.S. households (whether they rent or own) at every income level—but particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

The City of Columbus has entered into discussions with CCIP and has established ongoing conversations about how the populations we serve will benefit from this combined effort. If awarded, we are prepared to collaborate with CCIP to organize our community around this generational opportunity to electrify households and to participate in CCIP’s proposed participatory governance structure alongside other community leaders. To this electrification effort, we anticipate introducing 500 households, of which, at least 50% of which will be low-income/J40 to home electrification over the seven-year window of NCIF funding.

**Analysis:** If awarded the City of Columbus is prepared to collaborate with CCIP to organize our community around this generational opportunity to electrify households and to participate in CCIP’s proposed participatory governance structure alongside other community leaders.

**Financial Considerations:** There will be no financial impact, as the City is only providing a letter of support to support CCIP’s application and to collaborate if awarded.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review all agreements if necessary.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve the attached Resolution authorizing a letter of support for the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF).

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION FROM CLEAN COMMUNITIES INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, INC. (CCIP) FOR THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND (GGRF) FUNDING THROUGH THE NATIONAL CLEAN INVESTMENT FUND (NCIF)**

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the National Clean Investment Fund Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA); and,

**WHEREAS**, the National Clean Investment Fund seeks to provide grants to 2–3 national nonprofit entities capable of partnering with the private sector to provide accessible, affordable financing for tens of thousands of clean technology projects across the country; and,

**WHEREAS**, these nonprofit entities will enable families, small businesses, communities and many others to access the capital they need to install cost-saving and air pollution reducing clean technology projects—with at least 40% of capital flowing into low-income and disadvantaged communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, CCIP is a collaboration of strong partners including Rewiring America, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, United Way Worldwide and Habitat for Humanity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the grant application must be submitted to EPA by October 7, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, CCIP requests a letter of support for their grant application intended on improving the quality of lives for citizens of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

To authorize a letter of support for the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF) through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Begley voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor