



Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund - National Clean Investment Fund Clean Communities Investment Partnership Community Engagement and Accountability Letter of Support Template

September 25, 2023

Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc.
11000 Broken Land Pkwy
Columbia, MD 21044

Re: Community Engagement and Accountability Letter of Support
Clean Communities Investment Partnership Application
Funding Opportunity EPA-R-HQ-NCIF-23

Dear Mr. Matusiak,

The City of Columbus is pleased to support the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF).

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.

The City of Columbus embraces equitable access to residential electrification as critical to our own work. We believe that 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—afford the transition from fossil fuels to clean, efficient and electric appliances, vehicles, solar and battery storage.



Columbus has a mission to engage and educate individuals to take greater responsibility for enhancing beautification, protecting the environment. Columbus is committed to moving towards a greener, cleaner, more sustainable Columbus by supporting on-going programs and projects for environmental advocacy, education and sustainability. The work to accelerate the electrification of all American households—and the CCIP’s approach to achieve that mission—is in line with our own mission.

We are particularly impressed with the scope of this proposed work, which both reflects an understanding of many of the systemic barriers to this clean energy transition and smartly addresses them one by one—from connecting Americans directly to incentives and contractors and organizing households ready for this transition to spur the market, to providing various financing tools aimed at maximizing affordability.

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.

We view our work at the city level as a compact of trust between us and the people we serve. Our anticipated engagement with CCIP to implement its proposed GGRF-supported programming, tools and financing solutions is rooted in our shared expectations for accountability to both those we serve and the taxpayers whose investments must yield progress for people and the planet.

If you have questions about our support for this application for funding from CCIP, please contact [\[NAME, TITLE, City of Columbus at EMAIL\]](#).

Respectfully submitted,

Skip Henderson
Mayor of Columbus