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Pete Upton

CEO and Board Chair

Native CDFI Network

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Subject: Funding Opportunity No. EPA-R-HQ-CCIA-23 Clean Communities Investment Accelerator, Community Lender Letter of Interest

Dear Mr. Upton:

This letter serves to affirm [Organization Name]’s interest in supporting the Native CDFI Network (NCN) in its application for EPA-R-HQ-CCIA-23 Clean Communities Investment Accelerator (CCIA). If awarded, we understand that NCN will provide funding and technical assistance to Native CDFIs serving Native communities nationwide. Through its relationship with Native CDFI member lenders and community organizations serving Native communities in 27 states, NCN is uniquely positioned to deliver CCIA benefits to underserved populations.

**Organization Name and Description:**

This includes a brief overview of your organization, its mission and established track record successfully deploying capital to underserved Native communities, and its experience and primary lending activities (current and intended) as they relate to the goals of the CCIA (e.g. funding projects that: reduce carbon emissions, serve low-income and underserved communities, create good-paying jobs, and promote equity and environmental justice)

In this section, describe your organization’s:

* Geographic scope (population served, [EPA regions](https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/visiting-regional-office) served, presence in [Justice40](https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/) communities)
	+ If applicable, specifically reference engagement with rural communities, Tribal communities, and/or communities with environmental justice concerns
* Scope of priority projects (which of the following seven eligible project categories your organization currently works in or plans to: climate change, clean energy and energy efficiency, clean transportation, affordable and sustainable housing, training and reduction of legacy pollution, and development of critical clean water infrastructure. For more details on project categories, see Table 1 in this [White House memorandum](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/M-21-28.pdf).)
	+ Quantified impacts of any previous projects in these categories (e.g. number of projects, total dollars financed, emissions reduced, etc.)

**Statement of Interest:**

In this section, describe:

* Additional lending opportunities/capacity that a CCIA capitalization grant would provide your organization as a Community Lender.
* Commitment to supporting priority projects through a CCIA capitalization grant.
* Why the organization believes NCN is best suited to lead a winning CCIA application

[Organization Name] looks forward to a successful partnership with the Native CDFI Network on its CCIA application as we strive for sustainable clean energy solutions that support the prosperity of Native peoples and the planet.

Sincerely,

[Name, Title]

[Organization Name]