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**Receipt required by September 21, 2023**

*[Use your organization’s letterhead and include your organization’s name, address, and website]*

*[Insert date]*

The Honorable Michael Regan

Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Room 3426 WJC North Washington, DC 20460

Subject: EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Recovery Fund CCIA program - Community Lender Letter of Interest for Appalachian Community Capital’s Green Bank for Rural America

Dear Administrator Regan:

We are pleased to submit this Letter of Interest to participate as a Community Lender in Appalachian Community Capital’s Green Bank for Rural American application to the EPA Clean Communities Investment Accelerator program. As a Community Lender, we express our high level of interest in the program vision outlined by Appalachian Community Capital (ACC) to accelerate green energy lending through its Green Bank for Rural America program. It is our intent to seek capitalization funding and technical assistance grants from the Green Bank for Rural America and to avail ourselves of the technical assistance services to be offered by ACC in their program design.

The Green Bank for Rural America will focus on Appalachian, Coal and Energy Communities, underserved rural communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the closure of fossil fuel producing mines and power plants. By focusing on communities impacted by power plant and mine closures and communities that face coal, oil, and natural gas transitions over the next several years, the Green Bank will address environment justice imperatives facing these communities across all ten EPA regions.

The Green Bank for Rural America will act as an accelerator to engage with community stakeholders, to offer technical expertise, to leverage public and private resources, and to provide critical capitalization and technical assistance funding to finance clean technology projects in target communities.

As a community lender, our organization …. [*insert information about your organization such as:*

* *Describe your organization including when you were founded and your experience providing financial products and services to low-income and underserved communities. Please describe the characteristics of, and challenges faced by, the low-income communities you serve.*
* *How your market is either: 1) Appalachia, 2) Coal / Energy Community, 3) Underserved Rural, or 4) a Tribal Community.*
* *Which EPA region(s) you serve … use this link to find the EPA regions* [www.epa.gov/aboutepa/regional-and-geographic-offices](http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/regional-and-geographic-offices)]
* *Benefits you expect to access from this opportunity including: $ capitalization funding you anticipate to request (requests ranging from $1 million to $50 million will be considered, generally to be deployed within 3 years, with most funding at $10 million or less); $ of technical assistance grants to support project development and capacity building of your organization (this will be 10% of your capitalization funding request); and requests for technical assistance services from the Green Bank to support your organization (such as training and technical support, …). Please see our web site for more information on the broad range of financial products that may be deployed.*
* *Level of experience and/or commitment to clean technology financing. All levels of experience can benefit and are welcome to participate. As you write about your experience or commitment to clean energy financing, note that qualified projects under the EPA CCIA program fall into the following categories: Low Carbon Buildings – residential and C&I (including related operating equipment); Distributed Energy Generation & Storage (community solar, battery back-up …); Zero Emissions Transportation (EV charging, EV school buses and public bus/van pools, commercial EV deployment, …); and/or financing for businesses undertaking the above (solar installers, green building contractors, battery manufacturers, and other related businesses … ).*
* *Please reference a potential pipeline of qualified projects (per above list) that your organization may deploy over a 36 month period. If possible, please include a pipeline report that notes project name, location, anticipated $ project size, and a one sentence project description as an attachment to this letter. These projects may be in the early stages of planning and development.*

In conclusion, our organization whole-heartedly supports ACC’s application to accelerate the economic transition in rural communities that have been most deeply impacted by the energy transition, and strongly urge the EPA to support their proposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

*Name*

*Title*

*Organization*

*Email address*

*Telephone number*