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To: Andrea Matrosovs

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Subject: [The Blue Mountains] Welcome to Round 2 of the Youth Climate Action Fund! **Attachments:** YCAF R2 Mayor's Pledge Form.docx; YCAF R2 Program Budget Template.docx

Dear Mayor,

Congratulations! We are excited to share that your city has been recommended to advance to Round 2 of the program. This recognition is a testament to your successful participation in Round 1 and your strong commitment to youth engagement.

In Round 2, your city will have the opportunity to build on this success with US\$100,000 in funding to support even more youth-led climate projects in 2025, with grants ranging from US\$1,000 to US\$5,000. Additionally, up to US\$15,000 of this funding can be allocated to cover administrative costs.

Get excited for Round 2! We're raising the bar and encouraging you to use the program for deeper local engagement and stronger collaboration with youth. We're also planning a Global Announcement Day to highlight the most innovative projects from all cities around the world, and we will be offering peer learning sessions to equip you with best practices in youth engagement that will last beyond the program.

We greatly appreciated how involved Mayor Andrea Matrosovs was in youth engagement. The wide variety of outreach efforts resulted in a creative, diverse set of projects.. We especially value how The Blue Mountains saw the program as an opportunity to build relationships and concrete projects with Traditional Territories and Indigenous Youth. In Round 2, we encourage you to think of ways to increase creative ways to bring young people together to learn about local priorities and develop their projects and take full advantage of your city coach. We would also encourage you to think of ways that your city can use the program to institutionalize ways to deepen its commitment to meaningful youth engagement.

Next Steps: To process the Round 2 grant, please complete the attached budget template and return the signed Mayor's Pledge.

- **Budget**: Indicate how your city will allocate \$0–\$15,000 of the \$100,000 grant for administrative costs. Please complete the budget and submit it to youthclimatefund@uclg.org by November 22, 2024.
- Mayor's Pledge: This document affirms the city leadership's commitment to the program and its principles. Full
 participation requires the pledge to be signed by the Mayor (or equivalent). Kindly complete and submit the
 signed pledge to youthclimatefund@uclg.org by November 29, 2024. If you anticipate any challenges meeting
 this deadline, please inform us in advance.

If you have any questions or would like to add additional email addresses to our mailing list for future updates, please contact us at youthclimatefund@uclg.org. We are excited to partner with your city to build on the successes of Round 1 to achieve even greater impact and drive transformative change with youth in your city.

Best regards,

The Youth Climate Action Fund Team

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