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Executive Order

Transferring Funds to the Office of Energy Management and Conservation to Conduct the Low-Cost Weatherization Program

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order transferring funds to the Office of Energy Management and Conservation to conduct the low-cost weatherization program.

1. <u>Background and Need.</u>

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the recipient of funds under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-35) hereafter referred to as the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). The Colorado Department of Human Services is the recipient of funds for the LIEAP Program. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 allows up to 15 percent of the funds to be used for low-cost residential weatherization or other energy related home repair for low-income households. Low cost residential weatherization services for Colorado's low-income population will provide long-range benefits for Colorado. The Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation is best able to use the weatherization funds to serve Colorado's low-income population.

2. Mission and Order.

I hereby designate the Office of Energy Management and Conservation as the responsible agency to administer a low-cost weatherization program. The low-cost weatherization program shall be administered in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

The Colorado Department of Human Services shall transfer \$4,065,984 to the Office of Energy Management and Conservation to conduct a low-cost weatherization program. Of the total, \$4,025,937 shall be drawn from the LIHEAP Block Grant and \$40,047 from the Leveraging Incentive Program award.

3. Past Executive Orders Modified and Replaced.

This Executive Order shall supercede and replace all previous executive orders regarding the designation of the agency responsible for administering the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

4. <u>Duration.</u>

This Executive Order shall remain in effect until further modification or rescission by Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this _____ day of February, 2002.

Bill Owens Governor