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EXECUTIVE ORDER

**For the transfer of additional funds from
the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program,
to the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation**

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 additional funds to the Office of Energy Management and Conservation weatherization assistance program.

1. Background and Purpose

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 Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The Colorado Department of Human Services is the recipient of funds for the LIHEAP 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, and upon receipt of a waiver from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Governor may authorize additional funds from the LIHEAP Block Grant to be designated for these weatherization services. On June 3, 2003, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services granted a waiver to increase the percentage of LIHEAP funds allocated to weatherization assistance to 15.95%.

The Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation is presently experiencing a significant backlog in providing home energy conservation measures to low-income residents of the San Luis Valley, Pueblo County, and southeastern Colorado. Adequate LIHEAP funds remain after the 2002-03 winter heating season to help address this backlog. Due to receipt of the federal waiver, Colorado may apply an additional \$269,000 to low-cost weatherization services in these areas.

2. Directive

The Colorado Department of Human Services shall transfer \$269,000 from the 2002-03 LIHEAP Block Grant to the Office of Energy Management and Conservation to conduct low-cost weatherization in the San Luis Valley, Pueblo County, and southeastern Colorado.

3. Duration

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

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this _____
day of June, 2003.

Bill Owens
Governor