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### **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

#### **Transferring additional funds from the U.S. Department Of Health and Human Services 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 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. Upon receipt of a waiver from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Governor may authorize additional funds, not to exceed 25 percent of the LIHEAP Block Grant, to be designated for these weatherization services.

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. Adequate LIHEAP funds remain after the 2001-02 winter heating season to help address this backlog. Therefore, Colorado requested and received a federal waiver to apply an additional \$250,000 to low-cost weatherization services in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, and Saguache Counties.

##### 2. Directive

The Colorado Department of Human Services shall transfer \$250,000 from the 2001-02 LIHEAP Block Grant to the Office of Energy Management and Conservation to conduct low-cost weatherization in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, and Saguache Counties.

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June  
2002.

Bill Owens  
Governor