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Bill Owens
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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 federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program funds to the Office of Energy Management and Conservation to conduct a low-cost weatherization program to reduce high energy costs for low-income elderly and disabled persons experiencing heat related health issues.

1. Background and Need.

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. 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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has provided such a waiver to utilize LIHEAP funds for weatherization services.

Due to several unrelated factors, less funding is available to provide these services in 2006. An additional \$1.15 million in LIHEAP Block Grant funds will enable the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation to partially restore delivery of vital energy conservation services to needy Coloradans during a time of record high energy costs.

2. Directive.

The Colorado Department of Human Services shall transfer \$1,150,000 from the 2003-04 LIHEAP Block Grant to the Office of Energy Management and Conservation in order to reduce high energy costs for low-income elderly and disabled persons experiencing heat related health issues.

3. Duration.

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 5th day of
January, 2006.

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