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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Transferring Funds from the Colorado Department of Human Services to the Governor's Energy Office to Administer a Low-Cost Weatherization Program for Low-Income Households

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order transferring federal LEAP funding to the Governor's Energy Office weatherization assistance program.

I. 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 Energy Assistance Program (LEAP). The Colorado Department of Human Services is the recipient of funds for the LEAP 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 Energy Office is best able to use the weatherization funds to serve Colorado's low-income population.

II. Designation

I hereby designate the Governor's Energy Office as the responsible agency to administer a low-cost weatherization program. The low-cost weatherization program shall be administered in accordance with all federal laws and regulations.

III. Directive

The Colorado Department of Human Services shall transfer \$9,521,129 to the Governor's Energy Office to conduct a low-cost weatherization program, which shall be drawn from the LIHEAP Block Grant.

IV. Past Orders Superseded and Replaced

This Executive Order shall supersede and replace all previous Executive Orders designating the responsible agency to administer the weatherization portion of Colorado's Low-Income Energy Assistance program.

V. 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 16th of
January, 2009.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor