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Energy Outreach Colorado Awards \$28,350 to Colorado Springs Utilities

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DENVER – Energy Outreach Colorado is awarding \$28,350 to Colorado Springs Utilities to support home energy efficiency improvements for up to 15 limited income households in its service territory

The selected homes will receive improvements such as added insulation, compact fluorescent lighting, new water heaters, furnace safety inspections and tune-ups, new furnaces, new refrigerators and energy audits.

“As a result of Energy Outreach Colorado’s grant, these households will benefit from lower energy costs while remaining safe and comfortable in their homes, and they will also reduce their impact on the environment,” said Mark James, Project Leader of Colorado Springs Utilities.

The Springs Utilities grant is part of \$800,000 Energy Outreach Colorado is awarding across the state this year to fund energy efficiency measures in new and existing affordable housing projects, as well as programs that teach residents how to save money by using energy more wisely.

“Our effort to improve the energy efficiency of limited income housing is part of our overall mission to help all Coloradans afford home energy,” said Skip Arnold, executive director of Energy Outreach Colorado. “These families often must pay a greater proportion of their income on energy bills and it benefits everyone when they can become more energy efficient and self-sufficient.”

In total, the amount granted this year will help fund 18 different energy efficiency projects and four education programs. Each recipient and a summary of how the funds will be spent can be found on the organization’s website at – www.EnergyOutreach.org/EnergySolutionsGrant.asp.

About Energy Outreach Colorado

Energy Outreach Colorado is the only independent, non-profit organization in the state that raises money to help limited income Coloradans afford home energy. Since 1989, EOC has distributed more than \$83 million to fund energy bill payment assistance, energy efficiency upgrades

for affordable housing and energy efficiency education. Energy Outreach Colorado relies on private donations, corporate contributions and foundation grants. It has received top ratings from Charity Navigator for six consecutive years and is a member of the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance. Energy Outreach Colorado, www.EnergyOutreach.org, can be reached at 303-825-8750 or at 225 E. 16th Ave. Ste. 200, Denver, CO 80203-1612.

About Colorado Springs Utilities

Colorado Springs Utilities is a community-owned utility that provides safe, reliable, competitively-priced natural gas, electricity, water and wastewater services to customers in the Pikes Peak region

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