



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

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Selection Committee  
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington DC 20585

Dear EECBG Selection Committee,

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners are pleased to partner with Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE), Dolores County, La Plata County, Montezuma County, the City of Durango, the Town of Bayfield, the Town of Pagosa Springs, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) and Empire Electric Association (EEA) in support of the application from Eagle County and Energy Smart Colorado (ESC) to scale and implement energy efficiency, electrification and workforce development initiatives across the rural, mountain region of Colorado.

As the proposal aims to build a sufficient workforce, decrease energy burdens and greenhouse gas emissions, and improve housing affordability for low-to-moderate-income (LMI) households, these initiatives are particularly important to our Southwestern Colorado communities disproportionately impacted by our energy system. We support this proposal as it would address energy disparities in our communities and ensure that access is gained to resources that reduce the energy burden (currently 4%-5% in our communities), provide clean energy, and generate workforce training and local job creation. We believe that the initiatives outlined in this prize application will enable ESC and 4CORE to provide our community's LMI workforce with the tools and resources to take real action to improve the energy efficiency, health & safety and affordability of their homes. Partnering with Eagle County, and local organizations like 4CORE and Energy Smart Colorado is integral to meeting our climate action goals.

4CORE has been an Energy Smart partner since 2019 and will continue to offer this program and provide administrative staff time, program implementation, workforce training, education and outreach. 4CORE has a successful history of partnering and receiving financial support from southwestern counties and businesses including LPEA

and EEA. 4CORE will leverage their rebate program to increase participation for home energy assessments and energy efficiency improvements, on-bill financing for low-cost capital and partnerships.

By partnering on this project, we demonstrate leadership to our residents and visitors, support local and state carbon reduction goals, leverage federal and state tax credits and rebates, provide needed training to the local contractor workforce, improve community health, safety and resiliency, and help local working families reduce their energy bills.

We are grateful for your consideration of this application that will benefit our most vulnerable communities.

Sincerely,

  
Ronnie Maez  
Chairman