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Housing Resources Awarded \$2.82 Million in Grants for Weatherization and Rental Property Rehabilitation Projects

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (July 19, 2010) – Housing Resources, a non-profit providing affordable housing across western Colorado, is the recipient of two grants totaling \$2,820,653.

The largest of the two grants is a \$2,566,153 grant from the Governor’s Energy Office, of which \$1,868,141 is federal stimulus funding. This money will allow Housing Resources to provide free weatherization services to more than 500 income-qualified homes throughout a seven-county region, including: Mesa, Delta, Gunnison, Montrose San Miguel, Ouray and Hinsdale counties.

Housing Resources has been weatherizing homes in western Colorado for over 30 years, completing more than 4,000 total units. The weatherization services that will be provided through this grant include insulation installation in attics and walls, furnace and refrigerator replacement, sealing air leaks, and installing storm windows and doors.

In addition, Housing Resources was recently awarded a \$254,500 grant from NeighborWorks America. These grant funds will be used to rehabilitate two of Housing Resources’ rental properties. In keeping with the primary focus of the grant measures, the funds will be used to increase energy efficiency and upgrade property interiors.

Some examples of the improvements in the rehabilitation project include the installation of high-efficiency boilers, window replacements, and remodeling of kitchens and bathrooms. As a result, the increased energy efficiency will save on operating costs for these properties.

“We are thrilled to receive these grants,” Katie Wilson, Self-Help Family Coordinator, said.

“Grants like this allow Housing Resources to continue to help so many on the Western Slope to remain in their homes and take pride in where they live.”

NeighborWorks America awarded \$35 million to 117 local NeighborWorks organizations around the country for similar projects.

About Housing Resources

The mission of Housing Resources, a 501(c)(3) private non-profit corporation, is to provide affordable housing and to promote the wise and sustainable use of resources. Housing Resources offers weatherization services, affordable rentals, home rehab loans and new construction services for those with low and moderate income. Learn more about Housing Resources at www.housingresourceswc.org.