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Energy Outreach Providing \$7.7 Million in Energy Bill Assistance Statewide nonprofit helps low-income Coloradans stay warm and safe

DENVER, Oct. 3, 2017 – Starting this week, low-income Coloradans who can't afford to heat and light their homes can apply for \$7.7 million in local energy assistance funding being distributed over the next 12 months by Energy Outreach Colorado.

One in four Colorado households can't afford to pay their home energy bills without skimping on other basic necessities like food or prescriptions. Energy Outreach Colorado provides emergency energy bill payment assistance through a statewide network of community assistance organizations such as senior support agencies, social services offices, veteran-support groups and faith-based organizations.

“Federally-funded programs to support the health and well-being of Americans struggling to make ends meet are increasingly at risk, so local, private nonprofits like Energy Outreach are more important than ever to support our most vulnerable neighbors and communities,” said Skip Arnold, executive director at Energy Outreach Colorado.

Since its inception in 1989, EOC has raised funds through individual and organizational donors for its affordable home energy programs. Each year EOC distributes funding to selected agencies across the state, which accept energy assistance applications, determine eligibility and approve direct payments to local utility or fuel companies to cover struggling

households' overdue bills. Last year, EOC invested \$5.8 million to help pay the overdue home energy bills of about 16,000 Coloradans.

For information about energy bill payment assistance, go to energyoutreach.org/get-help or call toll-free 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435).

About Energy Outreach

EOC is a private, independent nonprofit that raises funds to help low-income Coloradans afford home energy and remain warm and safe in their homes. Established in 1989, Energy Outreach works with partner assistance organizations, vendors and subcontractors across the state to provide energy bill payment assistance, emergency home furnace repair, energy efficiency grants for affordable housing and nonprofit facilities, energy education, and advocacy on behalf of low-income energy consumers.

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