

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**REGULAR MEETING DATE:** February 10, 2010

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing Expenditures of Funds Generated Through the Renewable Energy Mitigation Program for the 2010 Operating Budget for the Community Office for Resource Efficiency

**STAFF RESPONSIBLE:** Tony Fusaro, Chief Building Official

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**ISSUE STATEMENT:** This is the second reading of a resolution that was passed on first reading on January 27, 2010. The Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is asked to approve \$286,500 in Renewable Energy Mitigation Program (REMP) funds for 2010 operating costs for the Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE).

**BACKGROUND:** Since REMP funds may be spent only with approval by joint resolution of the BOCC and the Aspen City Council, the CORE Board of Trustees requests that the BOCC approve \$286,500 for specified expenses for the 2010 calendar year. These expenses include continued support of CORE and Canary Initiative staff as well as support of the Initiative's ZGreen business outreach program.

Staff was requested to make one revision to the two resolutions before you. The \$35,000 funding request for the energy efficient appliance rebate program has been moved from this resolution approving operational funding for CORE to the resolution approving funding for the solar rebate programs. It was thought that the appliance rebate program fit in more appropriately with the funding request for the solar rebate programs. The titles of these resolutions and the funding specifics have been revised to reflect these changes.

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:** Environmental Protection

**KEY DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Moving the appliance rebate program funding request to the resolution approving funding for the solar rebate program.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:** No direct impact to the Pitkin County general fund.

**RECOMMENDED BOCC ACTION:** Approve resolution at second reading.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Attachment A, Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_-2010

ATTACHMENT A

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
PITKIN COUNTY, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS  
GENERATED THROUGH THE RENEWABLE ENERGY MITIGATION  
PROGRAM FOR A 2010 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY  
OFFICE FOR RESOURCE EFFICIENCY**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ -2010**

**RECITALS**

1. On January 26, 2000 the Board of County Commissioners of Pitkin County approved Ordinance No. 8 adopting the Aspen/Pitkin Energy Conservation Code (APECC), which established the Renewable Energy Mitigation Program (REMP).
2. APECC allows that funds collected under REMP be spent with the approval of the Board of Directors of CORE and in accordance with a joint resolution by the BOCC and the Aspen City Council.
3. The REMP fund has a current balance of approximately \$2,050,000 as of October 20, 2009.

Because of the postponement of the REMP grant cycle until May of 2010, the Board of Directors of the Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE) requests approval of the following funds for operational expenses for the 2010 calendar year:

1. REMP management fee, \$90,000: These funds include support for REMP advertising and program outreach, REMP program administration, and energy and carbon analysis and reporting.
2. Third party audit, \$8,000: These funds will be used to complete tax work and processing for CORE.
3. Climate Coordinator Position, \$75,000: The Climate Coordinator works on special projects associated with the reduction of greenhouse gases and sustainable practices. This request will fund the position's salary and benefits during the 2010 calendar.
4. Canary Initiative Staff Position, \$87,500: These funds support the Canary Initiative's Project Coordinator position for 2010. The Project Coordinator develops and implements strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the City of Aspen.

5. ZGreen Business Outreach, \$26,000: These funds will be used to finance a continued environmental education outreach to Aspen's business community. The primary goal of this program is to work with large business to reduce their energy use and environmental footprint in the City of Aspen.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Pitkin County, Colorado, that it does hereby approve the expenditure of \$321,500 for the above projects.

INTRODUCED, FIRST READ AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.

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ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF PITKIN COUNTY, COLORADO

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Jeanette Jones  
Deputy Clerk & Recorder

By \_\_\_\_\_  
George Newman, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MANAGER APPROVAL:

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John Ely, County Attorney

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Hilary Fletcher, County Manager