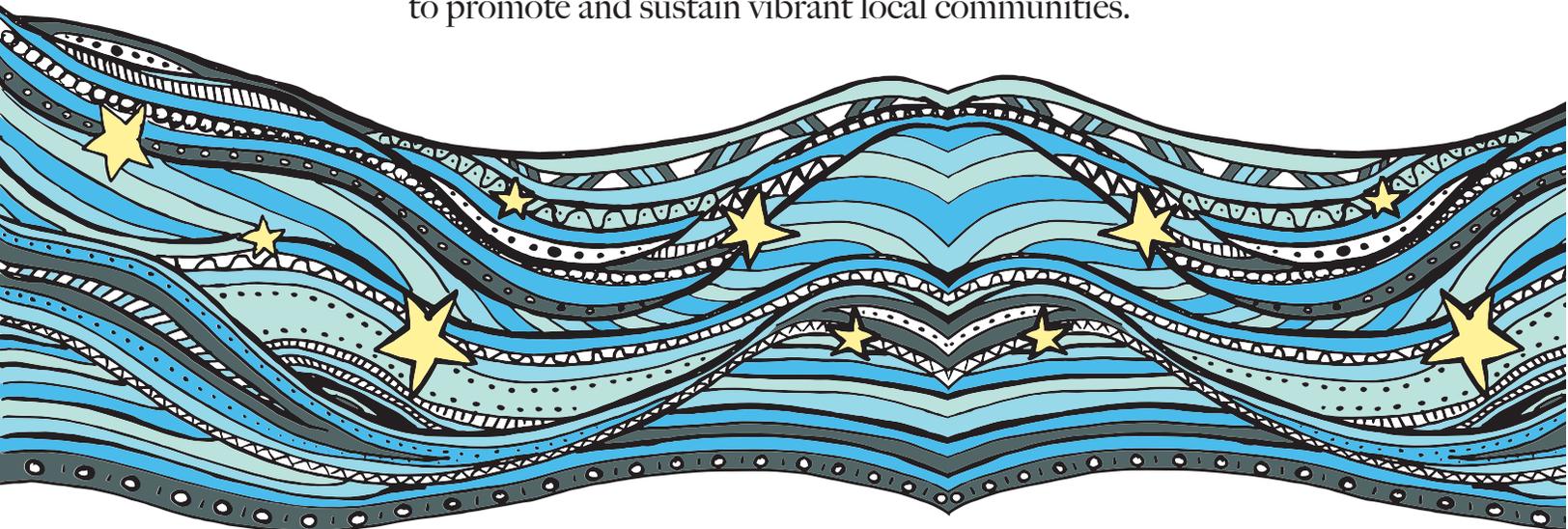


4CORE

Four Corners Office For Resource Efficiency

2015 Annual Report

The leading local resource for the effective and efficient use of energy
to promote and sustain vibrant local communities.



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Mission

4CORE serves Southwest Colorado as the leading resource for the effective and efficient use of energy to promote and sustain vibrant local communities.

Focus Areas

Energy Efficiency

Innovative Solutions

Resource Efficiency
Education

Energy Information Hub

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2015 Focus Areas In Review

Information Hub

- Responded to 103 information requests about resource efficiency through phone, walk-in, and e-mail inquiries, attendance at presentations, newsletters, web site visits and social media.

Innovative Solutions

- Initiated the Solarize Archuleta Campaign and signed up over 108 homes to receive solar consultation; completed 2 installations.
- Facilitated 12 regional working group meetings to discuss alternative fuel vehicles for fleets.
- Met with six (6) fleet managers to discuss fleet analyses as part of the Refuel Colorado Fleets program.
- Met with five (5) potential electric vehicle charging stations.
- Secured funding for a solar program that will provide solar power to low-income families in 2016.

Energy Education

- Presented energy efficient and/or innovative energy information to 314 participants in trainings, open houses, classes and workshops.

Energy Efficiency

- 4CORE's HomeRx Program assessed 42 homes, creating potential for \$7,964 in annual utility savings and preventing 46 metric tons of carbon pollution.
- CommercialRx assessed five businesses, creating the potential for an \$5,595 reduction in utility bills each year and the prevention of 33 metric tons of carbon pollution.

Energy Efficiency for Home & Business

4CORE worked with the City of Durango, and Energy Smart Colorado, Amerigas, and a variety of other entities to make rebates and incentives for energy improvements available in Southwest Colorado. 4CORE conducted home and commercial energy assessments for a variety of clients, and developed a referral program to connect home and building owners to local energy professionals.



Photo provided by Bethany Niccum

'This energy audit makes our space even more enjoyable for everyone... and we actually saved money the very next day.'

*- Bethany Niccum,
Thrive Chiropractic Studio*

Solarize Archuleta

Solarize Archuleta was initiated by 4CORE and a group of committed citizens to break down financial, technical and inertial barriers that usually prevent people from going solar.

4CORE helped sign up over 108 participants in 2015 and two installations were completed thus far. The goal for the campaign is 30 installations by July 2016.

Find more information on Solarize Archuleta at fourcore.org/Residential/Solarize.aspx.



Photo by Dave Nasralla



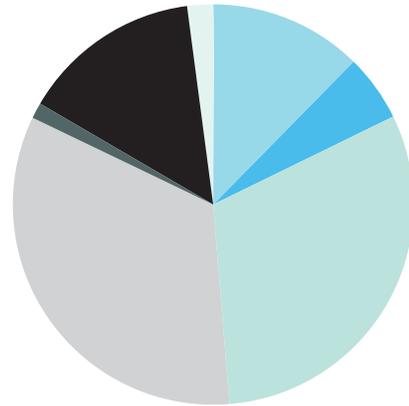
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4CORE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Copies of 990s and audits can be found at fourcore.org.

2015 Financials

How is 4CORE funded?

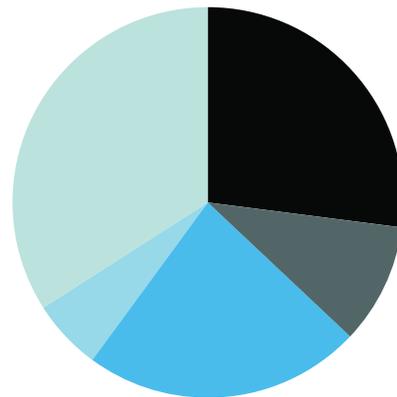
\$161,076 total



- State Grants
- Local Grants & Individuals
- Utilities
- Municipal Support
- Sponsorships
- Fee for Service
- Fundraising and Other

How are funds spent?

\$136,516 total



- Information Hub
- Innovative Solutions
- Energy Education
- Energy Efficiency
- Fundraising and Other

We are grateful for the financial support of the following local funding partners in 2015:



Alternative Transportation Fuels

2015 Results

16,173

Potential dollars saved through services

14,902

Inquiries Answered

94

Metric tons of greenhouse gases potentially prevented

19,966

Dollars brought in to region

4CORE assisted vehicle fleets, fuel providers and auto dealers in La Plata and Montezuma Counties under the Refuel Colorado Fleets program. Assistance was provided through assessing the viability of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) with Energy Coaching, organizing stakeholder meetings and conducting fleet audits. 4CORE continues to disseminate information on AFV models, fueling infrastructure, incentives and tax credits for AFVs and infrastructure needs. 4CORE customized Energy Coaching services for nine (9) fleet managers in 2015 based on their needs.

Six public meetings were held to showcase AFVs, answer questions, dialogue about infrastructure and provide information on the



Photo by Sarah Rank

latest technologies. Two additional meetings were held with a small group of stakeholders to best determine how Southwest Colorado could overcome the “chicken and egg” dilemma associated with compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles and fueling infrastructure.

Looking Ahead

The 4CORE board recently underwent a strategic planning process after several years of steady federal grant funding (4CORE brought \$10 million dollars into the local economy by weatherizing low income homes and carrying other collaborative grant funded projects during this time).

We sent out a survey to our partners and conducted in-depth individual interviews with La Plata County, the City of Durango and the La Plata Electric Organization (LPEA). We found that the best way we can assist and support them in meeting their goals is to serve as our region’s trusted, local energy and resource efficiency hub.

In 2016 4CORE is excited to continue to provide the leadership and knowledge to serve our local communities as its energy and resource efficiency hub.

In Cooperation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Werner Heiber'.

Werner Heiber, 4CORE Board Chair

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