



# 2022 Annual Report

Providing Solutions to the Climate Crisis Through Programs & Projects



4CORE serves Southwest Colorado by promoting resource conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy through education and programs that strengthen the local economy and foster a healthy, sustainable environment.

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# 4CORE Solutions

## WATER CONSERVATION



Our HomeH2O programs provide rainwater harvesting education and workshops to the region and an annual group buy for rain barrels. In 2022, we gained 99 new rainwater harvesters through the group buy. In our drought-stricken region providing water conservation tools and education is critical to saving water.

Look for the new Laundry to Landscape greywater reuse program in 2023 for La Plata County residents that will allow residents to use greywater.

323 Barrels sold since 2018 totals over 1.06 million gallons of H2O possibly collected per season

### We're Listening! You Rated Energy Efficiency as a #1 Priority

We serve between 30-35 vulnerable families annually through CARE (Colorado Affordable Residential Energy). This free, income-qualified residential weatherization program provides audits, health and safety inspections.

Through Energy Smart, we completed 38 energy assessments for businesses and residents which can save as much as 30% on utilities if the recommendations are implemented. Your donations make this program possible to all area residents without income restrictions.



In 2022 we provided training and support for a BPI (Building Professional Institute) certification for an auditor, and delivered over \$22,200 in weatherization upgrades.



"Thank you to 4CORE and the CARE Program- this is a fantastic resource for our community!"  
*Marilyn*

### Beneficial Electrification

We partnered with La Plata Electric Association in 2022, and assisted in a pilot program that provided 20 income-qualified residents at Animas View Mobile Home Park with energy and cost-saving heat pump water heater installations.

### Four Corners Carbon Offset Fund

The 4CornersOffset.org program encourages individuals and businesses to reduce and offset their carbon footprint by donating to the offset fund. Donations to the fund provide grants to qualified local, lower income homeowners for beneficial electric efficiency upgrades.





## Greening Businesses creates energy and cost savings, reduces emissions and provides healthier, equitable workplaces

We recognized an opportunity to support businesses by creating a robust certification program that will help them with more energy efficient operations, save on utility costs, reduce waste at the source, and provide cleaner, healthier work environments. We launched the pilot program in 2022 with overwhelming support and are on our way to certifying 20 businesses in 2023.



Our first Green Business Desert Sun Coffee on their way to Gold Certification



### Steps in the Certification Process

- A Green Biz Coach provides the free, one hour consultation and site visit to begin the process.
- We guide the business through the assessment check list and the possibilities for certification.
- We coordinate energy audits with a BPI (Building Performance Institute) certified professional
- We work with the business all the way up to certification. We help them determine everything from supply chain issues, air quality improvements, commuting behaviors and the business footprint,
- We recommend the upgrades, provide rebates and enhancements to green up operations.

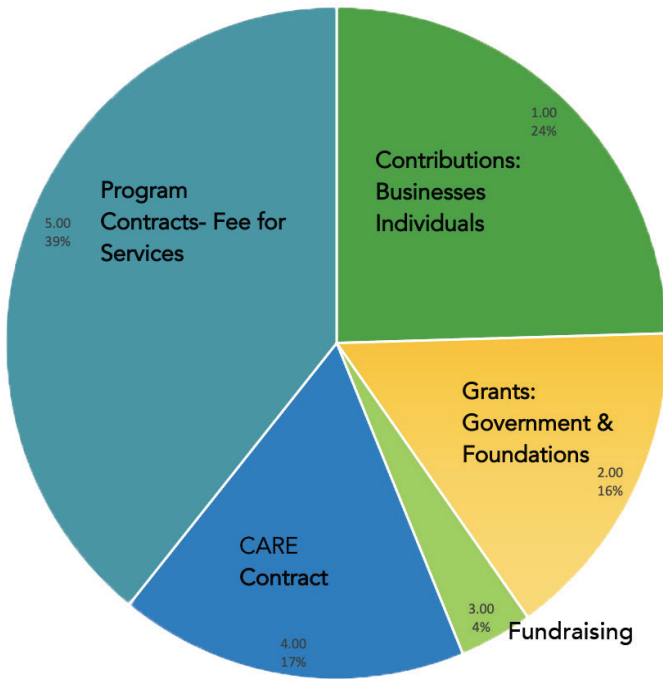
## Zero Emission Transportation It's a big part of 4CORE's climate solutions

4CORE provides electric vehicle(EV) programs; ReCharge, National Drive Electric and Drive Electric Colorado and eBike grants to encourage zero emission travel. We support businesses, towns and governments with EV charging infrastructure development, provide education, ride and drives and fleet analysis. 4CORE is helping achieve a measurable reduction in harmful tailpipe emissions and meet Colorado's ZEV goals.

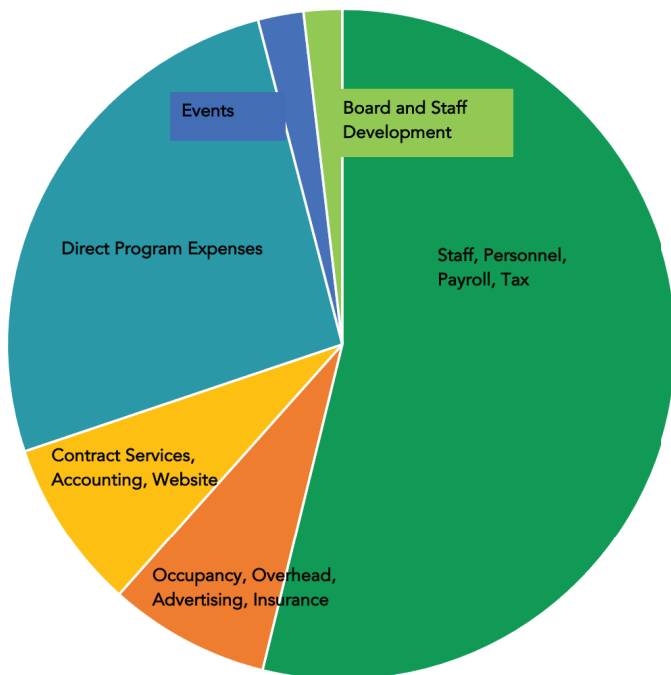


In 2022 we had over 400 attendees at our Ride and Drives and we assisted 13 businesses with charging station installations

## 4CORE Income 2022



## 4CORE Expenses 2022



## From the Director

Looking back on a year offers an opportunity for acknowledging accomplishments. It gives perspective and highlights the good work that's been achieved through our programs and projects. Reviewing the year tells us what's working and where we could improve.

In our recent survey you indicated you would like more information about how and where your donations are used. The charts on the left paint a broad stroke, however, it's always good to have more specific information.

4CORE has evolved as an organization since 2008 and the focus and programs have expanded. We were known as the weatherization organization. While we still provide CARE and Energy Smart weatherization programs, we have expanded to provide other programs that fill a need and immediately address the climate crisis in our region. Those innovative programs need start-up capital and your donations are the fuel that launches and sets up our programs for success.

In 2021 we developed and launched the Four Corners Carbon Offset Fund (4CornersOffset.org). Your donations to offset your footprint has grown allowing us to install the first free, air source heat pump in 2023 to an income-qualified family replacing expensive gas or propane heating.

The Green Business Certification program launched in 2022. We didn't have grants or funding to develop the program, but we recognized a community need. Once we established the platform and process, the City of Durango provided funding support for Durango businesses. The City has increased their support for 2023 and Green Business Certifications are taking off. We have been able to partner with Energy Smart Colorado to provide reduced rates on energy audits. Since the launch in December of 2022, we have 13 business locations in the queue for certification. Your dollars made our work possible to get this program off the ground and support greener business practices.

Beneficial electrification is key to reducing emissions. In 2022, we partnered with La Plata Electric Association, and assisted in a pilot program that provided 20 income-qualified residents at Animas View Mobile Home Park with energy and cost-saving heat pump water heater installations. Going forward, look for more strategic partnering as we take advantage of the Infrastructure funding.

Innovation only happens with your support. We create and develop programs that are immediately reducing emissions and conserving resources. You make it possible for us to grow and change with the times. Thank you.

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