



Greetings!

World leaders are currently gathered in Paris, negotiating a draft agreement to tackle global climate change. While we remain optimistic, optimism is not enough.

[The Community Office for Resource Efficiency](#) (CORE) was founded in 1994--one year prior to the first United Nations climate change conference. While leaders have been busy negotiating, we've spent the last two decades promoting policies and designing programs to reduce carbon emissions, and improve resource efficiency in our community.

One of the reasons we can continue this work is due to the support of community members like you. **Please continue to invest in climate solutions** and community resilience in the Roaring Fork Valley [by making a tax-deductible donation today](#).

As the pressures resulting from climate change increase, the demand for energy independence grows. 2015 has been an incredibly busy year for us, and we are proud of our accomplishments, many of them due in part to your involvement! Participation in [Energy Smart Colorado](#) at CORE has grown; the number of home energy assessments **increased 16 percent in 2015** as compared to 2014!

2015 Energy Improvements for Homes and Businesses:



- Facilitated **260** Energy Smart Home Energy Assessments and identified over **50** safety threats.
- Provided rebates for **250** energy efficiency improvements in homes.
- Funded energy improvements for **26** income-qualified families in Pitkin County, saving these homeowners an average of \$250 a year on their utility bills.
- Provided rebates for **75** energy efficiency improvements in businesses/ multi-family complexes.
- Provided rebates to support **69** renewable energy systems, *that's nearly 70 homes in our community, now powered by clean energy.*

This work is preventing the pollution of **4.17 million pounds of carbon dioxide** emissions annually, or 1,891 tons, equivalent to taking **400 cars off the road**, or nearly **175 homes off the grid**, or planting **1,550 acres of forest each year**.

The 2015 Randy Udall Energy Pioneer Grants

The 2015 [Randy Udall Energy Pioneer Grant](#) provided \$545,000 to fund energy savings projects at four nonprofits, two businesses, two municipalities, and two schools.

These grants will offset **14.781 tons of CO2** equivalent over the lifetime of the projects. equivalent to **taking 3.112 cars off the road**, or **planting over 12.000 acres of forest** each year.



2015 Achievements at the Local and State Levels

In addition to helping homes and businesses, CORE supports local municipalities in reducing their carbon footprint and achieving their sustainability goals.

In 2015, we completed the following:

- Collaborated with the City of Aspen to establish the "[Aspen Energy Challenge](#)."
- Supported the Town of Snowmass Village to increase waste reduction

and recycling.

- Assisting the Town of Basalt in examining the latest green building codes for multifamily and commercial buildings.
- Working with the Town of Carbondale and CLEER on an energy use fee to support Carbondale in reaching their emissions reduction goals by 2020.
- Partnered with CLEER to establish the "Energy Resource Center," in the Third St. Center.
- Assisted with the completion of the "Water Conservation Plan for the Roaring Fork Valley," which will help towns implement water conservation measures.

Statewide: *CORE continues to help lead and administer [Energy Smart Colorado](#) in 48 counties across Colorado.*

- Outside of the Roaring Fork Valley, [Energy Smart Colorado](#) partners facilitated **311** Home Energy Assessments across the state, and provided rebates for **270** home energy upgrades.
- Partnered with the Yampa Valley Sustainability Council, the 7th Energy Smart Colorado partner, to expand access to homes in Routt and Moffat counties.

What's Next?

With your help, we plan to add programs next year that can more fully serve our community. For 2016, we plan to pursue the following:

- Nearly doubling the programs for income-qualified residents to help 40 homes in Pitkin and Eagle County in the Roaring Fork Valley.
- Establishing a new grant to support new or existing homes become "net zero."
- Continuing to provide coaching and financial assistance to homes and businesses to reduce their energy use.
- Continuing to support Energy Smart Colorado in partnering with utilities and counties across Colorado to help them achieve their energy efficiency goals.

Please consider investing in your community by helping CORE continue our work to promote a sustainable economy and a healthy environment for all.

[Support CORE's efforts with a tax-deductible donation today.](#)

We hear all the time, "We couldn't have done this without CORE." Well, we

can't do this work without you. Please show your support by donating today.

With gratitude,



Mona Newton, CORE Executive Director

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