

PMC-EF2a

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: Eagle County Government

STATE: CO

PROJECT TITLE : Resort Communities Retrofit Program

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000148	DE-EE0003798		0

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

- A1** Routine actions necessary to support the normal conduct of agency business, such as administrative, financial, and personnel actions.
- A9** Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.
- A11** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.
- B5.1** Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

Rational for determination:

Eagle County CO will use DOE funding under the Competitive EECBG Grant Award for activities that are bounded in compliance with the uploaded and signed NEPA Statement of Work (SOW) template. Aspects of this project include financial incentives, marketing and outreach, energy audits, and educational opportunities.

The description of project activities is described below as submitted in the EF-1:

The DOE funding will be utilized to achieve a minimum of 20% energy savings in 10% or more of existing residences in Eagle, Pitkin, and Gunnison Counties in Colorado. The collaborative will provide education and marketing, energy audits, energy resource centers, a revolving loan fund complementing each county's Energy Smart PACE program, and comprehensive data tracking, reporting and analysis to achieve this goal. The entire project is based on a 3-year timeline, and the DOE grant would be applied to the entire project. It is our goal that the program will create the market for the EE/RE improvements with built-in cost savings so that projects can continue without additional subsidy.

These projects as described above comprise administrative, financial and personnel actions, education, technical advice, and actions to conserve energy; therefore they are categorized under CX A1, A9, A11, and B5.1.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

If projects are later proposed that fall outside of the bounded categories of the signed NEPA SOW template, additional EF1 worksheets will need to be filed by the grantee.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Jane Summerson Date: 7/9/2010
NEPA Compliance Officer

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

- Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager