

## Appendix G: Funding Sources for High Performance Design

The following programs offer design assistance and/or cash incentives to help Colorado non-residential building owners design and build high performance buildings. Contact funding organizations early in the design process – before siting and orientation decisions are made – for maximum funding opportunities.

In addition to the entries below, inquire about incentives from your local :

- Water utility
- Gas utility
- Electric utility
- City and county governments, and
- Federal government: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

### **Colorado Department of Education (CDE) School District Capital Construction Assistance Program**

The Public School Finance Unit of the CDE administers this program. The program is for school renovation projects and, occasionally, new school construction. A matching contribution is generally required for all projects.

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Website:

[www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstMain.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstMain.htm)

### **Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund**

This program assists state communities in offsetting the direct impacts of energy and mineral development and in meeting other needs indirectly related to such development. Entities eligible to receive funds include municipalities, counties, school districts, special districts and other political subdivisions and state agencies. Typical projects funded include water and sewer improvements, road improvements, construction/improvements to recreation centers, senior centers and other public facilities, fire protection buildings and equipment, and local government planning.

Website:

[www.dola.state.co.us/LGS/FA/emia.htm](http://www.dola.state.co.us/LGS/FA/emia.htm)

### **Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE), Renewable Energy Mitigation Project (REMP)**

Offers cash incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the Roaring Fork Valley, for commercial and residential projects.

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### **Fort Collins Utilities**

#### **Integrated Design Assistance Program**

Offers grants for non-residential buildings to be built in the Fort Collins Utilities electric service territory. Grants can be used for professional services such as energy modeling, daylighting analysis or additional design services. (Refer to Platte River Power Authority for incentives for energy saving equipment.)

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### **Governor's Office of Energy Management & Conservation, Rebuild Colorado**

Provides high performance design grants for Colorado state agencies and state-owned higher education. Numerous tools and resources as well as limited support are available to assist local government projects.

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Website: [www.colorado.gov/rebuildco](http://www.colorado.gov/rebuildco)

### **Energy Performance Contracting**

Energy performance contracting is an innovative financing mechanism that uses energy cost savings to totally or partially fund energy efficiency capital improvement projects. This model has been used successfully for retrofit as well as new construction projects. The Rebuild Colorado of the Governor's Office of Energy Management & Conservation provides sample documents online available to all, and additional expertise and services as available for state and local governments.

*See listing above for contact information.*

**Kresge Foundation**

**Green Building Initiative**

Offers grants of between \$25,000 and \$100,000 for green building design. The grants are available to nonprofits, hospitals, higher education, and schools serving disabled students.  
248-643-9630

Website: [www.kresge.org](http://www.kresge.org)

**USDA Farm Energy Section 9006 Grants**

Renewable energy and energy efficiency grants for rural communities.

Website: [www.farmenergy.org](http://www.farmenergy.org)

**Smart Communities Network**

Strategies and resources for mobilizing capital toward sustainable projects.

Website: [www.smartcommunities.ncat.org](http://www.smartcommunities.ncat.org)

**Platte River Power Authority**

**Electric Efficiency Program**

Provides incentives to help pay the incremental cost of equipment that reduces electric demand during summer afternoons via greater energy efficiency or load shifting (e.g., thermal energy storage). Available to commercial electric customers in Longmont, Loveland, Estes Park or Fort Collins.

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[www.prpa.org/productservices/eepoverview.htm](http://www.prpa.org/productservices/eepoverview.htm)

**Xcel Energy**

**Energy Design Assistance**

Offers funding and services to help pay for energy modeling and other design assistance for Xcel Energy customer buildings over 50,000 square feet. The program also offers cash incentives to help pay for energy saving strategies.

Business Solutions Center  
800-481-4700

[www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com)

**U.S. Energy Policy Act of 2005**

**Tax Credits**

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 mandates credits for energy efficiency improvements and alternative energy, with most beginning in January 2006 and remaining in effect through 2007.

Website: [www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm](http://www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm)