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**Low Income Energy Assistance Program Office Moves to a More Convenient Location
LIEAP Now Located at 648 N. Jackson Street**

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On October 1, when Rocky Mountain Development Council's (RMDC) Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) opens its doors for the season, it does so in a new location. The staff has moved from McHugh Lane to the RMDC Jackson Street Center, at 648 N. Jackson. This convenient in-town spot gives area residents a handy place to pick-up and drop-off LIEAP applications or talk with staff about LIEAP eligibility.

LIEAP helps income-eligible families and individuals meet the costs of keeping warm through the winter. Those who qualify receive a credit to their utility account if heat costs are paid directly or a heat rebate if heating costs are included in rent. Firewood and energy-saving materials are available free of charge to LIEAP clients while supplies last.

LIEAP is funded by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. RMDC administers the program for Broadwater, Jefferson, and Lewis & Clark counties.

“We really want to get the word out about our program and about our new location,” says Candi Standall, RMDC LIEAP and Weatherization Program Manager. “When anyone’s in doubt about their eligibility, we encourage them to fill out and turn in an application, or at least talk with us.” Standall also notes that program changes mean people who haven’t been eligible before may qualify.

Longtime area residents will remember the Jackson Street Center, 648 N. Jackson, as the WESCO Building or as Thurber Printing. It’s currently being converted to offices for several RMDC programs. The Jackson Street Center is reached most easily from Helena Avenue and is just west of Capital Laundry and east of the Steamboat Block parking lot. For information about LIEAP eligibility, call 447-1625 to visit with staff or schedule an appointment. LIEAP Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. LIEAP applications are also available at the Neighborhood Center Reception Office.

For further information about LIEAP or the office move, contact Candi Standall, LIEAP and Weatherization Program Manager, 495-9894 or cstandall@rmdc.net.

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