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CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1511 OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT:

Pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L 111*5 (Feb. 17, 2009)) ("ARRA"), I, Karen Beye, hereby certify that the infrastructure investment funded by Colorado's ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Fund government Services Award has received the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. I further certify that the specific information required by section 1511 concerning such investment (a description of the investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of ARRA funds to be used) is attached and is provided on the <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1239631842459&pagename=O> website and linked to www.recovery.gov.

I understand that my State may not receive ARRA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted.

 For KLB

Karen Beye
Executive Director
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Date

Attachment

**STATE OF COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**ARRA 1511 CERTIFICATION: F Cottage Life Safety Improvements
Suicide Risk Mitigation at the Colorado Mental Health**

Institutes

The State of Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) will use the allocated funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to address critical facility needs at the Colorado Mental Health Institutes located in Denver and Pueblo. The two projects impacted by the ARRA funding include renovations to a locked adult mental health treatment unit on Denver's Fort Logan campus, as well as suicide risk mitigation for secure treatment units located at both the Fort Logan and Pueblo campuses. Key objectives of this project include resolving key life safety and environmental issues for mental health patients, reducing incidents of volatility among potentially violent and assaultive patients, reduction/mitigation of suicide risk and self harm among patients and dramatically improving the environment of care for this vulnerable population.

F COTTAGE LIFE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AT FORT LOGAN (DENVER): The improvements include Installation of a new Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) system for the building to meet current Building Code and Mechanical Codes, abatement of asbestos-containing material, reconfiguration of interior spaces to meet current standards of care—including resident areas, support areas, dining and toilet rooms and treatment areas—upgrade of existing fire protection system to include suicide-resistant sprinkler heads, installation of new interior lighting and new fire alarm and security devices, replacement of existing exterior doors and windows with new high-security, impact-resistant types, Life Safety Code-related upgrades such as sprinkler system retrofits, dampers, fire alarm systems retrofits, smoke seals, and upgraded exit hardware, as well as emergency egress requirements including exit signage, emergency lighting and replacement of exit doors and windows. The ARRA allocation for this project is \$1,995,290.

SUICIDE RISK MITIGATION, COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTES AT FORT LOGAN (DENVER) AND PUEBLO: The project includes mitigation of the risk of patient suicide and/or self-harm by renovating spaces to remove/retrofit building components that pose opportunities for distraught patients to attempt suicide—component replacements include faucets, shower heads, bathroom fixtures, light fixtures, mechanical grilles, suspended ceilings with removable panels, sprinkler heads, door hardware, exposed electrical conduits, switch boxes, hooks, closet rods, protrusions and building finishes such as ceramic tile, etc. Facilities to be addressed under the scope of this project include four locked treatment units at the Fort Logan campus and two locked units at the Pueblo campus. The ARRA allocation for this project is \$3,480,190.