

## News Release

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### **High Sierra Energy Foundation Announced as Energy Upgrade California® Grant Award Winner for Statewide Energy Management Education Program**

Mammoth Lakes – High Sierra Energy Foundation has been named one of a select number of community-based organizations across the state that have been awarded grants to develop and implement energy management outreach, awareness, and educational programs for its local community with an emphasis on reaching diverse and underserved populations.

These grants are part of Energy Upgrade California’s efforts to work with grassroots organizations across the state to educate Californians about the simple steps they can take to better manage energy, save money, and make their homes more comfortable.

“We are proud to have been chosen as Community Ambassadors to implement the Energy Upgrade California educational outreach grant and look forward to working with individuals in our community to provide them with tools and resources they can use to reduce their energy consumption and save money in the process,” Rick Phelps, Executive Director, High Sierra Energy Foundation, said.

High Sierra Energy Foundation was one of 34 organizations statewide that received grants. High Sierra Energy Foundation won an award due to its strong history of effectively reaching diverse communities to effect change through grassroots outreach and engagement programs.

“The grants will help bring the importance of energy management to communities throughout the state,” Lauri Walker, manager of community ambassadors, Energy Upgrade California said. “If we all take steps to better conserve and manage energy, our collective efforts will make a big difference as California works to meet energy goals.”

High Sierra Energy Foundation’s long experience with community outreach campaigns has demonstrated its success in reaching diverse populations by utilizing both in-person and

social media outreach. With the funds received, High Sierra Energy Foundation will fund Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) to reach deeper into the community.

*Energy Upgrade California® is a state initiative to help Californians take action to save energy and conserve natural resources, help reduce demand on the electricity grid, and make informed energy management choices at home and at work. It is supported by an alliance of the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission, utilities, regional energy networks, local governments, businesses, and nonprofits to help communities meet state and local energy and climate action goals. Funding comes from investor-owned utility customers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. For more information, visit [www.EnergyUpgradeCa.org](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCa.org).*

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