

# Planting Seeds for Long Term Success

Creating enduring, dedicated funding mechanisms to maximize energy efficiency in rural communities

**Clean Energy Economy for the Region** works to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy, increase energy independence and reduce our contribution to climate change. CLEER facilitates programs for GCE's partners.

**Partners:** Garfield Clean Energy: Parachute, Rifle, Silt, New Castle, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Garfield County, Roaring Fork Transportation Authority, Colorado Mountain College, and Holy Cross Energy; Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy; City of Glenwood Springs Municipal Utility; Energy Smart Colorado; SWEEP, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project

The goal of our project is to create regional funding sources that are enduring, dedicated, and diversified to support robust energy efficiency programs in Garfield County, helping many more households and small businesses maximize energy savings. Our project will also create funding models that can help other rural communities reduce energy burdens for residents, diversify their regional economies, and develop and sustain the local capacity and expertise needed over the long term.

