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Fruitdale School Lofts Receives Regional Air Quality Grant to Install Charging Station for Electric Cars

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. March 21, 2017 – The Regional Air Quality Council announced that Fruitdale School Partners received a grant award of \$6,260 through the Charge Ahead Colorado program to support the installation of an electric car charging station, or EVSE (Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment) at the historic Fruitdale School. The school is being transformed into 16 affordable rental apartments, to be known as Fruitdale School Lofts and ready for occupancy in late 2017.

“With our focus on renewable energy and the installation of solar power at Fruitdale School Lofts, we are thrilled to add a charging station to our property,” stated Jim Hartman, principal of Hartman Ely Investments. “Energy conscious residents will be able to charge their electric cars for free overnight. We are also looking at being able to offer that opportunity to teachers at the neighboring school for use during the day.”

“The restoration of the Fruitdale School into affordable rental lofts offers a unique residential opportunity for Wheat Ridge,” stated Patrick Goff, Wheat Ridge city manager. “With the use of solar power and now the convenience of a free electric vehicle charging station, Fruitdale School Lofts provide our City with an example of how to create a sustainable lifestyle in a re-purposed historic landmark that is very important to our community.”

About Charge Ahead Colorado

Charge Ahead Colorado is a program formed in partnership by the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) and the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) to improve air quality and encourage the deployment of electric vehicles. The program provides grants to qualifying entities to support the purchase of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations. The next application round for Charge Ahead Colorado grant funding will open in the summer 2017. Visit www.CleanAirFleets.org for more information.

About the City of Wheat Ridge

The City of Wheat Ridge, located west of Denver with a population of 33,000 residents, is home to a mix of retail/commercial businesses and unique residential neighborhoods. Wheat Ridge is a vibrant community in a prime location, providing easy access to the Denver metro area and to recreation west into the mountains. The city was recently ranked #7 of Colorado’s Top 14 Small Cities by Washington D.C.-based WalletHub’s [“2016 Best Small Cities in America”](#). For more info about Wheat Ridge ci.wheatridge.co.us

About Fruitdale School Partners

Fruitdale School Partners LLC is a partnership between Hartman Ely Investments (HEI), the Wheat Ridge Housing Authority, Pinnacle Real Estate Management, Monarch Investment & Management Group and City Street Investors. HEI manages the partnership and has pioneered electric vehicle charging, solar power and energy efficiency for many years. Visit www.hartmanelyinvestments.com for more information. Other team members in the Fruitdale project are the City of Wheat Ridge, Citywide Banks, Jefferson County Community Development, State Historical Fund, Xcel Energy, The Abo Group and Palace Construction.

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