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ClimateSmart loan program workshops start Monday

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Boulder County soon will start its next round of ClimateSmart loans, which help homeowners pay for energy-efficient and renewable-energy upgrades to their homes.

To participate, homeowners must attend one of a series of workshops that start Monday and run through April. The on-line loan application period is expected to open mid-April and run through May.

Eligible projects include increasing insulation in a home, replacing inefficient heating and cooling systems, installing biomass heating, sealing air leaks and installing photovoltaic, solar thermal or wind energy systems. The loans are repaid through a special assessment on a homeowner's property taxes, and the debt runs with the property.

There are workshops at the Center for ReSource Conservation, 2639 Spruce St., Boulder, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and again on March 22 and March 24. There are two workshops in Longmont at the end of the month. Additional workshops will be offered in April.

For information about the program, a complete schedule of workshops and a link to register, go to the ClimateSmart Loan Program's [residential program Web site](#).

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