

Colorado's Water Plan Grants

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does my project qualify for a Water Plan Grant?

Colorado's Water Plan identifies a number of actions, goals, and measurable objectives to promote Colorado's water values. Chapter 10 identifies a "Critical Action Plan" featuring near-term, high-impact actions which would support the measurable objectives and enhance Colorado's water values. This will be CWCB's guide during the approval process. Contact CWCB staff if you have any questions.

2. When are applications due?

CWCB will provide multiple rounds of funding for the first year of available funding. Applications are due on August 1, 2017 and October 1, 2017. These will be followed by a February 1, 2018 application due date. It is anticipated that future year's applications will be August 1 and February 1 annually, pending available funding.

3. What is the "Intent to Apply" box?

Since this is a new grant opportunity with limited funds and a short turnaround for applications, the CWCB wants to make sure it considers projects that may not be ready for submittal of a completed Water Plan Grant Application. The "Intent to Apply" represents an intent to apply for grant funding in 2017 or 2018 calendar years. This will allow the Board to prioritize projects to fit current and future available funding. It is anticipated that this option will be removed after the initial year of grant funding.

4. How much money is available for Project funding?

Projects can receive no more than of 50% of the current total "unreserved" funding available in each category, as identified in the 2017 CWCB Projects Bill (HB 17-1248). Those balances are available on the CWCB web site (www.cwcb.state.co.us) under Loans and Grants.

5. When are the applications reviewed and approved?

The CWCB Board will issue approvals after hearing the projects over the course of two meetings. Please see the table below for the application and approval schedule.

Application Due	Staff Review	Board Meeting (Initial Consideration)	Board Meeting (Approval)	Notice of Approval/Denial	Grant Contracting (Estimate)	Notice to Proceed "work may begin" (Estimate)
August 1, '17	30 days	Sept. 20/21	Nov. 15/16	Dec. 1	45 days	Jan. 15, '18
October 1, '17	30 days	Nov. 15/16	Jan. 22/23	Feb. 1	45 days	Mar. 15, '18
February 1, '18	30 days	Mar. 21/22	May 23/24	June 1	45 days	July 15, '18
August 1, '18	30 days	Sept. 19/20	Nov. 14/15	Dec. 1	45 days	Jan. 15, '19
February 1, '19	30 days	March	May	June 1	45 days	July 15, '19

6. Can I start my project before grant approval?

No. Any work identified in the grant Statement of Work to be paid with State funds may not occur prior to an executed grant contract with the State. No exceptions.

7. What is the funding limit for my project?

CWCB will strive to balance the funding available with the impact that the project has on the state and the Colorado Water Plan. The category type of the project and type of activity will control the level of funding request. Applications with higher matching contributions in a particular category will receive a higher prioritization. See the Water Plan Grant Guidelines for recommended application limits.