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Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Plan Grant Application

Instructions

To receive funding for a Water Plan Grant, applicant must demonstrate how the project, activity, or process (collectively referred to as “project”) funded by the CWCB will help meet the measurable objectives and critical actions in the Water Plan. Grant guidelines are available on the CWCB website.

If you have questions, please contact CWCB at (303) 866-3441 or email the following staff to assist you with applications in the following areas:

Supply and Demand Gap Projects: Rebecca.Mitchell@state.co.us

Water Storage Projects: Anna.Mauss@state.co.us

Conservation, Land Use Planning: Kevin.Reidy@state.co.us

Education & Innovation Activities: Mara.MacKillop@state.co.us

Agricultural Projects: Gregory.Johnson@state.co.us

Environmental & Recreation Projects: Linda.Bassi@state.co.us

Applicants interested in submitting an 'Intent to Apply' in the future are encouraged to check here ☐ and fill in all sections with the best information available at the time. Exhibits excluded.

This “Intent to Apply” will help CWCB prioritize Projects that are not ready for fully completed Water Plan Grant Application due to the initial timeframe and deadlines required.

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	One World One Water Center at MSU Denver	
Name of Water Project	WaterWise Circa 2018: Water Theatre Company	
CWP Grant Request Amount		\$ 10,225
Other Funding Sources <u>Aurora Water, Denver</u> Water, City of Boulder		\$ 3,000
Other Funding Sources _____		\$ 0
Applicant Funding Contribution		\$ 2,500 (In-Kind)
Total Project Cost		\$ 15,725



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Applicant & Grantee Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	One World One Water Center at MSU Denver
Mailing Address	PO Box 173362, Campus Box 8, Denver, CO 80217
FEIN	
Organization Contact	Tom Cech
Position/Title	Co-Director
Email	tcech@msudenver.edu
Phone	970-371-9598
Grant Management Contact	<u>Tom Cech</u>
Position/Title	Co-Director
Email	tcech@msudenver.edu
Phone	970-371-9598
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	
Mailing Address	
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	

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Description of Grantee/Applicant

Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less).

The One World One Water (OWOW) Center at Metropolitan State University of Denver strives to prepare an educated, empowered, solution-oriented Colorado citizenry to protect and preserve our precious water resources. This is accomplished through academic water studies programs, online classes, community partnerships, internship development, research projects, hands-on experiential learning opportunities, conferences, water festivals, and collaborations with other universities in addition to many other creative activities. The OWOW Center recognizes that collaboration is a key component to creating successful, innovative, and impactful programs.



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
X	Public (Government): Municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities. Federal agencies are eligible, but only if they can make a compelling case for why a local partner cannot be the grant recipient.
	Public (Districts): Authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises.
	Private Incorporated: Mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations.
	Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors: Private parties may be eligible for funding.
	Non-governmental organizations (NGO): Organization that is not part of the government and is non-profit in nature.
	Covered Entity: As defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes .

Type of Water Project (check all that apply)	
	Study
	Construction
X	Identified Process or Program
	Other

Category of Water Project (check all that apply)		
	Supply and Demand Gap Projects - Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) _____)	
	Water Storage Projects - Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial recharge into aquifers, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed storage capacity. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) _____)	
	Conservation and Land Use Planning Projects - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) _____)	
X	Engagement & Innovation Projects - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application available on the website. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) _____)	
	Agricultural Projects - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) _____)	
	Environmental & Recreation Projects – Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) _____)	
	Other	Explain:



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Location of Water Project

Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed project below in **decimal degrees**. The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable.

County/Countries	Denver, Boulder, Araphaoe
Latitude	39.742043, 40.014984, 39.071445,
Longitude	-104.991531, -105.270546, -108.549728

Water Project Overview

Please provide a summary of the proposed water project (200 words or less). Include a description of the project and what the CWP Grant funding will be used for specifically (e.g., studies, permitting process, construction). Provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized or the water body affected by the project, where applicable. Include details such as acres under irrigation, types of crops irrigated, number of residential and commercial taps, length of ditch improvements, length of pipe installed, and area of habitat improvements, where applicable. If this project addresses multiple purposes or spans multiple basins, please explain.

The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, Other Funding Sources/Amounts and Schedule.

In 2014 the One World One Water Center at Metropolitan State University (MSU) of Denver, the Theatre Department at MSU Denver, Aurora Water, the City of Boulder and Denver Water partnered to create and implement a theatre water course at MSU Denver that explored the topic of water in Colorado. In addition to ensemble performance skills, MSU Denver students in this course learned about current Colorado water issues and water supply concepts and created a 20-minute ensemble performance about protecting and conserving Colorado's water. Performances of the project were done at multiple venues for 5th and 6th graders. In 2016 and 2017 the group continued as a professional theatre company and performed their WaterWise show at three water festivals and at the Colorado Water Congress Conference in January 2017. Audience reactions to the performances have been overwhelmingly positive and the project received the "2015 Innovation in Environmental Education" award from the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education. Grant funding from the CWCB would allow this program to continue in 2018 helping us reach over 3,000 additional students with performances at the Aurora, Boulder and Denver Water Festivals.

The Performance of WaterWise 2015 can be viewed at:

<https://msudenver.edu/theatre/productionsauditions/waterwisecirca2015/>



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Measurable Results		
To catalog measurable results achieved with the CWP Grant funds, please provide any of the following values as applicable:		
	New Storage Created (acre-feet)	
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive	
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)	
	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)	
	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)	
	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)	
	Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms	
	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning	
X	Other	Explain: Provides education on Colorado water supply and water conservation behaviors to 3,000 students

Water Project Justification
<p>Provide a description of how this water project supports the goals of Colorado's Water Plan, the most recent Statewide Water Supply Initiative, and the applicable Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan and Education Action Plan. The Applicant is required to reference specific needs, goals, themes, or Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs), including citations (e.g. document, chapters, sections, or page numbers).</p> <p>The proposed water project shall be evaluated based upon how well the proposal conforms to Colorado's Water Plan Framework for State of Colorado Support for a Water Project (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;)</p>
<p>Colorado's Water Plan identifies the OWOW Center at MSU Denver as groups leading campus communities on water supply planning, research, dialogue, and education. Bringing together water providers in the Denver metro area allows for unique opportunities to spearhead programs that will incorporate Colorado's Water Plan priorities and campus educational outreach goals.</p> <p>The Basin Implementation Plans described a list of goals including to "identify the necessary institutional changes, and the related cultural and economic adaptations in Colorado lifestyle, to address increasing water demands." Theater is an excellent way to reach and engage 5th & 6th grade students, their teachers and parents, to become more aware of water conservation and stewardship needs in our state.</p> <p>The Colorado Basin Roundtable Education Action Plan includes a goal to "enhance water education opportunities in higher education." This project will directly fulfill the Roundtable's goal since 50 percent of the water used in the Metro Denver region originates in the Colorado River Basin.</p>



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Related Studies

Please provide a list of any related studies, including if the water project is complementary to or assists in the implementation of other CWCB programs.

Previous CWCB Grants, Loans or Other Funding

List all previous or current CWCB grants (including WSRF) awarded to both the Applicant and Grantee. Include: 1) Applicant name; 2) Water activity name; 3) Approving RT(s); 4) CWCB board meeting date; 5) Contract number or purchase order; 6) Percentage of other CWCB funding for your overall project.

OWOW Center, State Water Plan Student Engagement, Statewide Account & Metro Basin Roundtable, March 2015.

OWOW Center, Water Theater Troupe, Metro Basin Roundtable, WSRA Grant – POGG1 2016-695, February 2016, no other CWCB funding for this project.

OWOW Center, Englewood Schools and Shed '16 conference, Severance Tax Operational Fund, 2015.

OWOW Center, Water Efficiency Film, Water Efficiency Grant, POGG1PDAA20160000000000000769, November 2016, no other CWCB funding for this project.

OWOW Center, Englewood Schools, Shed '17 conference, and Value of Water economics class, Severance Tax Operational Fund, POGG7 PDAA 201700000043, no other CWCB funding for this project.

OWOW Center, Colorado Water Collaboratory, Water Conservation Public Education & Outreach Grant, POGGI PDAA 20160000000000000888, May 2016, no other CWCB funding for this project.

OWOW Center, Colorado's Water Plan: Education Asset Mapping,



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Previous CWCB Grants, Loans or Other Funding
Severance Tax Operational Fund, March 2017, no contract number yet, no other CWCB funding for this project.

Taxpayer Bill of Rights
The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect your application.

Submittal Checklist	
	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract .
Exhibit A	
x	Statement of Work ⁽¹⁾
x	Budget & Schedule ⁽¹⁾ (<i>Spreadsheet</i>)
x	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽¹⁾
Exhibit C	
	Map ⁽¹⁾
	Photos/Drawings/Reports
	Letters of Support (Support letter from Basin Roundtable encouraged)
	Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)
	Certificate of Good Standing with Colorado Secretary of State ⁽²⁾
	W-9 ⁽²⁾
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽²⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
Engagement & Innovation Grant Applicants ONLY	
x	Engagement & Innovation Supplemental Application ⁽¹⁾

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(1) Required with application.

(2) Required for contracting. While optional at the time of this application, submission can expedite contracting upon CWCB Board approval.



ENGAGEMENT & INNOVATION GRANT FUND SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

Introduction & Purpose

Colorado's Water Plan calls for an outreach, education, public engagement, and innovation grant fund in Chapter 9.5.

The overall goal of the Engagement & Innovation Grant Fund is to enhance Colorado's water communication, outreach, education, and public engagement efforts; advance Colorado's water supply planning process; and support a statewide water innovation ecosystem.

The grant fund aims to engage the public to promote well-informed community discourse regarding balanced water solutions statewide. The grant fund aims to support water innovation in Colorado. The grant fund prioritizes measuring and evaluating the success of programs, projects, and initiatives. The grant fund prioritizes efforts designed using research, data, and best practices. The grant fund prioritizes a commitment to collaboration and community engagement. The grant fund will support local and statewide efforts.

The grant fund is divided into two tracks: engagement and innovation. The Engagement Track supports education, outreach, communication, and public participation efforts related to water. The Innovation Track supports efforts that advance the water innovation ecosystem in Colorado.

Application Questions

*The grant fund request is referred to as "project" in this application.

Overview (answer for both tracks)
In a few sentences, what is the overall goal of this project? How does it achieve the stated purpose of this grant fund (above)?
The overall goal of the WaterWise Circa 2018 Theatre Company project is to continue to use theatre for social change to provide creative, impactful, memorable water education for 5 th and 6 th grade students in Colorado.
Who is/are the target audience(s)? How will you reach them? How will you involve the community?
The target audience are 5 th and 6 th graders in Aurora, Boulder and Denver. We will reach this audience by having the theatre company perform at each Utility's annual Water Festival.
Describe how the project is collaborative or engages a diverse group of stakeholders. Who are the partners in the project? Do you have other funding partners or sources?
In 2014 Metropolitan State University of Denver, Aurora Water, the city of Boulder and Denver Water partnered to create a new and innovative water education project using theatre as social change. The collaboration has provided a water theatre performance to students in each of these Utilities service areas in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Not only are the audiences that see the performance diverse but the project has brought together a diverse group of MSU students and has offered them the opportunity to work as paid actors providing and impactful experience for audiences across the front range. In previous years MSU student actors received college credit and a small stipend for their time. Moving



Overview (answer for both tracks)

forward the partnership is not able to provide college credit as compensation since the student performers have already received credit and many of them have graduated. The 2018 budget for the project includes paying the actors as professional performers. A Water Plan Grant would enable the partnership to provide the opportunity to continue these performances in 2018. The performance of WaterWise Circa 2015 can be viewed at:

<https://msudenver.edu/theatre/productionsauditions/waterwisecirca2015/>

Describe how you plan to measure and evaluate the success and impact of the project?

Since the beginning of this program the performance has received overwhelming positive feedback and evaluations from audiences. 5th and 6th graders are able to identify main concepts and share new things they learned from seeing the show. In 2018 evaluation data will be collected from audiences. The team will not only obtain evaluation information from 5th and 6th grade students that view the performances, but we will continue to work with and evaluate the impact this project has had on the college/recent graduate performers. The MSU Denver Theatre Student performers have continued their personal water education and have created a Facebook page to communicate new and innovative ideas on water conservation with one another, their friends and family. Even though a number of performers have graduated from college, they still remain in the ensemble and place a high priority on continuing to perform this important show. Their continued outreach projects to their communities and testimonials of their experience will also be collected.

What research, evidence, and data support your project?

Theatre for social change is a valuable and effective means of reaching a critical age-group. The process of utilizing an art form, specifically created and written to appeal to 5th and 6th grade students is a time-proven method of education and outreach. The actors exhibit positive water conservation and water pollution prevention behaviors during the performance and audience members are inspired to make those behavior changes in their own lives. Not only are the students entertained, they learn interesting facts about Colorado water and see important college-aged role models conveying a valuable message.

Describe potential short- and long-term challenges with this project.

This would be our fourth year for the project, so the process of rehearsing and performing WaterWise Circa 2018 has been worked out and although it takes continued time and work to make each performance ready it does not create a big challenge. Incorporating performances into each Water Festival is very easy as these events are ongoing programs of each water utility and provide an automatic audience. Ongoing funding and retaining actors in the theatre ensemble once they graduate are the biggest long-term challenges of the program.

Please fill out the applicable questions for either the Engagement Track or Innovation Track, unless your project contains elements in both tracks. If a question does not relate to your project, just leave it blank. Please answer each question that relates to your project. Please reference the relevant documents and use chapters and page numbers (Colorado's Water Plan, Basin Implementation Plan, PEPO Education Action Plan, etc.).

Engagement Track

Describe how the project achieves the education, outreach, and public engagement measurable objective set forth in Colorado's Water Plan to "significantly improve the level of public awareness



and engagement regarding water issues statewide by 2020, as determined by water awareness surveys.”

This project has fostered water leaders in Colorado by working with University students and allowing them to combine their interests and talents in theatre with social change and environmental education. Many are seeking careers that may include environmental and water education and outreach. In addition over 3,000 students a year have learned important Colorado water concepts and water conservation tools reiterating and emphasizing their importance in a new and impactful way. 5th graders who took a survey one year after attending the Aurora Youth Water Festival indicated that the MSU Theatre Performance was one of the most memorable experiences at the festival. 100% of respondents indicated that they believe that they are better water stewards and understand the importance of water after attending the event. Water Utilities and organizations strive to provide important water messages to all of their customers and reaching students multiple times during their school careers creates customers with a strong water knowledge base. The WaterWise Circa 2018 Theatre Company plays an impactful role in this effort and is a fantastic way to reach students at age 10 and 11.

Describe how the project achieves the other measurable objectives and critical goals and actions laid out in Colorado’s Water Plan around the supply and demand gap; conservation; land use; agriculture; storage; watershed health, environment, and recreation; funding; and additional.

The supply and demand gap, conservation, watershed health and environmental enhancement could all be positively affected by this project. Student performers received in-depth training from the partners of the project on all of these concepts. All of the performers had to pass a test on these topics before they could proceed to the creative process of developing the show. Their task was then to take those concepts and incorporate them into their show. All of these topics are touched upon in the WaterWise Circa 2018 performance providing an important introduction to these concepts to Colorado 5th & 6th graders.

Describe how the project achieves the education, outreach, and public engagement goals set forth in the applicable Basin Implementation Plan(s).

This project will enhance and promote watershed education for a critical age group. The goal will then be for students to engage in personal practices that help promote water education in their families and neighborhoods. In addition the project won the “2015 Innovation in Environmental Education” award from the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education.

Describe how the project achieves the basin roundtable’s PEPO Education Action Plans.

Public education and outreach will be enhanced by college students and 5th and 6th graders becoming more aware of Colorado water concepts, water conservation behaviors and the benefits to their communities. The first step in behavior change is education. This project provides that education in a memorable and effective way.

Innovation Track

Describe how the project enhances water innovation efforts and supports a water innovation ecosystem in Colorado.



Innovation Track
Describe how the project engages/leverages Colorado’s innovation community to help solve our state’s water challenges.
Describe how the project helps advance or develop a solution to a water need identified through TAP-IN and other water innovation challenges. What is the problem/need/challenge?
Describe how this project impacts current or emerging trends; technologies; clusters, sectors, or groups in water innovation.

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Colorado Water Conservation Board
Water Plan Grant - Exhibit A

Statement Of Work	
Date:	7/27/17
Name of Applicant:	One World One Water Center at MSU Denver
Name of Water Project:	WaterWise Circa 2018: Water Theatre Company
Funding Source:	Aurora Water, Denver Water, City of Boulder
Water Project Overview: Please provide a summary of the proposed water project (200 words or less). The same summary can be used from Page 5 of the CWP Grant Application.	
<p>In 2014 the One World One Water Center at Metropolitan State University (MSU) of Denver, the Theatre Department at MSU Denver, Aurora Water, the City of Boulder and Denver Water partnered to create and implement a theatre water course at MSU Denver that explored the topic of water in Colorado. In addition to acting and ensemble performance skills, MSU Denver students in this course learned about current Colorado water issues and water supply concepts and created a 20-minute ensemble performance about protecting and conserving Colorado's water. Performances of the project were done at multiple venues for 5th and 6th graders. In 2016 and 2017 the group continued as a professional theatre company and performed their WaterWise show at three water festivals and at the Colorado Water Congress Conference in January 2017. Audience reactions to the performances have been overwhelmingly positive and the project received the "2015 Innovation in Environmental Education" award from the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education. Grant funding from the CWCB would allow this program to continue in 2018 helping us reach over 3,000 additional students with educational water performances at the Aurora, Boulder and Denver Water Festivals.</p>	
Objectives: List the objectives of the project.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase 5th and 6th grader's Colorado Water knowledge through a polished, informative and creative theatre performance at the Aurora Boulder and Denver Water Festivals in May 2018. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the college level performers in the ensemble are knowledgeable about current Colorado water concepts including but not limited to, source water and watershed protection, water pollution prevention and water conservation techniques • WaterWise 2018 performances convey this information using a memorable, creative approach • 5th and 6th grade students learn these water concepts and are able to retain water information 	



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Tasks

Provide a detailed description of each project task using the following format:

Task 1 – Review water content of WaterWise Circa 2017 performance piece and make any necessary improvements for WaterWise Circa 2018 performance piece.

Description of Task:

Water Utilities will update performers on current Colorado Water concepts. Performers will then update the performance piece for 2018 including any new information if necessary. Rehearsals will be held to refine and polish the WaterWise Circa 2018 performance.

Method/Procedure:

- Representatives from Aurora Water, Boulder Utilities and or Denver Water will review water content of the performance and provide any new or updated information.
- The Theatre Director will conduct rehearsals with actors prior to May 2018 at MSU Denver.



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Tasks
Grantee Deliverable: Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task
WaterWise Circa 2018 Theatre Performance conveys accurate Colorado Water concepts and is well polished and ready for performances.
CWCB Deliverable: Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task
The One World One Water Center at MSU Denver will provide a summary report of tasks completed including water utility content review, rehearsals conducted and administrative tasks completed.

Tasks
Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format:
Task 2 – Performances of WaterWise Circa 2018
Description of Task:
The WaterWise Circa 2018 theatre performance will be performed at the Aurora, Boulder and Denver Water Festivals in May of 2018.
Method/Procedure:



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Tasks
The theatre performance will be scheduled at each water festival event.
Grantee Deliverable: Describe the deliverable the grantee expects from this task
Performances will be done at each water festival.
CWCB Deliverable: Describe the deliverable the grantee will provide CWCB documenting the completion of this task
Denver Water, Aurora Water and Boulder Utilities will provide a summary of performances held at their water festivals along with evaluation data from audiences.

Repeat for Task 3, Task 4, Task 5, etc.

Budget and Schedule
This Statement of Work shall be accompanied by a combined Budget and Schedule that reflects the Tasks identified in the Statement of Work and shall be submitted to CWCB in excel format.

Reporting Requirements
Progress Reports: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of issuance of a purchase order, or the execution of a contract. The progress report shall describe the status of the tasks identified in the statement of work, including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues. The CWCB may withhold reimbursement until satisfactory progress reports have been submitted.

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Reporting Requirements

Final Report: At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a Final Report on the applicant's letterhead that:

- Summarizes the project and how the project was completed.
- Describes any obstacles encountered, and how these obstacles were overcome.
- Confirms that all matching commitments have been fulfilled.
- Includes photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

The CWCB will withhold disbursement the last 10% of the budget until the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

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Water Plan Grant - Exhibit A

Budget and Schedule

Date: 7/27/17

Name of Applicant: One World One Water Center at MSU Denver

Name of Water Project: WaterWise Circa 2018: Water Theatre Company

Task No.	Task Description	Start Date⁽¹⁾	End Date	Grant Funding Request	Match Funding	Total
1	Performance Preparation, refamiliarization with Colorado water issues	1/15/2018	5/4/2018	\$6,175	2,500	\$8,675
2	Water Festival Performances	5/7/18	5/31/18	\$4,050	\$3,000	\$7,050
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Total				\$10,225	\$5,500	\$15,725

(1) Start Date for funding under \$100K, minimum 45 Days from Board Approval; Start Date for funding over \$100K, minimum 90 Days from Board Approval

• Round values up to the nearest hundred dollars.

· Reimbursement eligibility commences upon the grantee's receipt of a Notice to Proceed (NTP)

NTP will not be accepted as a start date. Project activities may commence as soon as grantee enters contract and receives formal NTP if

The applicant shall provide a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of contract execution.

CWCB will withhold disbursement of the last 10% of the total grant amount until a Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB



City of Boulder Public Works

To: Colorado Water Conservation Board

From: MaryAnn Nason, Watershed Sustainability & Outreach Supervisor
City of Boulder

Date: 7/31/17

Subject: Water Plan Grant Application-Engagement and Innovation Grant
WaterWise Circa 2018: Water Theatre Company

The City of Boulder highly values water education and we strive to collaborate with other organizations to provide innovative activities that support water education throughout Colorado.

During the 2014-2015 school year, the City of Boulder partnered with Denver Water, Aurora Water, the One World One Water Center at Metropolitan State University (MSU) and the Theatre Department at Metropolitan State University (MSU) to create a Water Theatre Company. This Company, made up of MSU Theatre students, not only learned theatre ensemble skills and how to write a performance piece but also gained valuable information and lessons on Colorado water. The Company created a 20-minute performance for 5th and 6th grade students showcasing the importance of conserving and protecting Colorado's water.

The Water Theatre Company performed their WaterWise show at municipal water festival events in 2015 and 2016 and audience reactions to the performances have been overwhelmingly positive. This performance plays a key role in our ability to maximize the amount of students we can see each year at the water festival- up to 1,300 participants! Lastly, the project received the "2015 Innovation in Environmental Education" award from the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education.

Funding from the CWCB Engagement and Innovation Grant would allow this program to continue allowing us to offer the WaterWise Circa 2018 theatre performance for over 3,000 students at three Water Festivals in Colorado. We are proud to be involved in a collaborative project that is consistent with the goals of the Colorado Water Plan and the City of Boulder is committed to contributing \$1,000 to fund this endeavor in 2018.

Sincerely,

MaryAnn Nason
City of Boulder
Watershed Sustainability & Outreach Supervisor

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To: Colorado Water Conservation Board

From: Greg Baker, Public Relations and Water Conservation Manager
Aurora Water

Date: 7/28/17

Subject: Water Plan Grant Application-Engagement and Innovation Grant
WaterWise Circa 2018: Water Theatre Company

The Aurora Water highly values water education and has continued to grow our Youth Education Program over the past 25 years. Currently reaching over 10,000 students a year we strive to collaborate with other organizations to provide innovative activities that support water education throughout Colorado.

During the 2014-2015 school year Aurora Water partnered with Denver Water, the City of Boulder, the One World One Water Center at Metropolitan State University and the Theatre Department at Metropolitan State University to create a Water Theatre Company. This Company, made up of MSU Theatre students, not only learned theatre ensemble skills and how to write a performance piece but also gained valuable information and lessons on Colorado water. The Company created a 20-minute performance for 5th and 6th grade students showcasing the importance of conserving and protecting Colorado's water.

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Aurora Water

Tue 7/25/2017 4:44 PM

From: Hetzel, Marilyn hetzelm@msudenver.edu

Re: Letter of commitment by August 1

To: Natalie Brower-Kirton, Aurora Water

Dear Ms. Brower-Kirton:

Please let this email serve as verification that the Metropolitan State University of Denver Theatre Department's Water Wise theatre troupe has committed to perform Water Wise 2018 at the spring 2018 Aurora, Denver, and Boulder water festivals. The actors will provide at least five performances of the play at each festival, as per your original request.

Sincerely,

Marilyn A. Hetzel, Ph.D.
Chair, Theatre Department
Metropolitan State University of Denver