

WATER EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

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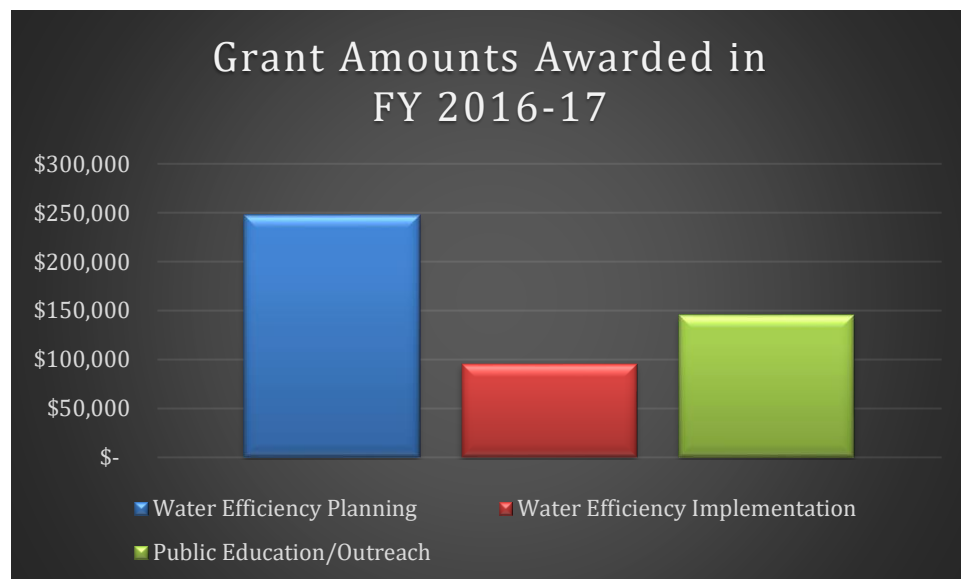
OVERVIEW

The Water Efficiency Grant Program (WEGP), created in 2005 under HB05-1254 and expanded in 2007 through SB07-008, is administered by the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Office of Water Conservation & Drought Planning (OWCDP) within the Water Supply Planning Section. This grant program provides financial assistance to communities, water providers, and eligible entities statewide for water efficiency and implementation, as well as drought planning and implementation projects. Since 2005, more than \$5.39 million has been awarded through this grant program.

For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the CWCB awarded over \$487,000 to thirteen projects in four river basins.

Water Efficiency Grants are available in the following areas of water resource planning:

- Water Efficiency Planning
- Water Efficiency Plan Implementation
- Water Resource Conservation Public Education & Outreach
- Drought Management Planning
- Drought Management Plan Implementation



WATER EFFICIENCY PLANNING PROJECTS

A goal of the CWCB is to provide technical and financial support and assistance to water providers, state, and local governmental entities to develop or update Water Efficiency Plans. Across Colorado, water entities of all sizes turn to the CWCB for assistance with local water efficiency planning efforts.

For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the OWCDP awarded five water efficiency planning grants to the following entities:

Water Provider	Grant Amount	Basin
City of Longmont	\$29,878	South Platte
Eagle River Water & Sanitation District*	\$49,990	Colorado
City of Monte Vista	\$31,000	Rio Grande
Town of Frisco*	\$94,160	Colorado
Town of Severance	\$41,919	South Platte

**Regional Water Efficiency Plans*

WATER EFFICIENCY IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

Entities may utilize WEGP money to implement the goals and programs identified in their CWCB-approved Water Efficiency Plan.

For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the CWCB awarded three grants for implementation projects to the following entities:

Water Provider	Grant Amount	Project Title	Basin
Ruedi Water & Power Authority	\$20,200	Rain Sensor & Clock Retrofit for the Town of Basalt	Colorado
South Metro Water Supply Authority	\$42,350	Regional Landscape Certification Program	South Platte
Town of Firestone	\$32,722	Park Irrigation Retrofit Project	South Platte

PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROJECTS

The CWCB is committed to promoting the benefits of water resource conservation and supporting statewide public education and outreach efforts to increase water conservation awareness. Public education & outreach grants can reach a broad audience and help achieve these goals. For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the CWCB awarded five grants for public education & outreach projects to the following organizations.

Organization	Grant Amount	Project Title	Basin
Center for Resource Conservation	\$45,499	Turf Removal Study	South Platte
Community Office for Resource Efficiency	\$7,700	Hive Five Campaign	Colorado
Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency	\$18,000	Home H2O Program	Southwest
Western Resource Advocates	\$28,200	Tap Fee Workshops	Statewide
Western Resource Advocates	\$46,000	Building Retrofits Best Practices Guidebook	Statewide

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROJECTS

Drought is one of the most destructive of all natural hazards, yet often the least planned for by local governments. Drought adversely affects nearly all sectors of Colorado's economy; however, improved drought management can reduce these impacts.

By developing Drought Management Plans, communities are working to appropriately address and reduce existing and potential drought related impacts. These Plans can help to preserve essential public services and minimize the effects of a water supply emergency on public health and safety, the local economy, environmental resources and quality of life.

During FY 2016-2017, no grants were awarded.

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

Entities may utilize WEGP funds to implement the goals and programs identified in their CWCB-approved Drought Management Plan.

For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the CWCB did not receive an application for implementation projects, but does anticipate awarding future grants as more communities have Drought Management Plans approved by CWCB.

**Grant project documentation can be accessed through the online CWCB database:*

<https://dnrweblink.state.co.us>



Office of Water Conservation and Drought Planning

Water Supply Planning Section

The CWCB's Office of Water Conservation and Drought Planning was created to promote water conservation and drought mitigation planning and implementation by: acting as a repository for related information; providing technical assistance; providing financial assistance; and providing evaluation of plans to address water needs and prepare for water related emergencies.

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