

WATER EFFICIENCY GRANT FUND



FISCAL YEAR
2018-19

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OVERVIEW

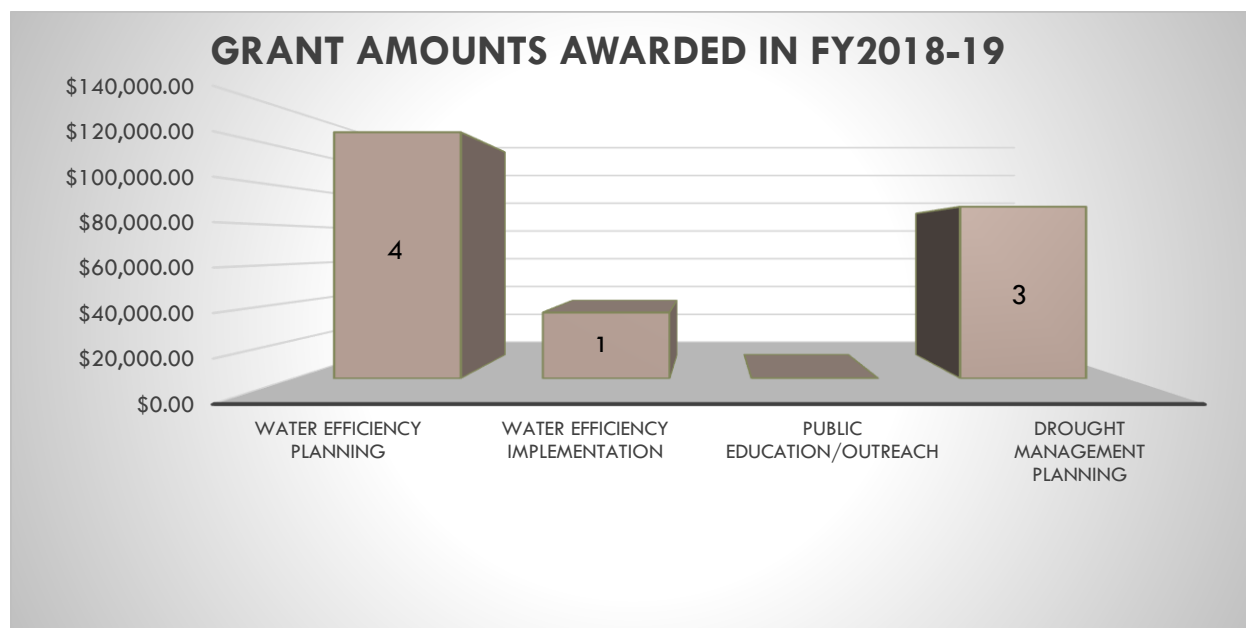
THE WATER EFFICIENCY GRANT FUND (WEGF), CREATED IN 2005 UNDER HB05-1254 AND EXPANDED IN 2007 THROUGH SB07-008, IS ADMINISTERED BY THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD'S OFFICE OF WATER CONSERVATION & DROUGHT PLANNING (OWCDP) WITHIN THE WATER SUPPLY PLANNING SECTION.

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 \$6.12M HAS BEEN AWARDED THROUGH THIS GRANT PROGRAM.

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019, THE CWCB AWARDED OVER **\$253,000** TO EIGHT PROJECTS IN FIVE 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 2018-2019, the CWCB awarded four water efficiency planning grants to the following entities:

Entity	Grant Amount	Basin
City of Alamosa	\$29,969	Rio Grande
City of Fort Lupton	\$30,000	South Platte
City of Steamboat Springs*	\$39,100	Yampa/White/Green
Town of Eagle	\$29,962	Colorado

*Regional Water Efficiency Plan

Water Efficiency Implementation Projects

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

For Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the CWCB awarded one grant for implementation projects to the following entity:

Entity	Project Title	Grant Amount	Basin
Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District	Water Meter System AMI Upgrades	\$34,551	Colorado

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 2018-2019, three grants were awarded to the following entities.

Entity	Grant Amount	Basin
City of Durango	\$30,000	Southwest
Town of Bayfield	\$30,000	Southwest
Town of Firestone	\$30,000	South Platte

Drought Management Implementation Projects

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

For Fiscal Year 2018-2019, 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.

Public Education and 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 2018-2019, the CWCB did not receive a public education & outreach application.



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The CWCB's Office of Water Conservation and Drought Planning is housed within the Water Supply Planning Section and 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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