

### **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:

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## FINAL SUBMISSION: Submit all application materials in one email to waterplan.grants@state.co.us

in the original file formats [Application (word); Statement of Work (word); Budget/Schedule (excel)]. Please do not combine documents. In the subject line, please include the funding category and name of the project.

Water Project Summary		
Name of Applicant	Colorado State U	niversity
Name of Water Project	Advancing Langu	age Justice in Stormwater Education
CWP Grant Request Amount:		\$ 49,999
Other Funding Sources : Colorado Stormwater Council		\$ 5,000
Other Funding Sources: One Water Solutions Institute		\$ 5,001
Other Funding Sources: Colorado State University		\$ 10,000
Applicant Funding Contribution: (total)		\$ 20,001
Total Project Cost:		\$ 70,000



**Applicant & Grantee Information** 

Name of Grantee(s) Colorado State University

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Name of Applicant

(if different than grantee)

**Mailing Address:** 

**Position/Title:** 

Email:

Phone:

## **Description of Grantee/Applicant**

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

Colorado Stormwater Center (CSC) is housed within the One Water Solutions Institute (OWSI) at Colorado State University (CSU).

The mission of the Colorado Stormwater Center is to:

- Educate stormwater practitioners through workshops, trainings and seminars on the proper design, operation and maintenance of stormwater practices applicable to Colorado's semi-arid climate.
- Enhance the quality of the State's streams, rivers and lakes through education and training of both the public and stormwater professionals.
- Explore new technologies and solutions to stormwater problems through partnerships with universities and agencies across the nation.



	Type of Eligible Entity (check one)
X	<b>Public (Government):</b> 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.
	<b>Public (Districts):</b> Authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises.
	Private Incorporated: Mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations.
	<b>Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors:</b> Private parties may be eligible for funding.
	<b>Non-governmental organizations (NGO):</b> 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	Other: Engagement and Outreach

Cat	egory of Water Project (check the primary category that applies and include relevant tasks)
	Water Storage & Supply - Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial aquifer recharge, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed capacity, multi-beneficial projects, water sharing agreements, Alternative Transfer Methods, and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
	<b>Note:</b> For Water Sharing Agreements or ATM Projects - please include the <u>supplemental application</u> available on the CWCB's website.
	Conservation and Land Use Planning - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, water efficiency, and drought planning.  Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):
	Engagement & Innovation - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts.
	Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):
	<ul> <li>Task 1 – Translate Stormwater Control Measure Inspection and Maintenance Certification Presentation and Video Content into Spanish</li> </ul>
Х	• Task 2 - Translate Stormwater Control Measure Design & Design Review
	Certification Presentation and Video Content into Spanish
	<ul> <li>Task 3 – Translate Stormwater Trainings, Guides, and other Educational Classes and Materials into Spanish</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Task 4 - Develop and Implement a Spanish Section of the Colorado Stormwater</li> </ul>
	Center Web Portal
	Task 5 - Reduce Barriers for the Spanish-Speaking Community to Attend     Continue Training and Classes
	Certifications, Trainings, and Classes



Last Updated: May 2021 Agricultural - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency. *Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):* Environmental & Recreation - Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation. Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): Other Explain:

Location of Water Project		
Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed project below in <b>decimal degrees</b> .  The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable.		
County/Counties	Larimer County (Colorado State University)	
Latitude	40.5734 N	
Longitude	-105.0865 W	

## **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

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



As extreme weather events (e.g., floods, fires, droughts) become increasingly more frequent, educating our communities on the importance of stormwater management to protect the quality of Colorado's water bodies is critically important. While stormwater education initiatives are established across the state, few programs, if any, provide opportunities to engage Spanish speaking communities nor do prospects exist for Spanish speakers to receive industryrecognized Stormwater Management certifications. These barriers decrease opportunities for Spanish speaking community members to attain career advancement in stormwater management.

Advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in Colorado water requires vital attention to language justice. This ensures that Spanish speaking community members have the same access to information, educational materials, and learning opportunities as their English-speaking counterparts. The Colorado Stormwater Center seeks to advance language justice in stormwater education by converting our certification courses (Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) Inspection and Maintenance and SCM Design & Design Review), trainings, installation guides (Rain Barrel and Rain Garden), and other educational classes and materials into Spanish. In addition, the project will reduce barriers by offering free attendance to these courses via scholarships. A Spanish section of the Center's Web Portal will feature the translated course materials to further reduce language barriers and increase equity.

		Measurable Results
To catalog measurable resu values as applicable:	lts achiev	ed with the CWP Grant funds, please provide any of the following
N/A	New St	orage Created (acre-feet)
N/A		nnual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), nptive or Nonconsumptive
N/A	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)	
N/A	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)	
N/A	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)	
N/A	Area of	Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)
N/A	-	ty of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms or water gagreement
N/A		r of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into se Planning
400+	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity	
	Other	Explain:



#### **Water Project Justification**

Provide a description of how this water project supports the goals of Colorado's Water Plan, the and Technical Update to the Water Plan, 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).

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;)

This project supports the goals of the Colorado Water Plan in three distinct ways.

First, this project will meet the water plan goal of engaging Coloradoans on key water challenges statewide by 2030 (Colorado Water Plan Overview Fact Sheet, pg. 2, CWP-Overview-Linked-20180730.pdf (state.co.us). The first phase of the project will be translation of educational materials into Spanish. The second phase will include targeted outreach to engage Spanish-speaking communities across Colorado. We will be able to provide this targeted outreach through our project partners and the vast Colorado Stormwater Center and One Water Solutions Institute networks. By utilizing a combination of education and outreach, the Colorado Stormwater Center will enable a greater number of Coloradoans to participate in public engagement on key water issues. This project will directly help meet the stated Water Plan goal of improving public awareness, educating, and engaging diverse Colorado community members on water challenges.

Second, in order to achieve the 400,000 acre-feet of municipal and industrial conservation by 2050 (Colorado Water Plan Overview Fact Sheet, pg. 2, CWP-Overview-Linked-20180730.pdf (state.co.us), education of diverse communities on the importance of protecting our water resources is essential. By translating the Colorado Stormwater Center educational materials, Spanish-speaking community members will be able to access materials related to water conservation (rain barrels, rain gardens, native plants), green infrastructure/low impact development, and stormwater management. These translated resources will enable these communities to take action to conserve water.

Third, by translating stormwater management materials into Spanish, this project will also be contributing to the goal of protecting watershed health and the environment (Colorado Water Plan Overview Fact Sheet, pg. 2, <u>CWP-Overview-Linked-20180730.pdf</u> (state.co.us). By disseminating educational materials about the impacts of stormwater pollution on water quality in our lakes, rivers, and streams this project will be able to increase awareness of these pollutants and provide a call to action for community members to be part of reducing source pollution.



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.
N/A

## **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.

N/A

Note: The Colorado Stormwater Center was previously under the direction of Tyler Dell and CWCB grant "Investigation of Barriers to Policy for Low Impact Development" was conducted in 2018. However, this is not the same applicant and grantee, simply the same entity.

## **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.

N/A



	Submittal Checklist
JT	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the <u>Standard Contract</u> .
Exhibit A	
X	Statement of Work <sup>(1)</sup>
X	Budget & Schedule <sup>(1)</sup>
N/A	Engineer's statement of probable cost (projects over \$100,000)
X	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Commitments <sup>(1)</sup>
Exhibit C	
N/A	Map (if applicable) <sup>(1)</sup>
N/A	Photos/Drawings/Reports
X	Letters of Support (Optional)
Submission after approval	Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.) (2)
Submission after approval	Certificate of Good Standing with Colorado Secretary of State <sup>(2)</sup>
Submission after approval	W-9 <sup>(2)</sup>
N/A	Independent Contractor Form <sup>(2)</sup> (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
Water Sharin	g Agreements and Alternative Transfer Methods ONLY
N/A	Water Sharing Agreements and Alternative Transfer Methods Supplemental Application <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Required with application.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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)?

This project will engage a diverse audience by providing and translating stormwater educational materials, trainings and certifications into Spanish. This achieves the stated purpose for the Engagement and Innovation fund by enhancing water outreach, education and public engagement efforts.

### Who is/are the target audience(s)? How will you reach them? How will you involve the community?

The target audience is the Spanish-speaking community. The Colorado Stormwater Center is partnering with organizations that already work in or are looking to increase engagement with these communities. Our partner organizations for this proposal include: One Water Solutions Institute, Colorado Stormwater Council, Latino Community Foundation of Colorado, Green Latinos, City of Fort Collins Utilities Department, City of Fort Collins Environmental Regulatory Affairs Division, City of Greeley, Keep It Clean Partnership, and Denver Water.

These organizations have committed to assisting with outreach efforts to the Spanish speaking communities (letters of support and matching funds commitments are attached). In addition to partnering with these organization, we will be continuing to outreach and connect with other organizations as appropriate.



As we continue to develop these materials and engage with the Spanish-speaking community, we will identify additional ways to improve our educational offerings. We will promote these new materials throughout the extensive Colorado Stormwater Center network and the networks of our partner organizations to ensure that we are reaching Spanish-speaking communities across Colorado.

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?

This project is very collaborative and includes the following partners: One Water Solutions Institute, Colorado Stormwater Council, Latino Community Foundation of Colorado, GreenLatinos, City of Greeley, Keep It Clean Partnership, City of Fort Collins Utilities Department, City of Fort Collins Environmental Regulatory Affairs Division, and Denver Water. These partners have committed to promoting these translated materials to their networks to ensure that these resources reach Spanish-speaking audiences. This diverse group of partners includes nonprofits, municipalities, and water providers. These organizations have recognized the need for language justice and are committed to making stormwater educational materials available in Spanish to engage Latino/a/x communities across Colorado.

The One Water Solutions Institute is providing matching funds in the amount of \$5,001 cash contribution and \$10,000 in in-kind matching. The Colorado Stormwater Council is providing matching funds for this project in the amount of \$5,000.

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

The project's success will be measured and documented via completed certifications and publication of trainings materials and relevant coursework translated into Spanish to broaden access to Spanish-speaking audiences. The availability of these translated educational materials will enable equitable access to information and further the Colorado Stormwater Center's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion practices.

Specifically, success will be measured by:

- Documenting the amount of funds used to provide scholarships to the translated certification courses
- Documenting the number of outreach efforts and communication materials produced by partnering organizations to further engage Spanish-speaking community members across Colorado
- The number of visits to the Spanish portal on the Colorado Stormwater Center website

#### What research, evidence, and data support your project?

The recent article published by Water Education Colorado (*Recommendations to Better Incorporate Diversity, and Inclusion in Colorado Water* by Willow Cozzens, Samantha Grant, Amelia Nill and Andrew Primo) on June 16, 2021, included implementing language justice in



Colorado water planning as one of the key recommendations. As is stated in the article "Language" justice means that everyone has the right to communicate in the language in which we feel most comfortable." This article also cites the PEW Research Center's findings that there were approximately 1.1 million Hispanic community members in Colorado in 2016. This is 21% of the state's population.

Incorporating language justice into stormwater education will assist with meeting a component of the diversity, equity, and inclusion recommendations for the Colorado Water Plan update.

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

Identifying appropriate Spanish-speaking communities and professionals that would benefit from these translated trainings may present a challenge.

However, the Colorado Stormwater Center has be partnered with several non-profit organizations and water providers to provide targeted outreach to these groups including: One Water Solutions Institute, Colorado Stormwater Council, Latino Community Foundation of Colorado, GreenLatinos, City of Greeley, Keep It Clean Partnership, City of Fort Collins Utilities Department, City of Fort Collins Environmental Regulatory Affairs Division and Denver Water.

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 will significantly improve education, outreach and public engagement by engaging with and providing outreach to the Spanish-speaking communities across Colorado. While progress is being made to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in water education, there are still very few educational water resources available for the Spanish-speaking community members. In order to meet the goal to "educate Coloradoans on key water issues by 2030" educational materials need to be offered in Spanish.

The Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education project will advance this Water Plan goal and aid in educating communities that have not previously been included in outreach and engagement efforts.



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.

Section 9.5 Outreach, Education, and Public Engagement of the Colorado Water Plan states that "outreach creates public awareness of policies and processes, whereas education promotes deeper understanding of these topics. Both are prerequisites to public engagement." The Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education proposal incorporates elements of outreach and education, which will facilitate public engagement.

In order to achieve a greater degree of public engagement from our Spanish-speaking community members, educational content needs to be available in Spanish. Many of these community members are also in low-income areas. These areas are impacted the most by extreme weather event impacts, especially flooding and heat island affects. By translating stormwater management educational materials and making trainings available in Spanish, we are "promoting a deeper understanding of these topics" and are enabling public engagement and action.

This project will assist in achieving the goal of the Colorado Water Plan to "inform and educate an additional 250,000 Coloradoans by 2050". This will be accomplished by reaching new audiences not previously included in outreach efforts to English-speaking communities.

This project also aligns with the following goals of the newly formed Water Equity Task force: https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/214210/Water%20Equity%20Task%20Force%2 00verview.pdf

- "...to provide more access and opportunities for Colorado's most disadvantaged populations" (pg. 1)
- "Support inclusivity" (pg. 1)
- "Enhance communications" (pg. 1)

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

This project achieves the goals of the Basin Implementation Plans in the following ways:

1. South Platt Basin Roundtable BIP

https://southplattebasin.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/South-Platte-Basin-Implementation-Plan-Brochure.pdf (pg. 4)

This project will advance the goals of the South Platt Basin Roundtable BIP to "Maintain Leadership in Conservation and reuse and Implement Additional Measures to Reduce Water Consumption Rates" and "Facilitate Effective South Platte Communications and Outreach Programs that Complement the State's Overall Program." This project will advance these goals by ensuring that Spanish speakers have access to high quality educational materials around the ways that stormwater can be used for water conservation, green infrastructure and pollution prevention strategies in the landscape.



### 2. Colorado Basin Roundtable BIP

https://www.coloradobasinroundtable.org/water-planning/colorado-basinimplementation-plan/ (Municipal and Industrial Section)

This project will advance the goals of the **Colorado Basin Roundtable BIP** to "Encourage a High Level of Basinwide Conservation" and "Develop Local Water Conscious Land Use Strategies" by ensuring that Spanish speakers have access to high quality educational materials around the ways that stormwater can be used for water conservation, green infrastructure and pollution prevention strategies in the landscape.

#### 3. Gunnison Basin Roundtable BIP

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/GBIP 4-17-15-FINAL no-appendices 2.pdf (pg. 16)

This project will advance the goal of the **Gunnison Basin Roundtable BIP** to "Create and maintain active, relevant and comprehensive public education, outreach, and stewardship processes involving water resources in the six sectors of the Gunnison Basin." This project will aid in increasing outreach to Spanish speaking populations on ways they can protect water quality, decrease outdoor water use and integrate more climate resilient solutions into land development.

#### 4. Rio Grande Basin Roundtable BIP

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/rgbip-for%20web%20viewing.pdf (pg. 59)

This project will advance the goal of the **Rio Grande Basin Roundtable BIP** to "Establish a long-term education and outreach effort for water use and needs in the San Luis/ Rio Grande Basin and Promote water management and administrative practices that are adaptive, flexible and responsive to optimize multiple benefits." This project will aid in increasing education and outreach to Spanish speaking populations advancing goal 8 of the BIP. Additionally, this project will advance goal 10 by offering translated materials on integrated water and land use strategies which will aid in promoting adaptive stormwater management projects.

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

This project achieves the following basin roundtable PEPO Education Action Plan Goals:

- 1. South Platt/ Metro Roundtables (Basin Education Action Plan)
  <a href="https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=211878&d">https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=211878&d</a>
  <a href="mailto:bid=0">bid=0</a>
  - Plan Element 2 Maintain Leadership in Conservation and Reuse (pg. 3)
  - Plan Element 8 Manage Risks of Climate Change (pg. 3)
  - Plan element 9 Utilize Effective Communications and Outreach to Support Program (pg. 3)

With the South Platt Basin being home to nearly 3.5 million residents and between 11.7% and 40.4% of these residents being Hispanic/ Latino population, this project will enable the South Platt Basin PEPO efforts to connect with a more diverse distribution of Coloradoans and disseminate information on conservation and mitigating the impacts of climate change. (https://www.indexmundi.com/facts/united-states/quick-facts/colorado/hispanic-or-latino-population-percentage#map).



> 2. Yampa-White-Green Roundtable (Basin Education Action Plan YWG BRT 2020 https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=211589&dbid=0

- "Facilitating education opportunities about Colorado and YWG Basin water challenges" (pg. 1)
- "Encourage locally driven collaborative solutions" (pg. 1)
- "Increase collaborations and partnerships with other YWG basin organizations that wish to promote water education" (pg. 1)

The Colorado Stormwater Center offers programming to organizations across Colorado. The Yampa – White- Green Roundtable include counties with 10.3 -15.7% Hispanic/ Latino populations. (https://www.indexmundi.com/facts/united-states/quickfacts/colorado/hispanic-or-latino-population-percentage#map). This project will provide opportunities to educate a more diverse group of Coloradoans about the water challenges in our region. This is a collaborative project that will be seeking to engage Spanishspeaking communities from across Colorado in these educational efforts.

- 3. The Southwest Basin (SW Basin Education Action Plan 2021) https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/0/edoc/214653/Southwest EAP 2021-22.pdf?searchid=6680599d-796c-4713-b878-f37932f6b915
  - "Continue to expand efforts to develop and distribute water resource information related to the SW basin, including related hydrology and watershed information, water quality influences and challenges and opportunities facing citizens" (pg. 1)
  - "The SWB's goal is to reach target audiences that include local community members, urban audiences outside of our basin... in order to communicate our values regarding the importance of ...water management, collaboration between partner agencies, and natural resource stewardship" (pg. 1)

The Colorado Stormwater Center trainings, classes and certifications that will be translated for this project include the topics listed in the SW Basin Education Action Plan. These topics include: Hydrology, watershed information, water quality influences and challenges facing citizens. Additionally, this project offers an opportunity for greater collaborations between the SW Basin and the Colorado Stormwater Center. Additionally, this project advances the goals of both the Colorado Stormwater Center and the SW Basin of reaching more diverse audiences on the importance of water management, collaboration between partner agencies, and natural resources stewardship.

- 4. Gunnison Basin Roundtable (Gunnison Basin Education Action Plan, pg 1-2) https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=212032&d bid=0
  - "Continue to expand efforts to develop and distribute water resource information related to the Gunnison Basin, including related hydrology and watershed information, water quality influences and challenges and opportunities facing citizens" (pg. 1)
  - "The primary educational effort will assist in meeting the vision and goals of the CSP and supporting goals and objectives as described in the GB BIP by making pertinent water data and information readily available to Coloradoans" (pg. 1)
  - "Partnering with higher education facilities" (pg. 2)
  - "Connecting water quality to current and future uses" (pg. 3)
  - "Explaining hydro-climatic influences and related impacts" (pg. 3)



The counties in the Gunnison Basin have between 20.7% and 35.9% Hispanic/ Latino population. (<a href="https://www.indexmundi.com/facts/united-states/quick-facts/colorado/hispanic-or-latino-population-percentage#map">https://www.indexmundi.com/facts/united-states/quick-facts/colorado/hispanic-or-latino-population-percentage#map</a>). This project will enable the Gunnison Basin outreach to connect with a more diverse distribution of Coloradoans. The Colorado Stormwater Center trainings, classes and certifications that will be translated for this project include the topics listed in the Gunnison Basin Education Action Plan. These topics include: Hydrology, watershed information, water quality influences and challenges facing citizens. In addition, this project will aid in the Gunnison Basin goal of making "pertinent water data and information readily available to Coloradoans." This project will advance the goal to partner with "higher education facilities, connecting water to current and future uses, and discussing hydro-climatic influences and related impacts."

- 5. Arkansas Basin (Arkansas Basin Education Action Plan 2021 -2023)
  <a href="https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/0/edoc/214718/ArkansasBasin EAP2">https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/0/edoc/214718/ArkansasBasin EAP2</a>
  021-23.pdf?searchid=f7609c80-9950-4b5c-b8b7-dc5560c86155
  - "The Arkansas Basin Roundtable PEPO Workgroup will undertake a structured public relations effort ....to enhance communications with diverse audiences" (pg. 1)
  - "Multiple defined audiences will be addressed with targeted messages delivered using appropriate communication tools..." (pg. 1)
  - "Given the Governor's focus on equity, diversity, and inclusivity we will work to engage underserved populations in the basin" (pg.3)

The counties in the Arkansas Basin have between 8.9% and 41.2% Hispanic/ Latino population. (https://www.indexmundi.com/facts/united-states/quick-facts/colorado/hispanic-or-latino-population-percentage#map). This project will enable the Arkansas Basin outreach to connect with a more diverse distribution of Coloradoans. This project will advance the goals of the Arkansas Basin's PEOP plan by encouraging participation from diverse audiences. By collaborating with the Colorado Stormwater Center the Arkansas Basin will be able to connect their community members to a variety of educational offerings in Spanish.

- 6. Rio Grande Basin (Basin Education Action Plan)
  <a href="https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/0/edoc/214754/RioGrandeBasin EAP">https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/0/edoc/214754/RioGrandeBasin EAP</a>
  2021-2023.pdf?searchid=f7609c80-9950-4b5c-b8b7-dc5560c86155
  - The vision of the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable is to reach target audiences including "local community members, urban audiences outside our basin... in order to communicate the importance of ...water management, collaboration between partner agencies, and natural resources stewardship. (pg. 1)
  - "Our Basin EPA includes strategies to implement the Statewide Water Education Action Plan (SWEAP)" (pg. 1)
  - "We also anticipate creating communication tools that may be disseminated at a state or local level" (pg. 1)

This project aligns with the PEPO plan by assisting with outreach to "target audiences". The counties in the Rio Grande Basin have between 35.9 and 60. 3%Hispanic/Latino population (<a href="https://www.indexmundi.com/facts/united-states/quick-facts/colorado/hispanic-or-latino-population-percentage#map">https://www.indexmundi.com/facts/united-states/quick-facts/colorado/hispanic-or-latino-population-percentage#map</a>). By providing translated stormwater materials, this project will



allow greater outreach with the Spanish-speaking populations in this Basin. Additionally, this project offers an opportunity for greater collaborations between the Rio Grande Basin and the Colorado Stormwater Center and advances the goals of both the Colorado Stormwater Center and the Rio Grande Basin of reaching more diverse audiences on the importance of water management, collaboration between partner agencies, and natural resources stewardship.

Innovation Track
Describe how the project enhances water innovation efforts and supports a water innovation ecosystem in Colorado.
N/A
Describe how the project engages/leverages Colorado's innovation community to help solve our state's water challenges.
N/A
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?
N/A
Describe how this project impacts current or emerging trends; technologies; clusters, sectors, or groups in water innovation.
N/A



### **Colorado Water Conservation Board**

#### Water Plan Grant - Exhibit A

Statement Of Work		
Date:	July 1, 2021	
Name of Grantee:	Colorado Stormwater Center	
Name of Water Project:	Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education	
Funding Source:	Colorado Water Conservation Board	

#### Water Project Overview:

As extreme weather events (e.g., floods, fires, droughts) become increasingly more frequent, educating our communities on the importance of stormwater management to protect the quality of Colorado's water bodies is critically important. While stormwater education initiatives are established across the state, **few programs**, **if any, provide opportunities to engage Spanish speaking communities nor do prospects exist for Spanish speakers to receive industry-recognized Stormwater Management certifications**. These barriers decrease opportunities for Spanish speaking community members to attain career advancement in stormwater management.

Advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in Colorado water requires vital attention to language justice. This ensures that Spanish speaking community members have the same access to information, educational materials, and learning opportunities as their English-speaking counterparts. The Colorado Stormwater Center seeks to advance language justice in stormwater education by converting our certification courses (Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) Inspection and Maintenance and SCM Design & Design Review), trainings, installation guides (Rain Barrel and Rain Garden), and other educational classes and materials into Spanish. In addition, the project will reduce barriers by offering free attendance to these courses via scholarships. A Spanish section of the Center's website will feature the translated course materials to further reduce language barriers and increase equity.



#### **Project Objectives:**

The objective of this proposal is to offer equitable access to stormwater educational materials to Spanish-speaking community members via:

- Translated certification courses
- Translated trainings (in-person, recorded webinar style),
- Translated guides (<u>Permanent Stormwater quality Best Management Practice Inspection</u> and Maintenance Field Guide, Rain Garden Installation Guide, Rain Barrel Installation Guide)
- Translated classes and educational materials
- Translated section of the Colorado Stormwater Center Web portal

#### Task 1

## Translate Stormwater Control Measure Inspection and Maintenance Certification **Presentation and Video Content into Spanish**

## **Description of Task:**

Translate the <u>1.5 Day SCM Inspection and Maintenance Certification Course</u> into Spanish. This includes:

- Presentation materials and slides
- Videos
- Exam
- Survey
- Marketing materials
- Payment page
- Thank you email
- Certificate

#### Method/Procedure:

These materials will be updated and translated into Spanish.

#### Deliverable:

Access to the translated materials will be given to the Colorado Water Conservation Board as the final deliverables.



## Task 2

Translate Stormwater Control Measure Design & Design Review Certification Presentation and Video Content into Spanish

## **Description of Task:**

Translate the <u>2 Day SCM Design & Design Review Certification Course</u> into Spanish. This includes:

- Presentation materials and slides
- Videos
- Exam
- Survey
- Marketing materials
- Payment nage

Thank you email
• Certificate
Method/Procedure:
These materials will be updated and translated into Spanish.
Deliverable:
Access to the translated materials will be given to the Colorado Water Conservation Board as the final deliverables.



#### Task 3

## Translate Stormwater Trainings, Guides, and other educational classes and materials into Spanish

Description of Task:

Translation of the following guides, classes and trainings to be included on the Spanish section of the Colorado Stormwater Center Web Portal:

- Permanent Stormwater Quality Best Management Practice Inspection and Maintenance Field Guide
- Rain Garden Installation Guide
- Rain Barrel Installation Guide
- Design Your Own Rain Garden Training
- Installing Rain Barrels at Your Home Training
- Green Infrastructure Class

These materials will be updated and translated into Spanish.

#### Deliverable:

The deliverables include:

- Permanent Stormwater Quality Best Management Practice Inspection and Maintenance Field Guide (Spanish)
- Rain Garden Installation Guide (Spanish)
- Rain Barrel Installation Guide (Spanish)
- Design Your Own Rain Garden Online Class (Spanish)
- Installing Rain Barrels at Your Home Online Class (Spanish)
- Green Infrastructure Class (Spanish)

Access to the translated materials and final deliverables will be given to the Colorado Water Conservation Board



### Task 4

Develop and Implement a Spanish Section of the Colorado Stormwater Center Web Portal

## **Description of Task:**

A Spanish section of the Colorado Stormwater Center Web Portal will be created. The translated resources will be located and organized on this page with links to access:

- Stormwater Control Measure Inspection and Maintenance Course (Spanish)
- Stormwater Control Measure Design/Design Review Course (Spanish)
- Permanent Stormwater Quality Best Management Practice Inspection and Maintenance Field Guide (Spanish)
- Rain Garden Installation Guide (Spanish)
- Rain Barrel Installation Guide (Spanish)
- Design Your Own Rain Garden Online Class (Spanish)
- Installing Rain Barrels at Your Home Online Class (Spanish)
- Green Infrastructure Class (Spanish)
- Scholarship application (Spanish)

In addition, this page will also contain links to other translated stormwater resources from across Colorado.

## Method/Procedure: The website materials will be added to the Spanish section of the website as they are translated and completed.

#### Deliverable:

Access to the Spanish section of the Colorado Stormwater Center website



#### Task 5

## Reduce Barriers for Spanish Speaking Community to Attend Certifications, Trainings, and Classes

### Description of Task:

In order to reduce monetary barriers to attend the translated Colorado Stormwater Center certifications, trainings and classes a portion of these funds will be allocated towards providing free seats via a scholarship to these educational opportunities.

The cost for the classes ranges from \$200 to \$300. This cost could provide a barrier to prospective attendees attending these educational opportunities. Funds in the amount of \$6000 will be set aside to allow access to these educational materials free of charge via a scholarship.

### Method/Procedure:

Those participants interested in receiving the scholarship will apply and will be selected based on a criteria determined by the Colorado Stormwater Center and the project partners

#### Deliverable:

The deliverables include:

- The scholarship selection criteria
- Number of total scholarship recipients
- Demographic location of the recipients
- Feedback on the classes, trainings, and certifications

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.

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 pay out the last 10% of the budget when 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.

## **Payment**

Payment will be made based on actual expenditures and must include invoices for all work completed. The request for payment must include a description of the work accomplished by task, an estimate of the percent completion for individual tasks and the entire Project in relation to the percentage of budget spent, identification of any major issues, and proposed or implemented corrective actions.

Costs incurred prior to the effective date of this contract are not reimbursable. The last 10% of the entire grant will be paid out when the final deliverable has been received. All products, data and information developed as a result of this contract must be provided to as part of the project documentation.

#### **Performance Measures**

Performance measures for this contract shall include the following:

- (a) Performance standards and evaluation: Grantee will produce detailed deliverables for each task as specified. Grantee shall maintain receipts for all project expenses and documentation of the minimum in-kind contributions (if applicable) per the budget in Exhibit B. Per Water Plan Grant Guidelines, the CWCB will pay out the last 10% of the budget when 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.
- (b) Accountability: Per Water Plan Grant Guidelines full documentation of project progress must be submitted with each invoice for reimbursement. Grantee must confirm that all grant conditions have been complied with on each invoice. In addition, per Water Plan Grant Guidelines, Progress Reports must be



submitted at least once every 6 months. A Final Report must be submitted and approved before final project payment.

- (c) Monitoring Requirements: Grantee is responsible for ongoing monitoring of project progress per Exhibit A. Progress shall be detailed in each invoice and in each Progress Report, as detailed above. Additional inspections or field consultations will be arranged as may be necessary.
- (d) Noncompliance Resolution: Payment will be withheld if grantee is not current on all grant conditions. Flagrant disregard for grant conditions will result in a stop work order and cancellation of the Grant Agreement.



## **Colorado Water Conservation Board**

# Water Plan Grant - Exhibit C Budget and Schedule

Prepared Date: July 1, 2021

Name of Applicant: Colorado Stormwater Center

Name of Water Project: Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education

Project Start Date: 10/1/2021 Project End Date: 12/31/2022

Task No.	Task Description	Task Start Date	Task End Date	Grant Funding Request	Match Funding	Total
1	Translate Stormwater Control Measure Inspection and Maintenance Certification Presentation and Video Content into Spanish	10/1/2021	12/31/2022	\$11,500	\$5,001	\$16,501
2	Translate Stormwater Control Measure Design & Design Review Certification Presentation and Video Content into Spanish	10/1/2021	12/31/2022	\$11,500	\$5,000	\$16,500
3	Translation of Colorado Stormwater Center Resources, Classes and Trainings into Spanish	10/1/2021	12/31/2022	\$13,000	\$4,000	\$17,000
4	Reduce Barriers for Spanish Speaking Community to Attend Certifications, Trainings, and Classes	1/1/2022	12/31/2022	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
5	Develop and Implement a Spanish Section of the Colorado Stormwater Center Portal	1/1/2022	12/31/2021	\$10,999	\$3,000	\$13,999
	Total				\$20,001	\$70,000



June 28, 2021

Ben Wade Project Manager Water Supply Planning 1313 Sherman St., Rm 721 Denver, CO 80203

Re: CWCB Colorado Water Plan Engagement & Innovation Grant, Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education

Dear Mr. Wade:

This letter is confirming that the Colorado Stormwater Council is pleased to be a partner in the Colorado Water Plan Engagement and Innovation grant proposal submitted by the Colorado Stormwater Center titled "Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education".

If this proposal is selected for funding, it is the intent of the Colorado Stormwater Council to collaborate and commit resources amounting in a total of \$2,500 for 2021 and another \$2,500 in 2022, or the duration of the project.

Rebecca Wertz CSC Vice-Chair



June 30, 2021

Ben Wade Project Manager Water Supply Planning 1313 Sherman St., Rm 721 Denver, CO 80203 Utilities

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Re: CWCB Colorado Water Plan Engagement & Innovation Grant, Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education

Dear Mr. Wade:

This letter supports the proposal submitted by the Colorado Stormwater Center entitled "Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education." If this proposal is selected for funding, it is the intent of Fort Collins Utilities to help these materials reach Spanish-speaking members of this community.

In my position as a Water Conservation Coordinator, I work with residential and commercial water customers through landscaping projects. Several of these projects are required to incorporate green infrastructure, and a growing number of residential projects are choosing to incorporate active and passive rainwater infrastructure. As interest grows, the industry needs educated professionals. There are both environmental and economic benefits to certifying more stormwater professionals in our region. Supporting a more robust network of trained professionals who facilitate high-quality projects and installations will contribute to the aesthetics of the City and the health of the water cycle.

The City of Fort Collins is an organization that supports equity for all. We consider an equitable community to be one where a person's identity or identities does not negatively impact their ability to thrive. This project would help advance the equity and inclusion goals of the City of Fort Collins to "broaden methods of community engagement with additional consideration to diverse backgrounds, languages and needs." Providing advancement opportunities for professionals in this industry strengthens community infrastructure and social equity.

The Colorado Stormwater Center is leading the way in expanding opportunities for all. Supporting their grant will have positive impacts in the stormwater network and in communities across Colorado.

Sincerely,

Katie Collins

Water Conservation Coordinator

Fort Collins Utilities



June 29, 2021

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Ben Wade Project Manager Water Supply Planning 1313 Sherman St., Rm 721 Denver, CO 80203

Re: CWCB Colorado Water Plan Engagement & Innovation Grant, Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education

Dear Mr. Wade:

My name is Susan Strong, and I coordinate the City of Fort Collins' Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit. This letter is to confirm the Environmental Regulatory Affairs (ERA) Division's support for the proposal submitted by the Colorado Stormwater Center entitled "Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education."

The ERA Division has worked extensively with the Colorado Stormwater Center for many years, including valuable research to inform the development and efficacy of our Low Impact Development program. We have also collaborated on development of training materials and served on the steering committee since its inception. Through our experience with the Center, we have witnessed firsthand its competence in education, training, and research to support the goal of maintaining and improving the health of lakes, rivers, and streams through stormwater management.

This project, if funded, will help advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in Colorado water and help ensure that that our Spanish-speaking community members have the same access to information, educational materials, and learning opportunities as our English-speaking community members. Additionally, the City is in the process of establishing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion office, which will further validate our support of this project.

It is the intent of the City of Fort Collins Environmental Regulatory Affairs Division to support this project through collaboration and/or resources as described in the grant application, to help advance language justice in stormwater education. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Strong

Susan Strong, Sr. Environmental Regulatory Specialist

City of Fort Collins Environmental Regulatory Affairs Division

June 25, 2021

Ben Wade Project Manager Water Supply Planning 1313 Sherman St., Rm 721 Denver, CO 80203

Re: CWCB Colorado Water Plan Engagement & Innovation Grant, Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education

Dear Mr. Wade:

This letter is confirming the support of City of Greeley Stormwater Division for the proposal submitted by the Colorado Stormwater Center entitled "Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education." If this proposal is selected for funding, it is the intent of the City of Greeley to collaborate and/or commit resources on this project as described in the grant application.

I have personally taken these classes and I can attest to their educational value and importance within our community.

Please reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,



### **Brian Hathaway CPESC**

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June 28, 2021

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Re: CWCB Colorado Water Plan Engagement & Innovation Grant, Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education

Dear Mr. Wade:

This letter is confirming the support from Denver Water for the proposal submitted by the Colorado Stormwater Center entitled "Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education." This proposal is an important part of connecting every Coloradoan to our water resources and helping manage stormwater as a resource.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Tejral Manager of Water Efficiency Denver Water July 1, 2021

Ben Wade Project Manager Water Supply Planning 1313 Sherman St., Rm 721 Denver, CO 80203

Re: CWCB Colorado Water Plan Engagement & Innovation Grant, Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education

Dear Mr. Wade:

This letter is confirming the support of GreenLatinos for the proposal submitted by the Colorado Stormwater Center entitled "Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education." If this proposal is selected for funding, it is the intent of GreenLatinos to collaborate and/or commit resources on this project as described in the grant application.

GreenLatinos is a national non-profit organization with an active comunidad of Latino/a/x leaders, emboldened by the power and wisdom of our culture, united to demand equity and dismantle racism, resourced to win our environmental, conservation, and climate justice battles, and driven to secure our political, economic, cultural, and environmental liberation. GreenLatinos works in coordination with its members through five policy working groups to engage and educate policymakers, stakeholders, and the public at large; and provide leadership on core policy priorities including Water Equity.

Sincerely,

Mariana Del Valle Prieto Cervantes
Water Equity and Ocean Program Manager
marianadelvalle@greenlatinos.org

June 25, 2021

Ben Wade Project Manager Water Supply Planning 1313 Sherman St., Rm 721 Denver, CO 80203

Re: CWCB Colorado Water Plan Engagement & Innovation Grant, Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education

Dear Mr. Wade:

This letter is confirming the support of the Keep it Clean Partnership for the proposal submitted by the Colorado Stormwater Center entitled "Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education." If this proposal is selected for funding, it is the intent of the Keep it Clean Partnership to collaborate and/or commit resources on this project as described in the grant application.

The Keep it Clean Partnership is a collaborative stormwater and water quality program based in Boulder County's Office of Sustainability, Climate Action and Resilience that includes the cities of Boulder, Longmont, Lafayette, and Louisville and the towns of Erie and Superior as key stakeholders and partners. Our program provides stormwater outreach and training opportunities on a variety of topics, but these have historically not been readily accessible to Spanish speaking communities. One of our key education and outreach objectives is to improve outreach to communities whose predominant language is Spanish, and the stated goals of this project are in clear alignment with this priority.

Sincerely,

**Kevin Peterson** 

Keep it Clean Partnership Coordinator

Boulder County Office of Sustainability, Climate Action and Resilience



June 23, 2021

Ben Wade Project Manager Water Supply Planning 1313 Sherman St., Rm 721 Denver, CO 80203

Re: CWCB Colorado Water Plan Engagement & Innovation Grant, Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education

Dear Mr. Wade:

This letter is confirming the support of the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado for the proposal submitted by the Colorado Stormwater Center entitled "Advancing Language Justice in Stormwater Education."

The Latino Community Foundation of Colorado is a state-based philanthropic foundation—led by Latinos and for Latinos. We pursue civic, economic, and cultural opportunities that drive a more authentic narrative about Latinos in the state and cement a healthy and vibrant future where all Latino Coloradans will prosper. One of our longstanding commitments is to language justice—a process that dismantles language barriers and equalizes power dynamics between English and Spanish-speaking members of the Latino community. It is because of this commitment to language justice that we enthusiastically support this proposal from the Colorado Stormwater Center that would ensure that Spanish speaking community members have access to learning opportunities regarding stormwater management and career advancement through certifications.

If this proposal is selected for funding, it is the intent of the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado to collaborate with the Colorado Stormwater Center in the form of outreach for online materials, recruiting Spanish-speaking community members for certifications, and serving as a connector with potential additional statewide partners working in the sector.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado's support of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Alexis Whitham

Director of Communications and Grants Administration, Latino Community Foundation of Colorado <a href="https://doi.org//720.923.7608"><u>Awhitham@latinocfc.org//720.923.7608</u></a>