



## Turf Replacement Program

# Application TRA-000065

### Colorado Eligible Entity

Which of the following Colorado eligible entities are you submitting an application on behalf of?

Local Government

### Verification of Matching Funds & Funding Use

Do you have matching funds described in the Turf Replacement Grant Program Guidelines relevant to your organization's program or project type?

Yes

Can your organization commit to tracking funds, invoicing, and providing reports for work completed (including any estimates of water savings, before and after pictures, and projected and/or actual water savings)?

Yes

Can you ensure requested funds will not be spent to replace turf with artificial turf, impermeable concrete, water features, invasive species, or high-water-use turf varieties?

Yes

Can your organization commit to incorporating any necessary irrigation adjustments or updates to ensure installed vegetation is efficiently irrigated?

Yes

### Applicant Information

Organization Name

City of Aurora

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Please specify the total dollar (\$) amount your organization is requesting for the current funding cycle?

\$100000.0

Are you a water provider who bills customers for treated water or a water district who supplies raw water?

Yes

### Water Provider Details

Are you the water provider that directly bills ratepayers in your community?

Yes

Please list the name of the Water District that supplies

your water (or say "self supplied" if you do not get water from another entity)

Self Supplied

Do you deliver 2,000 acre feet or more of treated water per year?

Yes

### 1051 Reporting

Has your organization consistently reported annual water use and water conservation information to CWCB as required by House Bill 10-1051?

Yes

### Proposed Focus & Applicant Characteristics

Have you conducted any analysis to know where turf replacement may be most effective?

Yes

Which sector do you intended to focus your funding on?

Single Family Residential;Multifamily and HOA's;Municipal/Community Spaces;Highest Water Users Across Various Sectors

Which of the following best describes the goal of your proposed turf replacement funding?

Expands on an existing turf replacement program within my jurisdiction (primary provider)

### Existing Turf Replacement Program

How will these new funds expand your existing efforts?

Increases amount of turf removed for my existing program;Pays for work/physical removal of turf (if not included in the cost of turf removal)

Other expand effort

Does this funding expand your program or would it be used to replace existing funding?

This will be used to expand my program efforts

Other funding use

What is your estimated total water savings associated with this project? Please explain your method for estimating savings

AW estimates the potential water savings for this funding to be up to 131Kgals (0.4 acre feet) per year after establishment of plant material. The savings potential is based on transitioning from 28" of water to 0" of water after a two-to-three-year establishment period. Savings may be higher if a larger percent of participants are replacing turf.

Do you have a plan for addressing underlying irrigation (e.g. switching to drip irrigation) as a part of this project?

No

### Water Conservation Efforts

Do you already have a water conservation rebate program or

mechanism for funding rebates or otherwise incentivizing water conservation efforts?	Yes
Do you already have a water conservation/efficiency plan and/or a drought management plan?	I have both

### Information on Plans, Rates, Codes & Partnerships

Do you have a tiered rate structure that incentivizes water conservation?	Yes
Do you have landscape codes, ordinances or rules that prevent any turf replaced through your program from being reverted back to turf by the current or future property owner?	Yes
Do you currently work with your municipalities transportation department?	Yes
Do you have the ability to ensure (through inspection or other means) that turf removal was done and eligible materials were put in its place?	Yes
Do you have the capability to separately track outdoor water used for irrigation (i.e., sub-metering or separate metering)?	Yes

### Additional Information for Existing Programs

Do you plan to continue this program in the future?	Yes
Does your turf replacement program consider addressing any of the following encouraged planning considerations?	Protecting Tree Health;Stormwater Protection
Is your funding match made-up of cash, in-kind or both?	Both
Other Funding Match Made-Up of	
Can you ensure funds will start being spent within 12 months of the contract if funds are awarded?	Yes
Please describe any elements of your program that address equity, diversity, and inclusivity issues	Aurora serves a diverse community, by expanding our program we will be able to provide this program to more members of our community. This will specially help those underserved communities with more water savings that will result in lower water bills. We also offer all our public communications in various languages.

### Equity Considerations

How is equity included into and/or supported outside of your turf replacement program when it comes to your communities water conservation efforts?

One of Aurora Waters goals is water conservation. We have fully committed to water conservation initiatives. We rolled out our waterline replacement program in 2023, and it is still on going. We have also replaced most of our meters to have better readings and result in more water conservation.

### Program Info

Please briefly describe the program you envision. What work will be completed, who/what would be the target of the work (e.g., residential, commercial, community spaces), are there any partnerships you have developed, and what value are you adding beyond administering funding? Please note that the provided program description does not suffice as an official Scope of Work required for contracting.

Aurora Water will utilize this funding to expand its current Greatscapes program. Greatscapes is an income qualified, direct install, water-wise landscape initiative. This program expands water-wise landscapes into residential spaces that are traditionally underserved by turf replacement incentive programs. Aurora Water provides design services and manages the landscape construction contract and installation at zero cost to participants.