



Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Plan

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	Alliance for Water Efficiency
Name of Water Project	Colorado River Basin Water Efficiency Network
Grant Request Amount	\$100,875.00
Primary Category	\$100,875.00
<i>Conservation & Land Use Planning</i>	
Total Applicant Match	\$230,125.00
<i>Applicant Cash Match</i>	\$188,375.00
<i>Applicant In-Kind Match</i>	\$41,750.00
Total Other Sources of Funding	\$0.00
Total Project Cost	\$331,000.00

Applicant & Grantee Information

Name of Grantee: Alliance for Water Efficiency	
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Description of Grantee/Applicant

The Alliance for Water Efficiency is a national, stakeholder-based nonprofit dedicated to the efficient and sustainable use of water. The AWE network brings together more than 500 stakeholders including municipalities, water utilities, businesses, government agencies, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, associations and citizens. AWE brings together innovative technical resources to facilitate adoption of water conservation programs, cutting-edge research, a joined up approach to advocacy efforts, high quality expertise to equip professionals to make a difference, and a collaborative dialogue amongst diverse stakeholders that enables real progress.

Type of Eligible Entity

- ☐ Public (Government)
- ☐ Public (District)
- ☐ Public (Municipality)
- ☐ Ditch Company
- ☐ Private Incorporated
- ☐ Private Individual, Partnership, or Sole Proprietor
- ☐ Non-governmental Organization
- ☐ Covered Entity
- ☒ Other

Category of Water Project

- ☐ Agricultural Projects
Developing communications materials that specifically work with and educate the agricultural community on headwater restoration, identifying the state of the science of this type of work to assist agricultural users among others.
- ☒ Conservation & Land Use Planning
Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning.
- ☐ Engagement & Innovation Activities
Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application on the website.
- ☐ Watershed Restoration & Recreation
Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation.
- ☐ 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 and Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap.

Location of Water Project

Latitude 39.550100
Longitude 105.782100
Lat Long Flag Other: Coordinates based on other boundaries or locations
Water Source CRB
Basins Colorado
Counties
Districts

Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type Municipal
Type of Water Project Planning
Scheduled Start Date - Design
Scheduled Start Date - Construction
Description
The CRB Water Efficiency Network will be a collaboration between local water providers, large municipal water users, tribal nations, and land use organizations from across the basin, led by the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) and the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy. It will support implementation of urban water-saving

measures to help achieve water savings goals identified by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation as well other environmental, economic, and equity co-benefits.

AWE coordinated meetings of 30 CRB local water providers that signed an MOU to cut water use, and those meetings were very well received. The Network builds upon this work by inviting more CRB stakeholders to the table for collaboration, including lower-income and tribal communities.

The Network will accomplish its goals through 1) Peer-to-peer learning, including Learning Cohorts and Roundtables on specific topics, to leverage the collective expertise and experiences of water and land use agencies across the basin; 2) Regular trainings and workshops on topics selected by the Network members. 3) Providing direct technical assistance to water agencies, with a focus on Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), including free AWE memberships for DACs. 4) Ongoing “help desk” support for participants. We are seeking a 2 year grant from CWCB to support participation of Colorado organizations in the Network. The budget presented here only includes funding for which there are commitments. Our goal is to raise approximately an additional \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year from other funders.

Measurable Results

New Storage Created (acre-feet)
New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive
Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)
New Storage Created (acre-feet)
Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)
Length of Pipe, Canal Built or Improved (linear feet)
Efficiency Savings (dollars/year)
Efficiency Savings (acre-feet/year)
Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)
Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms or water sharing agreement (acre-feet)
Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning
Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity

Other

No additional measurable results provided

Water Project Justification

This project would create a Colorado River Basin Water Efficiency Network as a collaboration between local water providers, large municipal water users, tribal nations and land use planning organizations from across the basin, led by the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) and the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy. The Network aligns with the Colorado Water Plan and the Colorado Basin Implementation Plan by supporting implementation of long-term strategies for water efficiency and conservation, sustainable land use, and drought planning. The Network will accomplish this by 1) Facilitating peer-to-peer learning, including Learning Cohorts and Roundtables on specific topics, to leverage and share the collective expertise and experiences of water and land use agencies across the basin to improve program implementation; 2) Regular trainings and workshops on topics selected by the Network participants. 3) Providing direct technical assistance to water agencies, with a focus on Disadvantaged Communities (DACs). This would include free AWE memberships to provide DACs access to all AWE resources. 4) Ongoing “help desk” support for participants. AWE seeks a 2 year grant from CWCB to support participation of Colorado organizations in the Network.

Related Studies

CWCB and its partners have produced and funded many excellent resources to support local water efficiency and conservation efforts and the integration of water and land use planning. The Network will help connect CRB stakeholders to these resources in order to amplify their impacts. For example, we would coordinate with the Colorado Land and Water Use Planning Alliance and ensure water utilities are aware of CWCB resources such as the Municipal Water Efficiency Plan Guidance Document. For communities interested in turf limits in landscapes, we would point them to Western Resource Advocates, which was funded by CWCB do to this work.

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

N/A