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Colorado Water
Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

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Water Plan

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	South Metro Water Supply Authority
Name of Water Project	Water Ambassador Outreach
Grant Request Amount	\$30,000.00
Primary Category	\$30,000.00
<i>Engagement & Innovation Activities</i>	
Total Applicant Match	\$10,000.00
<i>Applicant Cash Match</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Applicant In-Kind Match</i>	\$5,000.00
Total Other Sources of Funding	\$0.00
Total Project Cost	\$40,000.00

Applicant & Grantee Information

Name of Grantee: South Metro Water Supply Authority	
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Description of Grantee/Applicant

No description provided

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 39.578480
Longitude -104.866120
Lat Long Flag Water provider location: Coordinates based on address of water provider
Water Source
Basins Metro
Counties Arapahoe; Douglas
Districts

Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type
Type of Water Project Education
Scheduled Start Date - Design 1/1/2025
Scheduled Start Date - Construction
Description
The Water Ambassador Program works with students in the community to share valuable learning opportunities about water in our community. The program and the Colorado Water Plan have much in common as the goal is to engage and educate, to encourage and produce vibrant communities. The Water Ambassador Program will be launching a South Metro Water Festival in the Summer of 2025. The Water Festival is geared towards families in and around the south metro region. In addition, the Water Ambassador Program would like to continue the purchasing of Conservation Kits to pass out to every student in every classroom visit.

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
2,000	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity
Other	
No additional measurable results provided	

Water Project Justification

SMWSA has long had the Water Ambassador program. The program started out small and worked primarily in after school programs of high schools. Lessons were taught to the highschoolers who then traveled to teach those lessons to younger students. While the engagement and interaction between students was positive, it came with its own logistical issues. In recent years, the program shifted to vetted and trained educators who present engaging and hands-on lessons for students of all ages to learn and care about water. Funding opportunities, such as this, make it possible for our program to continue to grow and contribute to our vibrant communities. Through the distribution of conservation kits, students and families are given tangible resources to help them conserve water in easy ways! We want to encourage engagement within families and provide an understanding of our precious resource! In addition to the hands-on resources, we want to offer the experience for families and children to learn about water in a way that is new and exciting. Through our South Metro Water Festival, we can do just that! This event will engage our community, and we hope through analysis and continued support that this may be an event that families and community members look forward to every year. We believe developing a love for water through positive interactions will foster a healthy relationship between community members and water use.

Related Studies

In 2023 the Water Ambassador Program received a grant from the Metro Roundtable WSRF. This grant allowed us to get our first round of conservation kits. The funds have been exhausted, so that is not implemented in this particular project. However, it helped us grow and seek out this opportunity.

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

N/A