

**COLORADO**Colorado Water  
Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

**Colorado Water Conservation Board****Water Plan****Water Project Summary**

Name of Applicant	Superior, Town of	
Name of Water Project	Town of Superior Landscape Code Update	
Grant Request Amount		<b>\$60,000.00</b>
Primary Category		\$60,000.00
<i>Conservation &amp; Land Use Planning</i>		
Total Applicant Match		<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<i>Applicant Cash Match</i>		\$20,000.00
<i>Applicant In-Kind Match</i>		\$0.00
Total Other Sources of Funding		<b>\$0.00</b>
Total Project Cost		<b>\$80,000.00</b>

**Applicant & Grantee Information**

Name of Grantee: Superior, Town of  
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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**

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- ☐ 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 39.953580  
 Longitude -105.166050  
 Lat Long Flag Default/Proponent headquarters: If the location cannot be defined with flags above, use location of project proponent headquarters  
 Water Source  
 Basins South Platte  
 Counties Boulder  
 Districts 4-Big Thompson River

### Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type Municipal  
 Type of Water Project Planning  
 Scheduled Start Date - Design 2/16/2026  
 Scheduled Start Date - Construction  
 Description  
 Superior seeks funding to support a Landscape Code Update focused on water conservation. Grant funds will enable the Town to work with a consultant to guide the project, with support from a cross-departmental staff team.

The proposed update will reflect and support recent water-related updates to strategic and policy documents like the current Comprehensive Plan, the 2022 Sustainability Action Plan, the 2019 Water plan, and the Town's Roadmap for Sustainable Landscaping. Staff's participation in Growing Water Smart (GWS) in 2023 deepened Superior's commitment to water conservation projects, and identified a landscape code update as a key long-term action - one of the Town's few remaining goals from GWS. Staff recognize that code is where goals and intentions become enforceable, making this update essential to achieving the full impact of prior efforts.

This initiative will also address gaps by aligning the code with recent changes to Colorado's Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) code and new state legislation, as well as with the Town's broader sustainability and fire-wise policy and design objectives.

Community engagement will be built into the process, ensuring opportunities for feedback on draft content. The

result will be a community-informed Landscape Code Update that aligns with state and local policies and goals, particularly as they pertain to water conservation and fire mitigation.

### 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)

13,361 Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning

13,361 Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity

Other

Water savings is an expected outcome of this project although we are unable to quantify this as it will depend on many ever-evolving factors relating to how the code is ultimately utilized. Another intended outcome of the project is that this update will help ensure Town goals and intentions are enforceable, ultimately allowing prior aligned efforts to reach their full impact.

### Water Project Justification

Our proposed water project supports the goals of Colorado's Water Plan in the Partner Actions area of conservation and land use (p. 175), particularly by emphasizing alignment with both local and state water conservation goals and fire mitigation efforts. With approximately 70% of the state's population located along the Front Range in the South Platte Basin, there is a lot of demand on our water. A landscape code update mandates efficient stewardship of water resources (p. 123). By updating our landscape code, which is one major lever that municipalities can use to structure and enforce water-wise planting and development, Superior can use this project to advance South Platte and Metro Basin Roundtable Goals of maintaining and promoting municipal conservation and efficiency (p. 122) even as growth occurs. Superior intends for this code update project to help meet the vision outlined in the plan, where "holistic water management is essential for creating vibrant communities that balance water supply and demand needs to create a sustainable urban landscape" (p. 9).

### Related Studies

The following Town documents provide relevant context, information or definitions that we expect to help inform the Landscape Code Update:

Current Town of Superior Landscape Code

Town of Superior Comprehensive Plan (currently being updated)

2022 Town of Superior Sustainability Action Plan

2019 Town of Superior Water Plan

Town of Superior Roadmap for Sustainable Landscaping and Irrigation Upgrades (Project Accelerator Program underway now)

### Taxpayer Bill of Rights

None