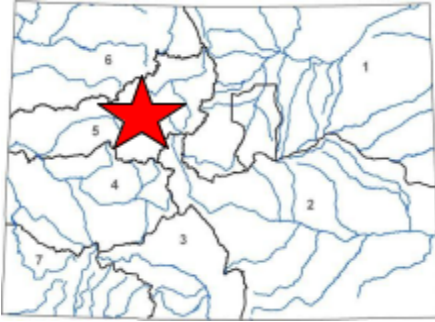




Water Plan Grant Program



Location	
County:	Eagle
Basin:	Colorado

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$534,643.90
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$346,018.90
Recommended Amount:	\$346,018.90
Match Commitment:	\$188,625.00
Grant to Match Ratio	65/55
Project Type:	Education
Primary Project Category:	Conservation & Land Use Planning
Measurable Result:	1500 Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity

The Eagle County Conservation District (ECCD), a Colorado Special District focused on Conservation and Natural Resource Management, is seeking Colorado Water Plan grant funding to support Phase II of its Beyond Lawn program in Eagle County, Colorado. This project aims to build off the success and lessons learned from the CWCB-funded Beyond Lawn Phase I project to promote water conservation and waterwise landscaping. Phase II will expand technical assistance, education, and on-the-ground support for landowners, HOAs, and public entities.

This project would focus on broadening the programs reach and deepen its impact by:

- integrating landscape and hydrozone designs to be easily implemented by homeowners;
- building local capacity by training independent contractors to bring the Beyond Lawn program to more ECCD residents, enhancing educational workshops, launching an internship program, and offering Spanish translation;
- expanding HOA consultations and grants;
- maintaining programs supported in Phase 1 for turf replacement and efficient irrigation system rebates, and installing waterwise demonstration gardens.

Phase II aims to drive measurable reductions in outdoor water use, promote healthy soils, and support resilient, biodiverse landscapes.

The project advances the Colorado Water Plan by supporting the "Vibrant Communities" vision, which calls for identifying turf replacement options that support transformative landscape change. It aligns with the Water Plan Grant criteria by activating tools cited in the plan, including water efficiency and conservation programming, public outreach and education, equity, and collaboration.

Grant dollars would be used to fund various project tasks, including landscape and hydrozone design, technical assistance, education and outreach materials, the internship program, waterwise demonstration gardens, Spanish translation and interpretation services, and the HOA 50/50 Cost-Share Grant Program, as well as administrative costs.

This project is supported by the Colorado River District, Eagle Valley Land Trust, Climate Action Collaborative for Eagle County communities, Eagle River Coalition, Town of Avon, Coca-Cola and Exploremos, and Eagle County Board of County Commissioners.

Funding Recommendation:

Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$346,018.90 to Eagle County Conservation District for Beyond Lawn Phase II project.