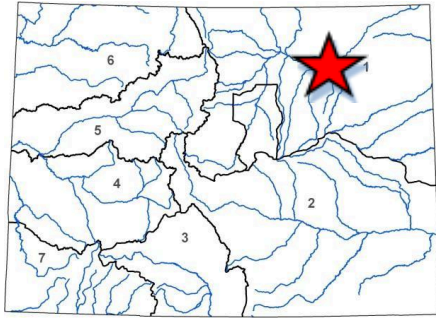




Water Plan Grant Program



LOCATION	
County:	Weld
Basin:	South Platte

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$358,625.00
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$430,360.00
Recommended amount:	\$258,625.00
Match Commitment:	\$100,000.00
Grant to Match Ratio	72/28
Project Type:	Planning
Primary Project Category:	Conservation & Land Use Planning
Measurable Result:	1 WEP update; 1 Drought response plan; 1 non-potable master plan

The City of Fort Lupton (the City) is seeking Colorado Water Plan grant funding to support holistic, comprehensive water planning that includes a Water Efficiency and Conservation Plan update, the development of a Drought Response Plan, and a Non-Potable Water System Master Plan.

This comprehensive planning effort will address future water supply and resiliency challenges and opportunities. The project will allow the City to investigate, assess, plan for, and prioritize specific water conservation, supply, and storage options under consideration. Consultants will conduct testing and modeling to accurately assess, analyze and prioritize specific future water strategies and provide actionable strategies to manage efficiency, conservation, and drought resiliency efforts. This plan will be a major first step toward fully integrated planning (e.g. One Water) for the City. The final Water Efficiency Plan will follow CWCB guidance and guidelines and will go through the CWCB staff review and approval process.

Grant dollars would be used to hire consultants to develop the three plans with the City.

This planning effort aligns with the Colorado Water Plan's Partner Actions and its vision of creating Vibrant Communities through wise water use. It also meets the Water Plan Grant criteria by integrating water efficiency planning and projects into the City's water resource management.

Two tasks in the original application were deemed ineligible because the projects would be completed before the grant could be contracted. CWCB Staff recommends full funding for the eligible tasks.

Match funding will be provided by the Department of Local Affairs.

Funding Recommendation:

Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$258,625.00 to the City of Fort Lupton for the Comprehensive Water Strategy Planning project on the condition that the scope is edited to include planning efforts that meet CWCB Water Efficiency Planning and Drought Planning guidelines and guidance.