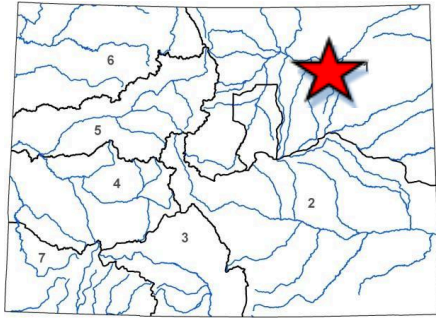




Water Plan Grant Program



LOCATION	
<i>Counties:</i>	All South Platte counties
<i>Basin:</i>	Metro; South Platte

DETAILS	
<i>Total Project Cost:</i>	\$224,455.00
<i>Water Plan Grant Request:</i>	\$168,308.00
<i>Recommended amount:</i>	\$168,308.00
<i>Match Commitment:</i>	\$56,146.72
<i>Grant to Match Ratio</i>	75/25
<i>Project Type:</i>	Engagement
<i>Primary Project Category:</i>	Engagement & Innovation
<i>Measurable Result:</i>	80 Coloradans impacted engagement activity

Colorado State University's Colorado Water Center, which leads interdisciplinary water research, education, and outreach in Colorado, is seeking Colorado Water Plan grant funding to support the final phase of development for the South Platte Salinity Stakeholder Group (SPSSG) in the South Platte River Basin.

Grant dollars would be used to develop a 5-year roadmap for the SPSSG, identify and prioritize strategies and projects to address salinity, and enhance outreach, communications, and data management for the group.

This project would enable the SPSSG to become self-sustaining with a clear vision, mission, goals, and processes to collaboratively assess and address salinity challenges, as well as identify and prioritize salinity management and mitigation strategies. SPSSG currently has 80 contributing individual water professionals.

The project advances the Colorado Water Plan's vision for Vibrant Communities, Robust Agriculture, and Thriving Watersheds by emphasizing holistic water management and effective engagement through fostering information sharing, education, and innovation at the state and local level. It aligns with the Water Plan Grant criteria by engaging a diverse group of stakeholders and improving the level of public awareness and engagement regarding water issues.

Project supporters include Denver Water, Northern Water Conservancy District, WaterReuse Colorado, Metro Basin and South Platte Basin Roundtable, and the North Sterling Irrigation District.

Funding Recommendation:

Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$168,308.00 to Colorado State University for the South Platte Salinity Stakeholder Group Final Phase