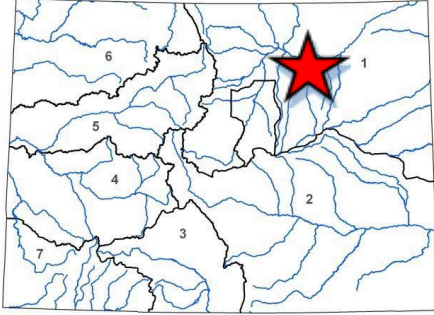




Water Plan Grant Program



LOCATION	
Counties:	Broomfield; Adams
Basin:	South Platte

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$95,521.89
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$71,641.42
Recommended Amount:	\$71,641.42
Match Commitment:	\$23,880.47
Grant to Match Ratio	75/25
Project Type:	Planning
Primary Project Category:	Conservation & Land Use
Measurable Result:	38,000 Coloradans impacted by incorporating water-saving actions into land use planning

Adams 12 Five Star Schools, a district serving over 34,000 students and 4,000 staff across 60 sites in Broomfield, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton, and Westminster, is seeking Colorado Water Plan grant funding to support a comprehensive inventory and evaluation of 54 irrigation systems across 475 acres of irrigated landscape. This assessment will inform the development of a WaterWise Conservation and Resiliency Plan for the District.

The District has recently received voter approved bond funding for landscape and irrigation upgrades for multiple sites and will receive future BOND funding for additional District sites. This plan will guide and prioritize these landscape and irrigation upgrades, improve system efficiency, enhance climate resiliency, and ensure long-term water sustainability, identifying cost-effective, high-impact improvements while engaging staff, students, and the community in sustainable land and water use practices.

Grant dollars would be used to hire a consultant to prepare a comprehensive written report detailing the condition, performance, and functionality of all evaluated irrigation systems, including prioritized recommendations for system improvements, cost estimates, and potential water and maintenance savings. The consultant will also assist in drafting the Plan and developing a long-term implementation strategy.

District staff will share the draft report with stakeholders, including district leadership, facilities and grounds teams, students, staff, and community partners to gather input, ensure alignment with operational priorities, and address concerns. This project will result in a comprehensive WaterWise Conservation and Resiliency Plan for the District.

This planning effort aligns with the Colorado Water Plan's Partner Actions and its vision of creating vibrant communities through wise water use, reducing future water demand, addressing deferred maintenance, and integrating land and water planning, fostering a strong ethic of water stewardship. It also meets the Water Plan Grant criteria by integrating water efficiency planning and projects into the District's water resource management.

Project supporters include district leadership, facilities and grounds teams, students, staff, and community partners.

Funding Recommendation:

Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$71,521.89 to Adams 12 Five Star Schools for the WaterWise Conservation and Resiliency Plan.