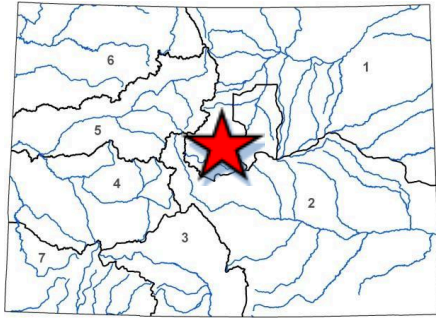




## Water Plan Grant Program



LOCATION	
County:	Boulder
Basin:	South Platte

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$80,000.00
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$60,000.00
Recommended Amount:	\$60,000.00
Match Commitment:	\$20,000.00
Grant to Match Ratio	75/25
Project Type:	Planning
Primary Project Category:	Conservation and Land Use
Measurable Result:	13,361 Coloradans impacted by incorporating water-saving actions into land use planning

The Town of Superior (the Town) is seeking a Colorado Water Plan grant to support a Landscape Code Update focused on water conservation. This initiative will enable the Town to work with a consultant and a cross-departmental staff team to update its landscape code.

This project would create a community-informed Landscape Code Update that aligns with state and local policies and goals, particularly as they relate to water conservation and fire mitigation. It will also address gaps by aligning the code with recent changes to Colorado's Wildland-Urban Interface code and new non-functional turf legislation. The project's objectives include integrating and supporting related planning initiatives, addressing existing gaps, aligning with and advancing state and local water conservation goals, and including community engagement and feedback. By updating the landscape code, the Town will make its goals and intentions enforceable, allowing prior efforts to reach their full impact. 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.

The project advances the Colorado Water Plan's Partner Actions by codifying the efficient stewardship of water resources through land use planning. This is particularly advantageous when applying codes to new development as it supports the concept of "building it water smart from the start". It helps meet the vision of creating vibrant communities that balance water supply and demand needs to create a sustainable urban landscape. With approximately 70% of the state's population in the South Platte Basin, a landscape code update will help the Town of Superior advance the South Platte and Metro Basin Roundtable goals of maintaining and promoting municipal conservation and efficiency in new development.

Grant dollars would be used to hire a consultant to guide the project. The consultant will work with staff to define project details, conduct research on state and local policies, develop an evaluation system, and create the draft and final landscape code. Grant funds will also support a robust community engagement process, including open house public meetings and presentations to targeted audiences like the Planning Commission.

Project supporters include a cross-departmental staff team from the Town of Superior, as well as the Planning Commission and the Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability, who will provide feedback on the draft code. The project is also informed by previous staff efforts and existing documents like the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Water Plan, and Roadmap for Sustainable Landscaping.

### Funding Recommendation:

Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$60,000.00 to the Town of Superior for the Town of Superior Landscape Code Update.