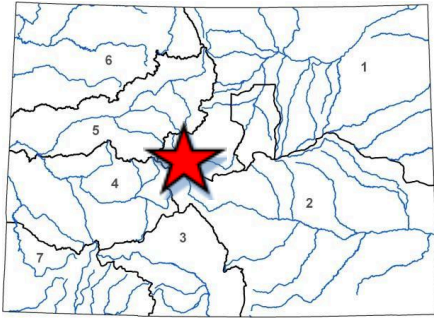




Water Plan Grant Program



LOCATION	
County:	Denver
Basins:	Metro; South Platte; Colorado; Arkansas

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$1,031,839.63
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$715,809.39
Recommended Amount:	\$0.00
Match Commitment:	\$316,030.24
Grant to Match Ratio	70/30
Project Type:	Education
Primary Project Category:	Conservation & Land Use Planning
Measurable Result:	applicant estimates 3,000,000 Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning

The Denver Department of Public Health and Environment (DDPHE), a public government agency, is seeking Colorado Water Plan grant funding to support a project titled "Advancing the State of Graywater in Colorado." This project proposes to build on current graywater efforts by DDPHE by expanding graywater education and outreach to aid in residential irrigation conservation and promote large indoor reuse systems to developers. The project is focused in Denver and aims to expand its reach across the state.

Grant dollars would be used to install new laundry-to-landscape graywater systems as part of an educational program, expand outreach and training programs for residential irrigation conservation, and promote and educate developers about large indoor reuse systems. The project would also fund an irrigation auditing certification course to train professionals to install and maintain water-efficient irrigation systems.

This project's goal is to empower Coloradans to become stewards of water resources and help other municipalities overcome barriers to establishing their own graywater programs. This aims to advance the Colorado Water Plan by strategically expanding water reuse, promoting outdoor One Water strategies, and modeling water-wise development and land use planning. By reducing municipal water demand, the project could help improve water resource management and resilience of the South Platte Basin watershed.

Project supporters include 4CORE, Kuel Water, Red Rocks Community College, Groundwork Denver, and Denver Water. This project is also a significant expansion of a current CWCB-funded grant, DDPHE's "Graywater Education and Outreach Grant." The project is an implementation of the City of Denver's One Water Plan and is related to other key documents such as Denver Water's Water Efficiency Plan and the City and County of Denver Climate Adaptation Plan.

Funding Recommendation:

Staff does not recommend that the Denver Dept. of Public Health and Environment be awarded a Water Plan Grant for Advancing the State of Graywater in Colorado because the current graywater Water Plan Grant has not yet been sufficiently completed and the application materials did not adequately demonstrate project feasibility.