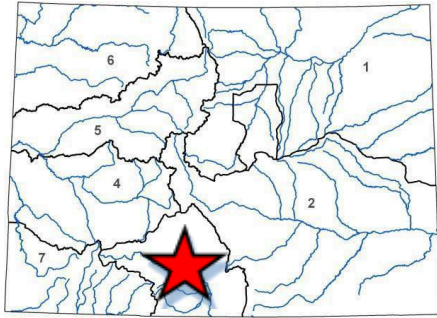




Water Plan Grant Program



LOCATION	
County:	Alamosa
Basin:	Rio Grande

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$400,000.00
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$100,000.00
Recommended Amount:	\$0
Match Commitment:	\$300,000.00
Grant to Match Ratio:	25/75
Project Type:	Planning
Primary Project Category:	Conservation & Land Use Planning
Measurable Result:	10,000 Coloradans impacted by incorporating water-saving actions into land use planning

The City of Alamosa, the largest municipality in the San Luis Valley, is seeking a Colorado Water Plan grant to update its Water Efficiency Plan (WEP) and its Comprehensive Plan.

Alamosa has made significant progress in water conservation since adopting its 2020 WEP. Alamosa achieved 7 out of 9 water conservation activities identified in the WEP, including replacing the golf course irrigation system, which now uses 70 acre-feet (AF) per year—a decrease from the 100-110 AF per year used by the old system. The city successfully met its WEP goal of reducing average household water use from 112 to 100 gallons per person per day. Alamosa also conducted three years of water conservation outreach and education, reaching at least 406 residents through events and online content.

Grant funds would be used to hire a consultant to complete both the WEP and Comprehensive Plan updates. The City of Alamosa has already secured Colorado Department of Local Affairs grants for their Comprehensive Plan Update.

The planning effort aims to advance the Colorado Water Plan by further integrating water into their land use planning. The Rio Grande Basin Roundtable is supportive of this effort.

Funding Recommendation:

Staff does not recommend the City of Alamosa be awarded a Water Plan Grant for Water Efficiency and Comprehensive Plan Updates because it did not adequately demonstrate project feasibility. Specifically, the application materials were underdeveloped and did not provide adequate detail to explain the City's strategies and methods for integrating water conservation and efficiency in the Comprehensive Plan Update.