

Youth Development, Water Education, & the CO Water Plan (Year Zero) Colorado Watershed Assembly

September 2024 Board Meeting - CA3b

Water Supply Reserve Grant Application



LOCATION

Counties: Adamas, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Elbert, Gilpin

Drainage Basin: South Platte

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$160,157
Total WSRF Grant Request:	\$93,750
Metro Basin Account Request:	\$46,875
South Platte Basin Account Request:	\$46,875
Recommended Amount:	\$93,750
Other CWCB Funding:	\$0
Other Funding Amount:	\$47,282
Applicant Match:	\$19,125
Project Type: Education	
Major Water Use Type: Education	
Measurable Result: 100,000 Coloradans impacted by incorporating water-saving actions into land use planning;	

574,162 Coloradans impacted by engagement activity.

The applicant is proposing to bring best practices from the field of environmental education into implementation of the Colorado Water Plan, applying educational standards of "excellence and quality youth development" approaches to identify a statewide collection of 15 "water education exemplars" for further promotion in the environmental education field. The applicant's objective is to develop the next generation of Colorado residents as young people will oversee the implementation the Plan.

"How old will you be in 2050?" has been a guiding question the applicant has been using over the past year when teaching youth. This question has challenged a group of water educators to consider how their work can better support the Colorado Water Plan. The applicant has put a focus on engaging young people to help achieve the partner actions stated in the Water Plan.

The current proposal includes a planning year to design youth-development program that lasts beyond the duration of the grant timeline.

The project aligns with the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan.

Issues/Additional Needs: Prior to contracting, the applicant must secure all matching funds. No other issues or additional needs have been identified.

Funding Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$46,875 from the Metro Basin Account and up to \$46,875 from the South Platte Basin Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.