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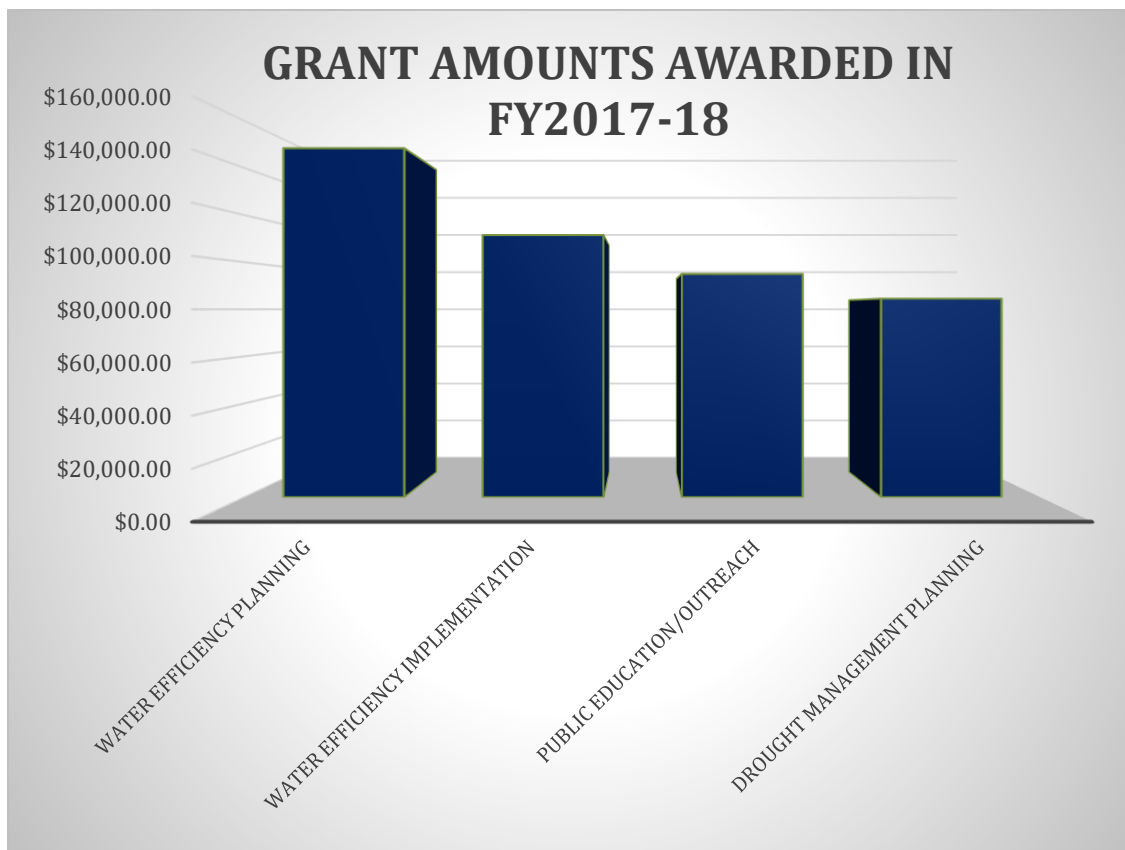
OVERVIEW

The Water Efficiency Grant Program (WEGP), created in 2005 under HB05-1254 and expanded in 2007 through SB07-008, is administered by the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Office of Water Conservation & Drought Planning (OWCDP) within the Water Supply Planning Section. This grant program provides financial assistance to communities, water providers, and eligible entities statewide for water efficiency and implementation, as well as drought planning and implementation projects. Since 2005, more than \$5.87 million has been awarded through this grant program.

For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the CWCB awarded over \$438,000 to thirteen projects in four river basins.

Water Efficiency Grants are available in the following areas of water resource planning:

- Water Efficiency Planning
- Water Efficiency Plan Implementation
- Water Resource Conservation Public Education & Outreach
- Drought Management Planning
- Drought Management Plan Implementation



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WATER EFFICIENCY PLANNING PROJECTS

A goal of the CWCB is to provide technical and financial support and assistance to water providers, state, and local governmental entities to develop or update Water Efficiency Plans. Across Colorado, water entities of all sizes turn to the CWCB for assistance with local water efficiency planning efforts.

For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the OWCDP awarded five water efficiency planning grants to the following entities:

Water Provider	Grant Amount	Basin
Central Weld County Water District	\$29,505	South Platte
East Cherry Creek Valley Water & Sanitation District	\$28,825	South Platte
Town of Eaton	\$30,000	South Platte
Town of Olathe	\$30,000	Gunnison
Town of Wellington	\$30,000	South Platte

WATER EFFICIENCY IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

Entities may utilize WEGP money to implement the goals and programs identified in their CWCB-approved Water Efficiency Plan.

For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the CWCB awarded three grants for implementation projects to the following entities:

Water Provider	Grant Amount	Project Title	Basin
City of Aspen	\$48,923	Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance Implementation	Colorado
City of Fort Collins	\$14,540	Commercial & Industrial Audit Training	South Platte
Denver Water	\$48,000	PureWater Colorado Demonstration Project	South Platte

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PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROJECTS

The CWCB is committed to promoting the benefits of water resource conservation and supporting statewide public education and outreach efforts to increase water conservation awareness. Public education & outreach grants can reach a broad audience and help achieve these goals. For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the CWCB awarded two grants for public education & outreach projects to the following organizations:

Organization	Grant Amount	Project Title	Basin
Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency	\$11,007	Rainwater Harvesting Demonstration Sites	Southwest
One World One Water Center – Metropolitan State University of Denver	\$83,966	Colorado Water Collaboratory Phase 2 – Water Action Planning	South Platte

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROJECTS

Drought is one of the most destructive of all natural hazards, yet often the least planned for by local governments. Drought adversely affects nearly all sectors of Colorado's economy; however, improved drought management can reduce these impacts.

By developing Drought Management Plans, communities are working to appropriately address and reduce existing and potential drought related impacts. These Plans can help to preserve essential public services and minimize the effects of a water supply emergency on public health and safety, the local economy, environmental resources and quality of life.

During FY 2017-2018, three grants were awarded.

Water Provider	Grant Amount	Basin
City of Thornton	\$30,000	South Platte
San Juan County	\$19,490	Southwest
Town of Castle Rock	\$35,000	South Platte

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DROUGHT MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

Entities may utilize WEGP funds to implement the goals and programs identified in their CWCB-approved Drought Management Plan.

For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the CWCB did not receive an application for implementation projects, but does anticipate awarding future grants as more communities have Drought Management Plans approved by CWCB.

*Grant project documentation can be accessed through the online CWCB database:
<https://dnrweblink.state.co.us>



Office of Water Conservation and Drought Planning

Water Supply Planning Section

The CWCB's Office of Water Conservation and Drought Planning was created to promote water conservation and drought mitigation planning and implementation by: acting as a repository for related information; providing technical assistance; providing financial assistance; and providing evaluation of plans to address water needs and prepare for water related emergencies.

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