



Update on Colorado Water Conservation Board Grant Programs

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Office of Water Conservation & Drought Planning (OWCDP)

➤ Water Conservation & Drought Mitigation Planning & Implementation

- Technical Assistance
- Financial Assistance
 - Water Efficiency Grant Program



➤ Water Availability Task Force

➤ State Water Supply Initiative/1177

➤ Water Education & Outreach



Water Efficiency Grant Program

\$3 million (plus) is available from July 1, 2005
to June 30, 2012

➤ Water Conservation Planning & Implementation



➤ Drought Mitigation Planning & Implementation



➤ Education and Public Outreach





Water Efficiency Grant Program

Who Is Eligible?

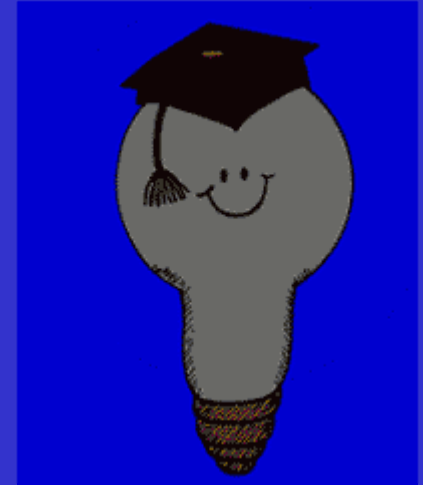
- Covered Entities (or soon to be) - water provider that annually delivers, on retail basis, 2,000 acft or more of water
- Local & State Governmental Entities – mid-size & small water providers, municipalities, counties
- Agencies – entities whose primary purpose includes the promotion of water resource conservation



Water Efficiency Grant Program

Did You Know?

Effective **July 1, 2006**, a covered entity seeking financial assistance from either the CWCB or the CO Water Resources & Power Development Authority must submit to the CWCB a new or revised plan to meet water conservation goals for the CWCB's approval prior to release of new loan proceeds.





Water Efficiency Grant Program

When To Apply?

- Grant requests < \$50K - anytime throughout the year; approved administratively by CWCB Executive Director
- Grant requests \$50K or > - by the first of the month preceding the month when Board action is required; Board meets on odd numbered months of the year
- 4 – 6 weeks for OWCDP staff review



Key Grant Application Elements

- Grant Guidelines for Financial Assistance on website
- Require a 25% match from applicant
 - In-kind or cash contribution
- Applications will be evaluated and scored in accordance with CWCB Application Evaluation Criteria
 - Detailed Scope of Work
 - Detailed Project Budget (incl. match)
- Progress reports due at 50% & 95% completion of project w/ final report due at completion





Public Participation is Key

- *Draft Water Conservation Plan must be made available for public review & comment.*
- *Follow covered entity's rules, codes, or ordinances that establish a public process.*
- *If none exist, then draft plan will be made available for public comment for no less than 60 days.*





Awarded Water Conservation Planning Grants

- City of Brighton
- Town of Erie
- City of Fort Lupton
- Town of Castle Rock
- Castle Pines North
Metro District
- City of Northglenn
- East Larimer Co. W & W
- City of Firestone



For More Information

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