

No-Cost, Hands-On Assistance to Apply for the WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program

The Cooperative Watershed Management Program (CWMP) Phase 1 (Watershed Group Development and Watershed Restoration Planning) provides funding to grassroots, local watershed groups to encourage diverse stakeholders to form local solutions to address their water management needs. USBR defines a watershed groups as a "self sustaining, non-regulatory group that is composed of a diverse array of stakeholders, which may include, but is not limited to, private property owners, non-profit organizations, Federal, state, or local agencies, and tribes."

Eligible Projects Include:

- Watershed group development
- Watershed restoration planning
- Watershed management project design

Who's Eligible to Apply?

New and existing Watershed Groups are eligible, and must be located in the Western US and includes states, Indian Tribes, local and special districts (e.g., irrigation water districts, water conservation districts), local government entities, interstate organizations, and non-profit organizations.

Federal Funding Amount:

- Up to \$300,000 per applicant (\$100,000 per year up to three years); a non-Federal cost share contribution is not required.

WaterNow provides **free support to Colorado** entities applying for WaterSMART grants, including:

- 1-on-1 call to discuss grant opportunities and to strategize next steps
 - Targeted research tasks related to your application
 - Guidance on USBR grant submission processes
 - Application templates
 - Detailed review of your application
- *Please note that WaterNow is not able to write/draft WaterSMART applications*
- And more! We'll work with you to determine what types of application of support would be most useful for your organization

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our **WaterSMART Grant Application Support & Help Desk!**

Ready for assistance with your application? Complete [this Google Form](#) and we'll be in touch!

WaterNow Alliance is an independent, non-profit that receives philanthropic funding to support Colorado water providers to apply for WaterSMART funding. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation implements the WaterSMART program, and makes all final grant decisions. We are not affiliated with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in any way.