

## **Extension Water Initiative Grant RFP Summer 2018**

Utah State University Extension is pleased to announce a request for proposals (RFP) in the area of Water Conservation. This RFP is funded through a legislative appropriation approved during the 2016 legislative session titled the USU Extension Water Initiative. Research proposals must focus on at least one of the following topics: water conservation, the creation of innovative tools that support/direct water conservation, the enhancement of water quality, the enhancement of water availability, or enhancing water efficiency. The eleven questions included in the Executive Summary (pages 1-6) of the *Recommended State Water Strategy* document released in July 2017 are particularly pertinent. All successful research projects must have a clear Extension outcome such as new Extension programming, deliverable tools, curriculum, smart Apps, or other Extension-relevant deliverables. Extension proposals that do not include a significant research component will be considered but must demonstrate a high probability of significant impact on water conservation within a reasonably short period of time.

The Proposal Narrative is limited to five single-spaced pages. A budget and budget justification are required, but are not included in this five-page limit. Proposals must provide a clear project justification, scope of work, description of anticipated impact (including an estimated time frame for when this impact will be realized), description of how project outcomes will enhance water conservation and availability, specific Extension deliverables, and a clear and specific plan outlining how the project outcome(s) will be integrated into Extension programming or tools. There is an expectation for a 1:1 match from external partners such as a city/town, Conservation District, State or Federal agency, private industry, non-governmental organization, etc. The match can be a combination of in-kind and/or cash. The required cover page and budget template are posted at <http://extension.usu.edu/employee/grants>. A separate Budget Justification must be submitted with the budget template and must specifically justify each of the budget items as well as describe the match. The maximum request must not exceed \$75,000 and the timeline for completion may not exceed 24 months.

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2018, and must be submitted electronically at <http://extension.usu.edu/employee/grants>. Please submit a single PDF document assembled in the following order: (1) Cover Page, (2) Project Narrative (limited to five pages), (3) References, (4) Budget Form, and (5) Budget Justification. Proposals will be reviewed by a Water Advisory Board who will rank the proposals based on anticipated community impact(s). Final funding recommendations will be made to the Vice President for Extension based on scientific merit and impact on community water conservation. The Vice President reserves the right to fund or not fund projects recommended for funding as well as the right to fund projects at full or partial levels depending upon the appropriateness of the budget and budget justification.

If you have questions about the Extension Water Initiative Grant Program or how to submit a Grant proposal, please contact Chris Davies, Associate Director, UAES (E-mail: [chris.davies@usu.edu](mailto:chris.davies@usu.edu); phone: 435-797-1900).