

Extension Water Initiative Grants
2017

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. 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. All successful projects must have a clear Extension outcome such as new Extension programming, deliverable tools, curriculum, smart Apps, or other Extension-relevant deliverables.

Proposals will be 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, 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 city/town, Conservation District, State or Federal agency, private industry, etc. The match can be a combination of in-kind and/or cash. The required budget template is posted at <http://extension.usu.edu/employee/grants>. A separate Budget Justification must be submitted with the budget template which specifically justifies each of the budget items and describes the match. The maximum request must not exceed \$75,000, and timeline for completion cannot exceed 12- to 18-months.

Proposals are due November 15, 2017 by 5:00 pm, and must be submitted electronically at <http://extension.usu.edu/employee/grants>. 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.