

AWSA MUNICIPAL WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission has allocated \$3 million for municipal water conservation in Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, and Catron counties. The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission is inviting proposals for Municipal Water Conservation projects from Municipalities, Intercommunity Water Associations, Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Associations, or other community water systems authorized by statute to receive public funds. Please send the proposal to:

nm.awsa@state.nm.us

Please include the following information:

1. Name of entity requesting funds:
2. Name and location, including county, of water system that will benefit from the funds
3. Contact information of the person representing the entity above: name, title, US mail address, phone, and email.
4. Is the applicant a
 - Water system of incorporated municipalities organized pursuant to § 3-2-1 et seq. or § 3-3-1 et seq.
 - Intercommunity Water Association organized pursuant to § 3-28-1 et seq.
 - MDWCAs organized pursuant to § 3-29-1 et seq.
 - Water District or Water & Sanitation District organized pursuant to § 73-21-1 et seq.
 - Other community water system authorized by statute to receive public funds. Please specify.
5. How many service connections are on this system?
6. How much water is pumped or diverted annually? Please provide 2 years of diversion amounts, in gallons.
7. Briefly describe the proposed project(s), in less than 500 words. Regulations and existing plans may be attached separately. Please include:
 - public water conservation education program (existing or to be provided)
 - public water conservation goals (existing or to be provided)
 - increasing block rate structures (existing or to be provided)
 - outdoor watering regulations (existing or to be provided)
 - current water audit (existing or to be provided)
 - leak detection programs (existing or to be provided)
 - estimated cost per acre-feet of water saved¹ per year (include calculations)
 - what outside, non-local funds will be used to support project
 - the local cash match, if any, that will be provided (discretionary)

A contracting mechanism with the Interstate stream Commission (ISC) must be entered into by December 31, 2016.

Applications should be received by June 1, 2015. Applications received after June 1 may be considered only if funding remains available.

¹ Water saved is defined as the reduction in net depletions in the regional water resources.

Conservation projects will be qualified by the OSE Water Use and Conservation Bureau. Proponents are encouraged to explore the website of the NM OSE Water Use and Conservation Bureau at <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/WUC/index.php>.

Particularly, Technical Report 53, New Mexico’s Water Conservation Planning Guide for Public Water Suppliers can be found at http://www.ose.state.nm.us/WUC/PDF/Planning%20Guide_Final_.pdf

There is a link to free software for Water Auditing at http://www.ose.state.nm.us/WUC/wuc_accounting.php and a Gallons per Capita per Day calculator at http://www.ose.state.nm.us/WUC/wuc_gcpd.php. Assistance is available for those desiring to use these softwares. For assistance, please email to NM.AWSA@state.nm.us.

If requests for funding exceed available funds, staff will score the proposals using the criteria below:

CRITERION	POINTS
Increasing Block Rate Structure in place or to be included	1 or 0
Public water Conservation Education Program in place or to be included	1 or 0
Outdoor Water Regulations	1 or 0
Meets Public Goals	1 or 0
Current Water Audit in place or to be included	1 or 0
Leak Detection Program in place or to be included	1 or 0
Cost/AF/Y	< \$40 = 5, < \$60 = 4 < \$80 = 3, < \$100 = 2 > \$100 = 0
Local cash match (discretionary)	30% = 5, >25% = 4 >20% = 3, >15% = 2 >10% = 1, <10% = 0
Outside funding support	30% = 5, >25% = 4 >20% = 3, >15% = 2 >10% = 1, <10% = 0