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MEASURING WATER AND LAND USE INTEGRATION

REQUEST FOR PILOT PROJECT APPLICATIONS

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“Sonoran Institute and Brendle Group have evaluated meaningful metrics that communities and the State can use to measure progress of water-land use planning integration and the impacts of those efforts.”

Christy Wiseman, AICP | Land Use and Water Planner, Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Now Accepting Applications

The Sonoran Institute is seeking communities in Colorado that are interested in selecting, calculating, and applying metrics to track the extent and impact of integrated water and land use.

Applications can be submitted by land use planners, water providers and utilities, or other leaders representing a local government entity. Two neighboring communities or a county-municipality partnership may submit a joint-application for one round.

This opportunity operationalizes the guidance found in **Growing Water Smart Metrics: Tracking the Integration of Water and Land Use Planning**.

Participants will receive twelve months of specialized training and assistance from **Sonoran Institute** and **Brendle Group**, consisting of:

- Guidance in development of a stakeholder group
- Four 3-hour workshops with their stakeholder group
- Technical assistance in gathering data and calculating metrics

Timeline—We will select two applications for subsequent periods. The schedule for round 1 is outlined below.

Tentative Round 1 Schedule (subject to variation)

June 2021	Kickoff & stakeholder team selection
July 2021	“Anchor” workshop
Sept. 2021	“Define” workshop
Nov. 2021	“Activate” workshop
June 2022	“Assess” workshop & project wrap-up

Technical assistance towards metrics calculation may occur throughout the 12-month project timespan.

Round 2 will begin in January 2022.

Please specify your preferred round in your application.

Expectations of participants—Selected teams will:

- Actively participate in the identification and invitation of individuals to the metrics stakeholder group.
- Actively participate in the 4 workshops and conduct preparatory and follow-up tasks between workshops.
- Have water and land use data available to them via the water provider(s) that service their jurisdiction.
- Be able to dedicate approximately 15 hours per month of staff time for the duration of the project.
- Be motivated to utilize metrics collected through this process to establish water conservation targets and determine additional strategies to reach those targets.



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Application Questions:

1. Please describe your community's prior commitment to the integration of water and land use planning. Has your community set any water efficiency goals?
2. What initial steps have you taken to apply metrics to measure progress toward or impact of implementing water-saving measures through land use? Which metrics from the **Guidebook** do you believe may be most valuable to your community, and why?
3. Do you have access to population, land use, and water use data from your water provider(s)/ planning departments? If so, please describe the types of datasets you have access to and their sources.
4. Please include letters of support from the planning department(s) and the water provider(s) for this project that describe a commitment of participation in the project and implementation of the outcomes.

Application Period:

Please submit your application information in a PDF to climateresilience@sonoraninstitute.org by **Friday, May 7, 2021**.

More Information:

Sonoran Institute and Brendle Group will host an informational webinar on **March 24th at 3pm (MST)**.

You may **register** and view the recording at resilientwest.org/growing-water-smart/metrics

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