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# GROWING WATER SMART TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Fall 2021

*The work performed, the method of collaboration, and the results [arising from our Growing Water Smart technical assistance] are exactly what the City needed and will be long-lasting.”*

Anne Best Johnson | Community Development Director, City of Evans, Colorado

## Application Window Now Open

The Sonoran Institute and the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy are requesting proposals from Colorado Growing Water Smart communities for technical assistance in implementing their workshop action plans.

**Eligibility**— With funding provided by the Colorado Water Conservation Board, all prior workshop participants are eligible to apply, including those that were awarded funding from previous rounds.

**Requests for Assistance**— Communities may apply for any project that advances the integration of land use planning and water resource management. This financial assistance can jumpstart new projects or add momentum toward your water resiliency goals.

Projects must be completed by December 2022.

The requested assistance may be provided directly by third-party consultants, non-profit organizations, Sonoran Institute or Babbitt Center staff, workshop facilitators, or others. Please identify your preferred provider in your proposal.

Examples of previous projects are described in the bulleted list below. Please select from this list or propose your own.

### Policy and Regulatory Updates

- Zoning or subdivision code
- Landscape ordinance

### Plans and Studies

- Design and implementation of visioning, scenario planning, or other planning processes
- Integration of a water element into general plans
- Drought management planning
- Updated community growth projections to inform future water demand

### Research and Implementation of Best Practices or Model Policies and Programs

- Assessments of local plans, policies, and programs
- Updated land use code language

### Education, Communication, and Collaboration

- Presentations by technical experts or peers
- Communications planning and messaging
- Facilitation of stakeholder groups





Jeremy Stapleton, Sonoran Institute



Diego Trejo, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

**Contract Amount**—Funding requests of up to \$10,000 will be considered. Joint applications from two or more of the participating communities may be submitted requesting up to \$10,000 per community. Matching funds are not required, though you may apply this funding toward a larger project.

Funds may be requested for fees, travel, and other expenses incurred by the person(s) providing assistance. Funding will not be provided for local government staff salary.

**Expectations of Recipients**—Technical Assistance award recipients are expected to sign a contract or an agreement that outlines the roles and expectations of the parties involved and to share regular project status updates with Sonoran Institute. To promote peer-to-peer information exchange, award recipients are expected to develop a project summary report and assist in sharing the outcomes of the project upon project completion.

**Proposal Submission Format and Deadline**—Please provide a narrative of no more than two pages (use Times Roman, 12 Font) and include:

- a description of the technical assistance project for which funds are requested,
- the desired technical assistance provider,
- anticipated deliverable(s) and/or outcomes expected from the technical assistance, and
- staff and agency(ies) responsible for overseeing the technical assistance project.

Applicants are encouraged to review their request with the **Sonoran Institute** prior to submission.

Please submit your technical assistance proposal to **ClimateResilience@sonoraninstitute.org** by **Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

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## About the Sonoran Institute

The Sonoran Institute's mission is to connect people and communities with the natural resources that nourish and sustain them.

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