

Hello Sean Chambers and Other South Platte Watershed Leaders:

We request a letter of support from the South Platte Basin Roundtable to pursue a Colorado Water Plan: Engagement & Innovation grant. We intend to use the Colorado Water Plan funds to continue our project's legacy. The Lower South Platte Children's Water Festival is described in the summary and budget below.

### 2022 Success

September 21st, 2022, a rambunctious and thoughtful group of 417 students from 11 elementary schools had a blast at the Logan County Fairgrounds. These 5<sup>th</sup> graders met 30 presenters (all water and conservation professionals!), who facilitated activities and lessons. Students brought home soil keepsakes and water activity pages, to practice and share their new water knowledge. In anticipation of the Festival, we sent water literature to teachers and parents. Our booklet proposed a Water Week, roping in the dress-up days, bellringers, and essential questions from #Water22 (Water Awareness 2022). Click the link to view the [2022 Northeast Colorado \(NECO\) Children's Water Festival VIDEO!](#) Feedback from our teacher/presenter survey was overwhelmingly positive.

Financially, the 2022 Festival fundraised \$10,425 from 24 businesses all along the South Platte. We spent under budget and have reserved a \$3,570 nest egg for future Lower South Platte Children's Water Festivals.

Goal
Continue hosting a yearly children’s water festival (CWF) for elementary students along the Lower South Platte River corridor.
<u>Quick History</u> 2012 Sedgwick County CWF 2016-2020 Sedgwick County CWF <a href="#">2021 Virtual</a> Sedgwick County CWF 2022 Northeast Colorado (NECO) CWF: Sedgwick Logan, Morgan, and Washington Counties
<u>Quick Future</u> 2023, 2024, & 2025 Lower South Platte CWF: Sedgwick, Logan, Morgan, and Washington Counties

Future Funds

We look to fund future festivals with a 3-year Colorado Water Plan grant, to:

1. Provide security that we can host our festival for the next 3 years.
2. Minimize financial asks from small, local businesses.
3. Save time pursuing multiple grant requests.
4. Focus planning on recruiting schools and presenters.

We will invite 700 students each year and expect 550-600 to attend.

If the South Platte BRT sees the value in continuing our tradition of partnership and outreach on the Lower South Platte, please author a letter of support for our wonderful Children’s Water Festival. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to answering any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Craig Brownell, Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District  
Mallory Hiss, Colorado Rural Water Association



## Lower South Platte Children's Water Festival 2023 Budget

Income	Secured 2023	Projected 2023	Projected 2024	Projected 2025
Sponsorships	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
CDPHE Sourcewater Protection D&I Grant	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		
CO Water Plan Grant (requested)		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Carryover from Previous Year	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 11,442.50	\$ 10,957.13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 15,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,442.50</b>	<b>\$ 29,957.13</b>

Expenses	from previous year	Current	Projected	0.05% Projected	0.05% Projected	Overall
<b>Festival General Supplies</b>						
Folders			\$ 300.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 330.75	\$ 945.75
Stickers for folders and Kids			\$ 180.00	\$ 189.00	\$ 198.45	\$ 567.45
Bags for kids			\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 1,984.50	\$ 5,674.50
Handouts for folders			\$ 480.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 529.20	\$ 1,513.20
Volunteer/Presenter Shirts			\$ 1,105.00	\$ 1,160.25	\$ 1,218.26	\$ 3,483.51
Volunteer/Presenter Thank You's			\$ 650.00	\$ 682.50	\$ 716.63	\$ 2,049.13
Misc			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,102.50	\$ 3,152.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 5,515.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,790.75</b>	<b>\$ 6,080.29</b>	<b>\$ 17,386.04</b>
<b>Signage</b>						
Banners			\$ 450.00	\$ 472.50	\$ 496.13	\$ 1,418.63
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<b>Presenters/Presentation Supplies</b>						
A (Mad Science)			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,102.50	\$ 3,152.50
B (Sand Art Soil Profile)			\$ 900.00	\$ 945.00	\$ 992.25	\$ 2,837.25
B (What Water Means to Me)			\$ 700.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 771.75	\$ 2,206.75
C (Edible Aquifer)			\$ 500.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 551.25	\$ 1,576.25
D (Music and Water)			\$ 500.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 551.25	\$ 1,576.25
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 3,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,780.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,969.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,349.00</b>
<b>Bussing</b>						
10 busses @ \$500 each			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,512.50	\$ 15,762.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,512.50</b>	<b>\$ 15,762.50</b>
<b>Meals</b>						
Presenter/Volunteer Breakfast			\$ 455.00	\$ 477.75	\$ 501.64	\$ 1,434.39
Presenter/Volunteer Lunch			\$ 975.00	\$ 1,023.75	\$ 1,074.94	\$ 3,073.69
Drinks			\$ 162.50	\$ 170.63	\$ 179.16	\$ 512.28
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,592.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,672.13</b>	<b>\$ 1,755.73</b>	<b>\$ 5,020.36</b>
<b>Administrative</b>						
Festival Coordinator			\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,646.00	\$ 7,566.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 2,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,520.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,646.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,566.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ -		<b>\$ 18,557.50</b>	<b>\$ 19,485.38</b>	<b>\$ 20,459.64</b>	<b>\$ 58,502.52</b>
<b>Reserve Fund to Carryover</b>			<b>\$ 11,442.50</b>	<b>\$ 10,957.13</b>	<b>\$ 9,497.49</b>	