

Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
Agenda Item 32.1

Applicant: Colorado Foundation for Water Education

Water Activity Name: Solicitation of stakeholder input and advice through publication of a Colorado River Basin edition of Headwaters Magazine

Water Activity Purpose: Nonstructural Water Activity

County: Grand, Summit, Eagle, Pitkin, Garfield, and Mesa Counties

Drainage Basin: Colorado Basin

Water Source: N/A

Amount Requested: \$25,000 (Colorado Basin Account)

Matching Funds: \$18,211 (73%) (\$7,311 direct match; \$10,900 in-kind match)

Staff Recommendation
The proposed project will assist the Colorado Roundtable in sharing its consumptive & nonconsumptive needs with other basins and the public. In addition it will help solicit public participation. Staff recommends approval of up to \$25,000 from the Colorado Basin Account to help complete this project.

Water Activity Summary:

The applicant intends to educate Roundtable stakeholders in the Colorado basin about the basins' geography, water supply and environmental challenges, water management agencies and different user groups through a Headwaters publication. The issue will help the Roundtable achieve their goal of communicating with basin stakeholders to better solicit their input for needs assessments and project planning.

As stated in the scope of work includes the following objectives:

- 1) With input from the Roundtable members, produce a high-quality, accurate and unbiased account of the water management history, issues and challenges of the Colorado basins.
- 2) Prominently feature the Roundtable's assessment of both nonconsumptive and consumptive needs and the projects it has funded.
- 3) Provide information the public can use to learn more about the Roundtable's work and become involved.
- 4) Educate the greater Colorado public through distribution of 7,000 copies via normal CFWE channels.
- 5) Educate local stakeholders by assisting the Roundtable and local water educators with distribution of additional copies within the Colorado basin.
- 6) Educate local citizens by assisting the Roundtable and local water educators in development of additional distribution channels such as workshops, media stories or presentations.

Threshold and Evaluation Criteria

The application/project meets all four Threshold Criteria. No Statewide funds are being requested, therefore the evaluation criteria does not apply.

Funding Overview

Grant funding in the amount of \$25,000 is being requested from the Colorado Basin Account. Match includes \$18,211 (73%) made up of \$7,311 (29%) direct match and \$10,900 in-kind match (44%).

Discussion:

HB 05-1177 (37-75-104) indicates that each basin roundtable has powers and responsibilities that include the following:

- “(c) Basin roundtables shall actively seek the input and advice of affected local governments, water providers, and other interested stakeholders and persons in establishing its needs assessment, and shall propose projects or methods for meeting those needs.
- “(d) Serve as a forum for education and debate regarding methods for meeting water supply needs; and
- “(e) As needed, establish roundtable subcommittees or other mechanisms to facilitate dialogue and resolution of issues and conflicts within the basin.”

These items are a major focus of this publication. The edition will also be used by roundtable members as a tool to actively solicit feedback from their affected local governments and other stakeholders. In addition, it is paired with a direct outreach grant application, ensuring that the publication will be used to directly inform citizens.

There was concern raised at the roundtable meeting regarding additional CWCB funding going to the CFWE.

Issues/Additional Needs:

- No additional needs were identified

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$25,000 from the Colorado Basin Account for the creation of a Colorado Headwaters Magazine Edition.

All products, data and information developed as a result of this grant must be provided to CWCB in hard copy and electronic format as part of the project documentation. This information will in turn be made widely available to Basin Roundtables and the general public and will help promote the development of a common technical platform.

In accordance with the revised WSRA Criteria and Guidelines, staff would like to highlight additional reporting and final deliverable requirements. The specific requirements are provided below.

Reporting: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of the executed contract. The progress report shall describe the completion or partial completion of the tasks identified in the scope of work including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues.

Final Deliverable: At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a final report that summarizes the project and documents how the project was completed. This report may contain photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

Engineering: All engineering work (as defined in the Engineers Practice Act (§12-25-102(10) C.R.S.)) performed under this grant shall be performed or certified by a professional engineer licensed by the State of Colorado to practice Engineering.