

**Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
Agenda Item 12.d**

Applicant: Colorado Foundation for Water Education

Water Activity Name: Solicitation of stakeholder input through production of a North Platte Basin education package

Water Activity Purpose: Nonstructural Water Activity

County: Jackson County

Drainage Basin: North Platte Basin

Water Source: N/A

Amount Requested: \$14,040 (North Platte Basin Account)

Matching Funds: \$0

Staff Recommendation
The proposed project will assist the North Platte Roundtable in implementing its Education Action Plan. Staff recommends approval of up to \$14,040 from the North Platte Basin Account to help complete this project.

Water Activity Summary:

The North Platte basin roundtable's Education Action Plan focuses on developing a speaker's bureau and providing high-quality tools for speakers to use. In order to assist in the implementation of the Education Action Plan, this proposal aims to develop both a written educational resource document and a related public outreach PowerPoint presentation to be used by Roundtable members and posted online.

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

1. Fulfill the goals and objectives of the North Platte Education Action Plan at the request of the Roundtable Education and Outreach Committee
2. With input from Roundtable members, produce a high-quality, accurate and balanced account of the issues and challenges of the North Platte basin
3. Prominently feature the Roundtable's assessment of both nonconsumptive and consumptive needs and highlighted projects it has funded
4. Provide information the public can use to learn more about the Roundtable's work and become involved in the process
5. Give roundtable members the necessary outreach tools for engaging stakeholders within their basin

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

No match was identified.

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 effort.

Issues/Additional Needs:

- No additional needs were identified

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$14,040 from the North Platte Basin Account for the implementation of the North Platte basin roundtable’s Education Action Plan.

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.