

**Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
Agenda Item 25.a**

Applicant: Colorado Foundation for Water Education

Water Activity Name: Solicitation of Stakeholder Input and Advice through publication of a Rio Grande Edition of Headwaters Magazine

Water Activity Purpose: Non-structural Activity

County: Multiple

Drainage Basin: Rio Grande

Water Source: N/A

Amount Requested: \$33,237 (Rio Grande Basin Account)

Matching Funds: \$10,900 (\$9,200 CFWE Committee Member In-Kind and \$1,700 Graphic Design In-Kind)

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of up to \$33,237 from the Rio Grande Basin Account to assist in the funding of the Solicitation of Stakeholder Input and Advice through publication of a Rio Grande Edition of Headwaters Magazine.

Water Activity Summary:

The proposal will provide a tool for Rio Grande Basin Roundtable members to actively solicit input and advice from affected local governments and stakeholders. It will also educate over 7,000 Colorado residents about issues in the Rio Grande basin. The publication can be used by water educators in the basin, such as the Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative, to better reach their audience.

Production of this issue will assist Roundtable members and others in the community engaged in water education by providing them with high quality materials needed to educate the public. The Foundation will assist the Roundtable with distribution of the publication and will work with local water educators to develop additional means of telling the stories in the publication, such as community presentations, workshops and media stories. Production includes the writing, editing, design, printing, distribution and management of the issue. The issue would be available in June 2013.

Headwaters magazine is the Foundation's most widely available and well-known educational resource. Once a year, the magazine features a river basin in Colorado and discusses in detail the challenges the basin faces, the agencies and people responsible for managing water resource affiliated issues, and the many success stories already accomplished. The Foundation has featured the San Juan, Dolores, Yampa and White, Arkansas and South Platte basins since the first basin-focused issue in 2004.

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 proposal is intended to educate Roundtable stakeholders in the Rio Grande basin about the basin's geography, water supply and environmental challenges, water management agencies (including the IBCC and other Roundtables) and different user groups. The issue will help the Roundtable achieve their goal of actively communicating with basin stakeholders to better solicit their input for needs assessments and project planning.

Issues/Additional Needs:

No issues or additional needs have been identified.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$33,237 from the Rio Grande Basin Account to assist in the funding of Solicitation of Stakeholder Input and Advice through publication of a Rio Grande Edition of Headwaters Magazine.

All products, data and information developed as a result of this grant must be provided to the 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 by or under the responsible charge of professional engineer licensed by the State of Colorado to practice Engineering.