

Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
May 20-21, 2015
Agenda Item 10(a)

Applicant & Fiscal Agent: Grand Valley Water Users Association

Water Activity Name: Grand Valley Water Users Association Water Management Plan Update

Water Activity Purpose: Comprehensive water management plan update

County: Mesa

River Basin: Colorado

Water Source: Colorado River

Amount Requested/Source of Funds: \$45,000 Colorado Basin Account
\$45,000 Total grant request

Matching Funds: Basin Account Match (\$45,000) = 100% of total grant request
Basin Account & Applicant Match (\$135,000) = 81.4% of total grant request
Applicant Match (\$65,000) = 48% of total project costs (\$135,000)
(refer to *Funding Summary/Matching Funds* section)

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of up to \$45,000 from the Colorado Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Grand Valley Water Users Association Water Management Plan Update.

Water Activity Summary: The Grand Valley Water Users Association (GVWUA) is seeking this grant to update their water Management Plan, which was developed in 2012. This management plan was originally developed to meet the requirements of the Reclamation Reform Act. The update to the plan will be a more comprehensive look at the future of the Association and the Grand Valley Project, as well as implementing conservation measures. This update builds on the work of the 2012 plan, preparing a conditional assessment of canal segments, identifying and documenting water losses, identifying priority projects, conducting a benefits assessment, ascertaining environmental concerns, determining costs associated with project implementation, and finally, creating a strategic funding plan to implement the priority projects.

Discussion: This update to the Water Management Plan was included as a priority project in the Colorado Basin Implementation Plan. The Plan will also allow the Association to honor commitments made in the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (CRCA) and incorporate them into Association Planning.

Issues/Additional Needs: No issues or additional needs have been identified.

Threshold and Evaluation Criteria:

The application meets all four Threshold Criteria

Tier 1-3 Evaluation Criteria: n/a

Funding Summary/Matching Funds:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>
WSRA Colorado Basin Account	\$45,000	n/a	\$45,000
Bureau of Reclamation – Grant Program	\$25,000	n/a	\$25,000
Grand Valley Water Users Assn	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$55,000</u>	<u>\$65,000</u>
Total	\$80,000	\$55,000	\$135,000

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.