

Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
September 15-17, 2015
Agenda Item 18(d)

Applicant & Fiscal Agent: Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District

Water Activity Name: Arkansas Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan Coordinator

Water Activity Purpose: BIP Implementation

County: All Arkansas Basin Counties

Drainage Basin: Arkansas

Water Source: n/a

Amount Requested/Source of Funds: \$27,880 Arkansas Basin Account
\$70,000 Statewide Account
\$97,880 Total grant request

Matching Funds: Basin Account Match (\$27,880) = 28% of total grant request (meets 5% min);
Basin Account & Applicant Match (\$32,280) = 33% of total grant request (meets 25% min); (refer to *Funding Summary/Matching Funds* section)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$27,880 from the Arkansas Basin Account and \$70,000 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District: Arkansas Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan Coordinator.

Water Activity Summary: WSRA funds will be expended to implement solutions to basin needs, as identified in the 2015 Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan, to educate basin citizens and water users on the information and processes included in the Arkansas BIP, and to expand the potential for funding of projects. As further explained in the Arkansas BIP, this grant will assist in implementing Identified Projects and Processes identified in the BIP Preliminary Needs List, through the basin's cyclic planning process. The end goal is to move 3-6 subregional projects forward to funding and implementation.

The grant request is intended to foster greater cooperation by and between the Arkansas Basin Roundtable and the public bodies, non-governmental organizations, state and federal agencies in implementing specific projects to meet the needs of the basin. Processes identified in the BIP (Convene & Educate) will be initiated to result in project identification and implementation. Specific tasks also include maintaining and updating the Arkansas Basin Projects Database, and coordinating activities with the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative process.

Discussion:

This grant is consistent with the next steps for implementation identified by the roundtables, the IBCC, and the CWCB, as well as in Colorado's Water Plan. The coordinator will be focused on small entities within the basin which are unable to develop strategies to address local water resources issues without assistance. The grant will also sustain and increase momentum for meeting the needs of the

Arkansas Basin through the roundtable through specific tasks, such as keeping the Needs Database current on the Roundtable website.

Issues/Additional Needs: None identified.

Threshold and Evaluation Criteria: The application meets all four Threshold Criteria.

Tier 1-3 Evaluation Criteria:

This project has undergone review and evaluation per the Supplemental Scoring Matrix and staff has determined that this request satisfies the Evaluation Criteria. Further analysis of the project, and how the project will meet Tiered Evaluation Criteria, is provided by the applicant in the WSRA Application.

Funding Summary/Matching Funds:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District	\$0	\$4,400	\$4,400
WSRA Arkansas Basin Account	\$27,880	n/a	\$27,880
WSRA Statewide Account	\$70,000	n/a	\$70,000
Total Project Costs	\$97,880	n/a	\$102,280

CWCB Project Manager: Brent Newman

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.