



# COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD



## WATER SUPPLY RESERVE ACCOUNT APPLICATION FORM

Today's Date: October 30, 2015

Greeley Area Cache la Poudre Greenway Corridor Project

### Name of Water Activity/Project

Greeley Area Cache la Poudre Greenway Corridor Project

### Name of Applicant

City of Greeley

Amount from Statewide Account:

\$25,000

Amount from Basin Account(s):

\$15,000

Total WSRA Funds Requested:

\$40,000

### Approving Basin Roundtable(s)

*(If multiple basins specify amounts in parentheses.)*

FEIN: 84-6000593

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### Required Exhibits

- A. Statement of Work, Budget, and Schedule
- B. Project Map
- C. As Needed (i.e. letters of support, photos, maps, etc.)

### Appendices – Reference Material

- 1. Program Information
- 2. Insurance Requirements
- 3. WSRA Standard Contract Information (Required for Projects Over \$100,000)
- 4. W-9 Form (Required for All Projects Prior to Contracting)

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### **Instructions**

To receive funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA), a proposed water activity must be approved by the local Basin Roundtable **AND** the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The process for Basin Roundtable consideration and approval is outlined in materials in Appendix 1.

Once approved by the local Basin Roundtable, the applicant should submit this application **with a detailed statement of work including budget and schedule as Exhibit A** to CWCB staff by the application deadline.

WSRA applications are due with the roundtable letter of support 60 calendar days prior to the bi-monthly Board meeting at which it will be considered. Board meetings are held in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Meeting details, including scheduled dates, agendas, etc. are posted on the CWCB website at: <http://cwcb.state.co.us> Applications to the WSRA Basin Account are considered at every board meeting, while applications to the WSRA Statewide Account are only considered at the March and September board meetings.

When completing this application, the applicant should refer to the WSRA Criteria and Guidelines available at: <http://cwcb.state.co.us/LoansGrants/water-supply-reserve-account-grants/Documents/WSRACriteriaGuidelines.pdf>. In addition, the applicant should also refer to the [Supplemental Scoring Matrix](#) applied to Evaluation Criteria Tiers 1-3 for Statewide Account requests .

The application, statement of work, budget, and schedule **must be submitted in electronic format** (Microsoft Word or text-enabled PDF are preferred) and can be emailed or mailed on a disk to:

Craig Godbout - WSRA Application  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1313 Sherman St., Room 721  
Denver, CO 80203  
[Craig.godbout@state.co.us](mailto:Craig.godbout@state.co.us)

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact Craig Godbout at: 303-866-3441 x3210 or [craig.godbout@state.co.us](mailto:craig.godbout@state.co.us).

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### Part I. - Description of the Applicant (Project Sponsor or Owner);

1.	Applicant Name(s):	City of Greeley, Colorado		
	Mailing address:	1000 10 <sup>th</sup> Street Greeley CO 80631		
	FEIN #:	84-6000593		
	Primary Contact:	Rebecca L. Safarik	Position/Title:	Assistant City Manager
	Email:	becky.safarik@greeleygov.com		
	Phone Numbers:	Cell: 970.581.2262	Office:	970.350.9785
	Alternate Contact:	Andy McRoberts	Position/Title:	Culture, Parks & Rec. Dir.
	Email:	Andy.mcroberts@greeleygov.com		
	Phone Numbers:	Cell: 970.673.3093	Office:	970.350.9425

2. Eligible entities for WSRA funds include the following. What type of entity is the Applicant?

- ☒ Public (Government) – municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities and the local entity should be the grant recipient. Federal agencies are eligible, but only if they can make a compelling case for why a local partner cannot be the grant recipient.
- ☐ Public (Districts) – authorities, Title 32/special districts, (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises.
- ☐ Private Incorporated – mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations.
- ☐ Private individuals, partnerships, and sole proprietors are eligible for funding from the Basin Accounts but not for funding from the Statewide Account.
- ☐ Non-governmental organizations – broadly defined as any organization that is not part of the government.

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3. Provide a brief description of your organization

The City of Greeley is a municipal corporation organized under state law with a population of approximately 101,000. It also serves as the administrative entity for an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Windsor and Weld County Government relative to support for the management and oversight of the Poudre River Trail and Greenway.

4. If the Contracting Entity is different then the Applicant (Project Sponsor or Owner) please describe the Contracting Entity here.

N/A

5. Successful applicants will have to execute a contract with the CWCB prior to beginning work on the portion of the project funded by the WSRA grant. In order to expedite the contracting process the CWCB has established a standard contract with provisions the applicant must adhere to. A link to this standard contract is included in Appendix 3. Please review this contract and check the appropriate box.

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The Applicant will be able to contract with the CWCB using the Standard Contract

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The Applicant has reviewed the standard contract and has some questions/issues/concerns. Please be aware that any deviation from the standard contract could result in a significant delay between grant approval and the funds being available.

6. The Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect the applicant.

None.

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### Part II. - Description of the Water Activity/Project

1. What is the primary purpose of this grant application? (Please check only one)

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nonconsumptive (Environmental or Recreational) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Agricultural                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Municipal/Industrial                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Needs Assessment                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Education                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other  |

Explain:

2. If you feel this project addresses multiple purposes please explain.

This project will create a single, multi-jurisdictional corridor planning tool which blends a variety of disciplines including, but not limited to, flood hazard mitigation, recreational, environmental, education, water quality and storage, transportation, drainage, and preservation.

3. Is this project primarily a study or implementation of a water activity/project? (Please check only one)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation |
|---|---|

4. To catalog measurable results achieved with WSRA funds can you provide any of the following numbers?

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="text"/>                | New Storage Created (acre-feet)  |
| <input type="text"/>                | New Annual Water Supplies Developed, Consumptive or Nonconsumptive (acre-feet) |
| <input type="text"/>                | Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)                             |
| <input type="text"/>                | Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)                           |
| <input type="text"/>                | Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved (linear feet)                           |
| <input type="text"/>                | Efficiency Savings (acre-feet/year OR dollars/year – <b>circle one</b> )       |
| <input type="text"/>                | Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other -- Explain:  |

Acres of river corridor land leveraged for multiple objectives

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4. To help us map WSRA projects please include a map (Exhibit B) and provide the general coordinates below:

Latitude:

40° 28' 49" North Latitude

Longitude:

104 ° 57' 30" West Longitude

This is a general center point reference of the river corridor at State Hwy 392 bridge over the Cache la Poudre River

5. Please provide an overview/summary of the proposed water activity (no more than one page). Include a description of the overall water activity and specifically what the WSRA funding will be used for. A full **Statement of Work** with a detailed budget and schedule is required as **Exhibit A** of this application.

The purpose for the requested funds is to match funds from the City of Greeley to complete a Cache la Poudre Greenway Corridor Master Plan in the Greeley/Windsor Reach of the river to align and blend a number of existing studies, guides and plans into a single corridor and water activity planning tool. Over recent years, a number of river plans and studies have been initiated by different entities and each with a particular niche focus. Considerable and useful data and information has been collected but with limited scope, resulting in projects that may unintentionally be at cross purpose or that, conversely, do not realize their full potential. With limited resources, and especially using public funds, it is critical to provide good stewardship of such resources and to support creative and innovative approaches to achieve imaginative, beneficial, and supported water activities. This Plan will overlay information from a variety of existing resources to create a single reference framework and common language to describe the river corridor and leverage objectives defined for flood hazard mitigation, recreational, environmental, educational, water quality and storage, transportation, and preservation to form the basis of a coordinated and complementary approach to its future development and use. Since many single subject studies have already been completed\*, there is little need to use the funds for significant new research or modeling; instead, the funds would be used to develop a meaningful resource guidance document, with public review and comment, for the evolving use and protection of this unique river corridor.

- ***Sampling of completed or in progress plans:***

*Areas of Ecological Significance (Greeley)*

*Comprehensive Drainage Plan (Greeley area)*

*Entryway Plan (Greeley)*

*Poudre Heritage Area Master Plan (regional)*

*Poudre Learning Center Master Plan (regional)*

*Poudre-Platte River Corridor Plan (Greeley/Evans)*

*Poudre River Trail Master Plan (Greeley, Windsor, Weld County)*

*US Corps of Engineers Ecosystem Restoration Project (Greeley)*

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### Part III. – Threshold and Evaluation Criteria

1. Describe how the water activity meets these **Threshold Criteria**. (Detailed in Part 3 of the Water Supply Reserve Account Criteria and Guidelines.)

- a) The water activity is consistent with Section 37-75-102 Colorado Revised Statutes.<sup>1</sup>

The proposed Master Plan would not only fully recognize the protection of water rights but would strive to assert appropriate river corridor protections and development to preserve and protect this unique water resource into the future by providing a policy document to guide such decisions.

- b) The water activity underwent an evaluation and approval process and was approved by the Basin Roundtable (BRT) and the application includes a description of the results of the BRT's evaluation and approval of the activity. At a minimum, the description must include the level of agreement reached by the roundtable, including any minority opinion(s) if there was not general agreement for the activity. The description must also include reasons why general agreement was not reached (if it was not), including who opposed the activity and why they opposed it. Note- If this information is included in the letter from the roundtable chair simply reference that letter.

This application has been prepared for consideration by the roundtable.

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<sup>1</sup> 37-75-102. Water rights - protections. (1) It is the policy of the General Assembly that the current system of allocating water within Colorado shall not be superseded, abrogated, or otherwise impaired by this article. Nothing in this article shall be interpreted to repeal or in any manner amend the existing water rights adjudication system. The General Assembly affirms the state constitution's recognition of water rights as a private usufructuary property right, and this article is not intended to restrict the ability of the holder of a water right to use or to dispose of that water right in any manner permitted under Colorado law. (2) The General Assembly affirms the protections for contractual and property rights recognized by the contract and takings protections under the state constitution and related statutes. This article shall not be implemented in any way that would diminish, impair, or cause injury to any property or contractual right created by intergovernmental agreements, contracts, stipulations among parties to water cases, terms and conditions in water decrees, or any other similar document related to the allocation or use of water. This article shall not be construed to supersede, abrogate, or cause injury to vested water rights or decreed conditional water rights. The General Assembly affirms that this article does not impair, limit, or otherwise affect the rights of persons or entities to enter into agreements, contracts, or memoranda of understanding with other persons or entities relating to the appropriation, movement, or use of water under other provisions of law.

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- c) The water activity meets the provisions of Section 37-75-104(2), Colorado Revised Statutes.<sup>2</sup> The Basin Roundtable Chairs shall include in their approval letters for particular WSRA grant applications a description of how the water activity will assist in meeting the water supply needs identified in the basin roundtable's consumptive and/or non-consumptive needs assessments.

In conjunction with the Statewide Water Supply Initiative, the proposed Master Plan will leverage other supporting studies and documents as referenced Under Item 5 to seek input from a variety of stakeholders to develop a comprehensive and integrated strategy to identify ways to meet water supply needs while protecting the river resource from threats to its integrity and perpetual beneficial use.

- d) Matching Requirement: For requests from the **Statewide Fund**, the applicants will be required to demonstrate a **25 percent** (or greater) match of the total grant request from the other sources, including by not limited to Basin Funds. A minimum match of 5% of the total grant amount shall be from Basin funds. A minimum match of 5% of the total grant amount must come from the applicant or 3rd party sources. Sources of matching funds include but are not limited to Basin Funds, in-kind services, funding from other sources, and/or direct cash match. Past expenditures directly related to the project may be considered as matching funds if the expenditures occurred within 9 months of the date the contract or purchase order between the applicant and the State of Colorado is executed. Please describe the source(s) of matching funds. (NOTE: These matching funds should also be reflected in your Detailed Budget in **Exhibit A** of this application)

The City of Greeley Conservation Trust (State Lottery) funds in the amount of \$30,000 will be used to provide the match for this project. If the request is partially funded, the study could be completed in phases until supplemental funds can be secured.

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<sup>2</sup> 37-75-104 (2)(c). Using data and information from the Statewide Water Supply Initiative and other appropriate sources and in cooperation with the on-going Statewide Water Supply Initiative, develop a basin-wide consumptive and nonconsumptive water supply needs assessment, conduct an analysis of available unappropriated waters within the basin, and propose projects or methods, both structural and nonstructural, for meeting those needs and utilizing those unappropriated waters where appropriate. 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. Recommendations from this assessment shall be forwarded to the Interbasin Compact Committee and other basin roundtables for analysis and consideration after the General Assembly has approved the Interbasin Compact Charter.



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2. For Applications that include a request for funds from the **Statewide Account**, describe how the water activity/project meets all applicable **Evaluation Criteria**. (Detailed in Part 3 of the Water Supply Reserve Account Criteria and Guidelines and repeated below.) Projects will be assessed on how well they meet the Evaluation Criteria. **Please attach additional pages as necessary.**

**Evaluation Criteria** – the following criteria will be utilized to further evaluate the merits of the water activity proposed for funding from the Statewide Account. In evaluation of proposed water activities, preference will be given to projects that meet one or more criteria from each of the three “tiers” or categories. Each “tier” is grouped in level of importance. For instance, projects that meet Tier 1 criteria will outweigh projects that only meet Tier 3 criteria. The applicant should also refer to the Supplemental Scoring Matrix applied to Evaluation Criteria Tiers 1-3 for Statewide Account requests. WSRA grant requests for projects that may qualify for loans through the CWCB loan program will receive preference in the Statewide Evaluation Criteria if the grant request is part of a CWCB loan/WSRA grant package. For these CWCB loan/WSRA grant packages, the applicant must have a CWCB loan/WSRA grant ratio of 1:1 or higher. Preference will be given to those with a higher loan/grant ratio.

### Tier 1: Promoting Collaboration/Cooperation and Meeting Water Management Goals and Identified Water Needs

- a. The water activity addresses multiple needs or issues, including consumptive and/or non-consumptive needs, or the needs and issues of multiple interests or multiple basins. This can be demonstrated by obtaining letters of support from other basin roundtables (in addition to an approval letter from the sponsoring basin).
- b. The number and types of entities represented in the application and the degree to which the activity will promote cooperation and collaboration among traditional consumptive water interests and/or non-consumptive interests, and if applicable, the degree to which the water activity is effective in addressing intrabasin or interbasin needs or issues.
- c. The water activity helps implement projects and processes identified as helping meet Colorado’s future water needs, and/or addresses the gap areas between available water supply and future need as identified in SWSI or a roundtable’s basin-wide water needs assessment.

### Tier 2: Facilitating Water Activity Implementation

- d. Funding from this Account will reduce the uncertainty that the water activity will be implemented. For this criterion the applicant should discuss how receiving funding from the Account will make a significant difference in the implementation of the water activity (i.e., how will receiving funding enable the water activity to move forward or the inability obtaining funding elsewhere).
- e. The amount of matching funds provided by the applicant via direct contributions, demonstrable in-kind contributions, and/or other sources demonstrates a significant & appropriate commitment to the project.

### Tier 3: The Water Activity Addresses Other Issues of Statewide Value and Maximizes Benefits

- f. The water activity helps sustain agriculture & open space, or meets environmental or recreational needs.
- g. The water activity assists in the administration of compact-entitled waters or addresses problems related to compact entitled waters and compact compliance and the degree to which the activity promotes maximum utilization of state waters.
- h. The water activity assists in the recovery of threatened and endangered wildlife species or Colorado State species of concern.
- i. The water activity provides a high level of benefit to Colorado in relationship to the amount of funds requested.

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j. The water activity is complimentary to or assists in the implementation of other CWCB programs.  
Continued: Explanation of how the water activity/project meets all applicable **Evaluation Criteria**.

**Please attach additional pages as necessary.**

### **Evaluation Criteria Conformance:**

#### **Tier 1: Promoting Collaboration/Cooperation and Meeting Water Management Goals & Identified Needs**

The proposed Poudre River Greenway Master Plan will address multiple needs, both from a logistical and jurisdictional standpoint. As evidenced from the attached letters of support, this project appeals to a wide base of stakeholders who recognize the benefit of developing a single guidance document to direct and protect the interests associated with water resource management and the river corridor. The river corridor continues to evolve as the result of recent and recurring flood events as well as market demands for sand, gravel and water storage. Complementary actions and opportunities for reclamation, water storage, water quality, etc. can be realized by providing an umbrella guidance document that will leverage the data collected from existing studies and research work and synthesize them into a single policy guide. **As such this proposal meets Tier 1 criteria a & b.**

#### **Tier 2: Facilitating Water Activity Implementation**

The City of Greeley and its partners bring considerable experience, background data, and collaboration to this project. Individual and topic specific studies and resources have been shared and the “Poudre Initiative Team”, a collection of 20 area professionals who meet monthly, facilitated by Greeley city staff, to foster cooperation among Poudre River related projects. A Poudre River Greenway Master Plan will provide an essential framework to multiple the benefits of the work of this group by helping to identify river corridor priorities, conflicts and opportunities. Even with strong in kind support, realizing the vision of the river corridor can only go so far without an accepted policy plan. The matching funds and in kind resources committed to the project offer strong buy-in to the project and would multiply the contributions from the WSRA in a meaningful way, **meeting both the d & e criteria.**

#### **Tier 3: The Water Activity Addresses Other issues of Statewide Value and Maximizes benefits.**

The Cache la Poudre River in the Windsor to Greeley to confluence with the South Platte is a river with multiple personalities and functions. As a ‘working river’ that sustains agriculture, it is punctuated with head gates and irrigation systems to ensure appropriate water delivery. Sand and gravel mining along the river has resulted in important water storage vessels which offer both recreational outlets as well as environmental protection. The purchase of open lands along the corridor has and will help protect vistas, habitat, and passive recreation for this corridor. The studies and endeavors to date Stitching all these opportunities and past study work into a Master Plan will sustain the work to date and critique opportunities to realize a better collective of effort. **As such, this proposal meets criteria f, i & j**

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### Part IV. – Required Supporting Material

1. **Water Rights, Availability, and Sustainability** – This information is needed to assess the viability of the water project or activity. Please provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized, or the water body to be affected by, the water activity. This should include a description of applicable water rights, and water rights issues, and the name/location of water bodies affected by the water activity.

The study area will encompass the reach of the Cache la Poudre River Corridor from the west end of Windsor to and through Weld County. As a project with a non-consumptive project purpose, water supply and rights will not be impacted or directly involved with this scope of work.

2. Please provide a brief narrative of any related studies or permitting issues.

As noted previously, all existing studies and resources will be made available to support the completion of this project; not other studies or permitting issues are pending that would effect this study.

3. Statement of Work, Detailed Budget, and Project Schedule

The statement of work will form the basis for the contract between the Applicant and the State of Colorado. In short, the Applicant is agreeing to undertake the work for the compensation outlined in the statement of work and budget, and in return, the State of Colorado is receiving the deliverables/products specified. **Please note that costs incurred prior to execution of a contract or purchase order are not subject to reimbursement.** All WSRA funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis after review invoices and appropriate backup material.

**Please provide a detailed statement of work using the template in Exhibit A.** Additional sections or modifications may be included as necessary. Please define all acronyms and include page numbers.

## **REPORTING AND FINAL DELIVERABLE**

**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 statement 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.

## **PAYMENT**

Payment will be made based on actual expenditures and invoicing by the applicant. Invoices from any other entity (i.e. subcontractors) cannot be processed by the State. The request for payment must include a description of the work accomplished by major task, and estimate of the percent completion for individual tasks and the entire water activity in relation to the percentage of budget spent, identification of any major issues and proposed or implemented corrective actions. The last 10 percent of the entire water activity budget will be withheld until final project/water activity documentation is completed. 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 help promote the development of a common technical platform.

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The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge:

**Signature of Applicant:**



**Print Applicant's Name:** Rebecca L. Safarik

**Project Title:** Greeley Area Cache la Poudre Greenway Corridor Project

**Date:** October 31, 2015

**Return an electronic version (hardcopy may also be submitted) of this application to:**

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