

Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
March 16-17, 2016
Agenda Item 14(z)

Applicant & Fiscal Agent: City of Greeley

Water Activity Name: Greeley Area Cache la Poudre Greenway Corridor Project

Water Activity Purpose: Multipurpose

County: Weld

Drainage Basin: South Platte

Water Source: Cache la Poudre

Amount Requested/Source of Funds: \$15,000 South Platte Basin Account
\$25,000 Statewide Account
\$40,000 Total Grant Request

Matching Funds: Basin Account Match (\$15,000) = 37.5% of total grant request (meets 5% min);
Applicant/3rd Party Match (\$35,000) = 87.5% of total grant request (meets 5% min)
Basin Account & Applicant Match (\$50,000) = 125% of total grant request (meets 25% min)
(refer to *Funding Summary/Matching Funds* section)

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of up to \$15,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and \$25,000 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: Greeley Area Cache la Poudre Greenway Corridor Project.

Water Activity Summary: WSRA funds, if approved, will be expended to fund the project titled: Greeley Area Cache la Poudre Greenway Corridor Project. This project will 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 collected considerable and useful data and information 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, agricultural, recreational, environmental, land use, educational, water quality and storage, transportation, and preservation to form the basis of a coordinated and complementary approach to its future development and use.

Key objectives of this study:

- A. Recognition of the comprehensive range of entities engaging with the Cache la Poudre corridor and their respective roles;
- B. Development of a common platform/dashboard from which to share information about the river corridor to leverage beneficial research, information and land use and limit supply shortages;
- C. Complete a Cache la Poudre Greenway Corridor Master Plan to guide the use and development of the corridor for perpetually beneficial purposes, aligned with the partnership entities.

Discussion: This project serves multiple purposes and aligns with the goals and actions identified in the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan.

This project also aligns with critical actions identified in Colorado's Water Plan:

A1: "Support and assist the basin roundtables in moving forward priority municipal, industrial, environmental, and agricultural projects and methods identified in their BIPs through technical, financial and facilitation support when requested by a project proponent and the pertinent BRT."

F4: "Develop common metrics for assessing the health and resiliency of watersheds, rivers, and streams."

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

Threshold and Evaluation Criteria:

The application meets all four Threshold Criteria.

Tier 1-3 Evaluation Criteria:

This proposal has undergone review and evaluation and staff has determined that it satisfies the Evaluation Criteria. Please refer to WSRA Application for applicant's detailed response.

Funding Summary/Matching Funds:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>
City of Greeley	\$17,240	\$17,760	\$35,000
WSRA South Platte Basin Account	\$15,000	n/a	\$15,000
WSRA Statewide Account	\$25,000	n/a	\$25,000
Total Project Costs	\$57,240	\$17,760	\$75,000

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.