

Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
May 18-19, 2016
Agenda Item 18(c)

Applicant: Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable

Fiscal Agent: Community Agriculture Alliance Inc (CAA)

Water Activity Name: Development and Implementation of Water Education and Outreach: A 3-Year Program of Collateral Dissemination, Media Networking, Forums and Workshops.

Water Activity Purpose: Education & Outreach

County: Entire Yampa/White/Green River Basins

Drainage Basin: Yampa/White/Green

Water Source: n/a

Amount Requested/Source of Funds: \$150,000 Yampa/White/Green Rivers Basin Account (total grant request)

Matching Funds: none required, none provided

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends <u>conditional</u> approval (refer to Issues/Additional Needs section below) of up to \$150,000 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Development and Implementation of Water Education and Outreach: A 3-Year Program of Collateral Dissemination, Media Networking, Forums and Workshops.

Water Activity Summary: The Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable recognizes the increased need for, and the importance of, ongoing education and outreach as it pertains to all water concerns. The purpose of this project is to help the YWG Basin Roundtable develop and implement a collateral and media outreach plan; raise public awareness about: the YWG Roundtable activities, Basin Implementation Plan and Colorado's Water Plan; implement and facilitate a series of Water Education Forums/Workshops/Tours in Craig, Meeker, Rangely and Steamboat; assure that ongoing education events align with YWG Basin Roundtable goals and objectives; coordinate the grant applications submitted to the YWG Basin Roundtable for review and consideration; and develop and implement a system to inform the members of the YWG Basin Roundtable of projects and activities within their basins. The project also aims to increase collaborations and partnerships with other YWG Basin organizations.

The YWG Basin Roundtable, led by their PEPO representative and education committee, will provide coordination with the CWCB; guidance, decision-making and approval of all YWG Basin Roundtable education activities; and evaluations of all YWG Basin Roundtable education activities. Community Agriculture Alliance Inc (CAA) will collaborate with the YWG Basin Roundtable on this project and, jointly, they will develop specific plans for YWG Basin Roundtable education activities for the three-year granting program and full utilization of partnership opportunities with other water-interest organizations, agencies, stakeholder groups and civic groups.

Discussion: The proposed project aligns with the Projects and Methods in Section 4.0 of the Yampa/White/Green Basin Implementation Plan, specifically Section 4.1: Education, Participation and Outreach, pg. 4-3. This effort also supports the Outreach, Education and Public Engagement goals as highlighted in Section 9.5 of Colorado's Water Plan. In addition, this project aligns with the basin roundtable's Public Education, Participation, and Outreach (PEPO) Workgroup Education Action Plan approved in 2015.

Issues/Additional Needs: Staff recommends conditional approval contingent upon the applicant providing their respective Basin Roundtables the opportunity to re-visit and re-affirm their approval given the current Tier II Severance Tax projections and status of the Roundtable Basin Account Balances.

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

Tier 1-3 Evaluation Criteria: n/a

Funding Summary/Matching Funds: none required, none provided

CWCB Project Manager: Mara MacKillop

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.