

**Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program**  
**Water Activity Summary Sheet**  
**September 21-22, 2016**  
**Agenda Item 19(c)**

**Applicant & Fiscal Agent:** Huerfano County Water Conservancy District

**Water Activity Name:** Arkansas Roundtable BIP Coordinator - Phase 2

**Water Activity Purpose:** Educational & Multipurpose

**County:** All Counties w/in Arkansas Basin

**Drainage Basin:** Arkansas

**Water Source:** Arkansas River and all tributaries

**Amount Requested/Source of Funds:** \$20,267 Arkansas Basin Account  
\$40,533 Statewide Account  
\$60,800 Total Grant Request

**Matching Funds:** Basin Account Match (\$20,267) = 33.3% of total grant request;  
This is an ABRT initiated BIP effort, as such no matching funds are required.  
(refer to *Funding Summary/Matching Funds* section)

<b>Staff Recommendation:</b>
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Staff recommends approval of up to \$20,267 from the Arkansas Basin Account; and \$40,533 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: Arkansas Roundtable BIP Coordinator - Phase 2.
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**Water Activity Summary:** The Arkansas Basin Roundtable's 2015 Basin Implementation Plan identified over 500 individual needs throughout the basin which were generated from Roundtable members, 17 public meetings around the basin as well as from state and federal agencies. About 300 projects are conceptual or planned and could benefit from regional solutions to regional challenges. Similarly, a wider perspective that integrates environmental and recreational benefits with agricultural and municipal projects offers the potential for multi-benefit projects. A BIP Coordinator has proven to be a position which can proactively bring parties together in support of feasible solutions in order to move identified needs and concepts forward through planning, financing and construction to completion. At the direction of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee the objectives of continuing the BIP Coordinator position are:

Conduct outreach to entities with identified needs but which lack the capacity for project development and/or coordination with state and federal agencies. Bring projects forward on behalf of small or challenged project proponents and regional collaborations.

Identify and coordinate WSRA and non-WSRA funding alternatives for project feasibility, planning, permitting, design and construction.

Maintain and update the Basin Needs Database, identifying opportunities for regional collaboration and multi-purpose projects to address identified and future basin needs.

Recommend projects for phased development to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee for addition to the Major Needs List.

Support the Arkansas Basin Roundtable in the implementation of its Basin Plan by accomplishing designated administrative and non-administrative tasks, and by coordinating with the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative, the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum, and the PEPO Working Group.

**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:** No issues or additional needs have been identified.

**Threshold and Evaluation Criteria:**

The application meets all four Threshold Criteria.

**Tier 1-3 Evaluation Criteria:**

This activity 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 Source</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>
WSRA Arkansas Basin Account	\$20,267	n/a	\$20,267
WSRA Statewide Account	\$40,533	n/a	\$40,533
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$60,800</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>\$60,800</b>

**CWCB Project Manager (interim):** Craig Godbout

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.