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DATE:	May 17-18, 2017 Board Meeting
AGENDA ITEM:	9. Colorado's Water Plan Funding Guidelines

Description

This agenda item will provide the Board an update on staff's plan for processing CWP Grant Applications, including Grant Guidelines, Application, schedule of review and approval, and general guidance to potential applicants.

The 2017 Projects Bill (HB17-1248) includes \$10 million for implementation of Colorado's Water Plan (CWP). The bill specifically identifies categories for focusing appropriated levels of funding. Staff will ask the Board to support the proposed process presented by staff.

Staff has prepared a draft of the Application for "Colorado's Water Plan Implementation Grants," which is attached along with the preliminary draft version of the Guidelines for grant applications and review. Staff intends to provide and present an updated version of the draft Guidelines at the Board meeting. Staff assumes that the applicant will provide adequate information for staff to review and apply the proper funding source category to the request.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board authorize staff to continue to modify and update the guidelines and application for final approval by the CWCB Director and posting on the web no later than July 1, 2017.

Background

HB17-1248 provides \$10 million for the CWCB to implement the CWP. The following is a list of the grant categories identified in the bill.

\$2,000,000 for grant-making for multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap;

\$3,000,000 to facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial recharge into aquifers, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed storage capacity

\$1,000,000 to implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning;

\$1,000,000 for water education, outreach, and innovation efforts

\$1,000,000 to provide technical assistance or improve agricultural efficiency;

\$1,000,000 for watershed health, environment, and recreation;



It is important to note that in addition to the above, the following amounts were appropriated for grant making in the same Bill (HB17-1248) and should be considered in conjunction with the CWP funding.

\$10,000,000 to supplement the Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF Roundtable Funding); \$5,000,000 to continue the Watershed Restoration Program;

\$1,500,000 to continue the Fish and Wildlife Resources funding (aka 122.2 Fish & Wildlife Mitigation) \$1,000,000 to continue the Alternative Agricultural Transfer Methods (ATM) grant program; \$500,000 to coninue with Technical Assistance for applications for Federal Irrigation funding; and \$300,000 to continue the Feasibility Study grant program;

Also, the Bill includes \$1,100,000 for implementation of the Colorado water loss control initiative that is not for grant making, however; it will assist in advancing the CWP. It also includes \$1,000,000 to complete an update to the Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI).

Process and Schedule

Staff's goal is to achieve the highest and best use of the CWP grant funds while understanding that projects ideally aligned with advancing the Measurable Objectives in the Water Plan may not be ready for an application at this time. Several factors were considered in the determining the process of moving the CWP grant projects from application to approval. Some of the assumptions and controls include:

- 1. The Finance Committee traditionally meets in September and reviews Non-reimbursable Investment applications (NRI) for the subsequent years Projects Bill. Staff expects this to occur again this year. However, a second round of application review may be necessary in early 2018 to make the necessary progress.
- 2. An effort was made to align the CWP Grant guidelines and application with other loan and grant programs within CWCB
- 3. Applications may utilize money from multiple CWP grant categories but CWCB cannot move money from one category to another. The project's scope of work will need to indentify the task related to the category of funding.
- 4. To avoid having one project sweep a majority of the funds available in a category, staff placed a limit on the size of the funding request. Exceptions will likely be needed; however, this limit will provide for a good starting point
- 5. Applicants will be asked to provide matching funds to allow the funds to go further. Exceptions may be required and are more likely to occur in some funding categories than others.
- 6. Staff goal is to allocate this money into good projects as soon as possible since CWCB will be asking for another \$10 million in next year's Projects Bill for another round of CWP grants (categories funding amounts will be different)
- 7. The CWP's Measureable Objectives need to be the focus of all funding applications.

Attachment: Draft of Water Plan Grant Guidelines and Application



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Introduction

House Bill 17-1248, adopted by the 2017 General Assembly, made grant funds available to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) for the implementation of the Colorado's Water Plan (CWP). The CWP was created under Governor Hickenlooper's Executive Order 13-005. In November 2015, the CWCB presented the final draft of CWP to the Governor. The Plan included a number of actions, goals, and measurable objectives. Chapter 10 of the CWP identifies a "Critical Action Plan," featuring near-term, high-impact actions which would support the measurable objectives and enhance Colorado's water values. CWCB, state legislators, basin roundtables, and other stakeholders are focused on these values, actions, and goals identified in the Plan.

GUIDELINES

The purpose of the CWP Grant funding is to enable progress on the critical actions identified in the CWP and its Measurable Objectives. All applications will be assessed based on funds available for a particular CWP Measurable Objective category. See CWCB's website for CWP Implementation Grant Project category balances.

This Guideline and Application will provide CWP Grant applicants with the information necessary to apply for the grant monies available. In order to help ensure opportunities for applicants to seek funding in an orderly fashion and at the same time to encourage competitive access to the funding, applications will be evaluated based on the eligibility requirements in this section and the evaluation criteria outlined in this document.

The Board will select projects, programs and activities to fund from applications that have the best opportunity to make progress on the CWP's Measurable Objectives or critical actions. The CWCB staff reserves the right to negotiate with successful applicants to modify the scope and budget of their project to better meet the CWP objectives in light of fund availability. CWCB staff will evaluate applications and recommend projects to the CWCB Board for final approval of grant funding at its regularly scheduled Board meetings.

Funding Project Categories* include:

- Supply and Demand Gap Projects Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap;
- Water Storage Projects Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial recharge into aquifers, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed storage capacity;
- Conservation & Land Use Projects Activities that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning;
- Engagement & Innovation Activities Activities that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts
- Agricultural Projects Projects that provide technical assistance or improve agricultural efficiency; and
- Environmental & Recreation Projects Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation.

* Applications may qualify for more than one category of funding.

Eligible Applicants include:

- Governmental entities municipalities, districts, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities. Covered Entities as defined in Section 37-60-126, C.R.S., are eligible if the applicant has adopted an approved water conservation plan.
- Private entities mutual ditch companies, consulting firms, non-profit corporations, individuals, partnerships, and sole proprietors.

Level of Funding Request:

• The CWCB will attempt to distribute the Grant funds in an equitable fashion. No more than 50% of the category's available balance should be expected to be disbursed to a single applicant. Applicants are encouraged to use this as a guide with the understanding that many variables will impact funding levels, including overall funding demand.

Examples of eligible projects and activities

- Technical assistance regarding permitting, feasibility studies, and environmental compliance.
- Studies or analysis of structural, nonstructural, consumptive, and nonconsumptive water needs, projects or activities.
- Design of Structural or nonstructural projects or activities.
- Activities that promote education, outreach and innovation consistent with the missiion and goals of the CWP.

Matching Fund Requirements

Requests may require matching funds. The match may be provided by the applicant or a third party and may consist of any combination of cash, loan funds, and in some instances in-kind services or in-kind materials. The following expenses will not qualify as in-kind contributions: general organizational operating costs such as utilities; operating supplies and services; amortization costs or rental costs for buildings and equipment; general property and liability insurance costs; and overhead percent charges used to cover such items. Any matching contributions not provided by the applicant must be accompanied by a letter of commitment, or a letter of pending commitment from the contributing entity.

Waivers: The CWCB may waive the match requirement if it is in the best interest of the State of Colorado or the applicant demonstrates that the matching requirement imposes a significant financial hardship on the applicant.

Evaluation Criteria

The proposed water project shall be evaluated using a similar approach to the WSRF Criteria and Guidelines and the criteria for state support in the CWP. In general, the proposal will be evaluated on how well it conforms to CWP for state support, including funding, of projects (Colorado's Water Plan, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;), and how well the proposed water project meets the Goals and

Measurable Outcomes of its respective Basin Implementation Plan. The WSRF Criteria and Guidelines can be found on the CWCB website.

Application Process

Application forms are available on the CWCB website: http://cwcb.state.co.us/LoansGrants/Pages/LoansGrantsHome.aspx

Applicants should include at a minimum the following documents:

- Completed Application
- Statement of Work
- Budget (Excel and pdf format)
- Schedule
- Maps (if applicable)
- Letters of Commitment (matching funds)
- Photos
- Drawings
- Letters of Support

Financial Documents Required for Contract Execution

- Certificate of Liability
- Certificate of Good Standing

The CWCB's review and approval process will include the following steps:

- CWCB staff will determine if the required documentation has been submitted. The application will be accepted once all documentation has been received.
- CWCB staff will evaluate the application based on the criteria described in this document.
- CWCB staff will develop a recommendation to the Board for full or partial funding or for denial of funding.
- CWCB staff will prepare a recommendation to the Finance Committee of the Board.
- CWCB staff will notify the applicant of the staff's recommendation and of the date and time when the Board will consider the application. While CWCB staff has primary responsibility for presenting the recommendation to the Board, the applicant may need to attend the meeting to address the Board.
- The Committee will recommend action by the full Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- Upon Board approval of applicant's request, funding will be available after a contract is executed.

CWP Grant Review and Approval Schedule

Round 1	
Application and supporting documents due	August 1, 2017
CWCB completes review and makes recommendation to Committee	September 1
CWCB Finance Committee reviews and makes recommendation to full Board	September 19
CWCB takes final action on applications	November 13
Estimated month project can start - pending grant contract execution	Around January
Round 2	
Application and supporting documents due	February 1
CWCB completes review and makes recommendation to Committee	March 1
CWCB Finance Committee reviews and makes recommendation to full Board	March 20
CWCB takes final action on applications	May 23
Estimated month project can start - pending grant contract execution	July

Grant Administration

Contracting:

After approval or conditional approval of funding by the Board, CWCB staff will direct the applicant to revise and supplement submitted documents if required for issuance of a purchase order or execution of a contract. Grants less than \$100,000 will be implemented by use of a purchase order. Grants for \$100,000 or more will require execution of a contract.

Successful applicants are expected to execute a contract with CWCB within 6 months of award. If a grant contract is not executed within this timeframe, CWCB staff may return the funds back to the appropriate funding category if adaquate progress is not made.

Reporting Requirements:

Progress Reports: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of issuance of a purchase order, or the execution of a contract. The progress report shall describe the status 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. The CWCB may withhold reimbursement until satisfactory progress reports have been submitted.

Final Report: At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a Final Report on the applicant's letterhead that:

- Summarizes the project and how the project was completed.
- Describes any obstacles encountered, and how these obstacles were overcome.
- Confirms that all matching commitments have been fulfilled.
- Includes photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

The CWCB will withhold disbursement the last 10% of the budget until the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

Payments:

Payment will be based on actual expenditures invoiced by the grantee. The request for payment must be transmitted on the grantee's letterhead, and shall include:

- Date of request
- Grantee's contact name, email address, physical address, and phone number
- Date of CWCB grant approval
- Contract or purchase order number
- Description of the work accomplished by major task as presented in the approved budget
- Supporting documentation for items or services billed
- 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



Supply and Demand Gap Project Grants

The CWP sets a measurable objective of reducing the projected 2050 municipal and industrial gap from as much as 560,000 acre-feet to zero acre-feet by 2030.

Potential Project Types:

Feasibility Studies, Engineering Design and Permitting, Projects and Processes that result in a shared benefit to multiple stakeholder interests with an emphasis on non-consumptive water uses.

Criteria and considerations:

- Projects identified in the Basin's Implementation Plan will be viewed as supported by the Basin Roundtable.
- Completed Feasibility Studies must be submitted with an engineer's estimate of probable cost for grant requests that include costs for final engineering plans and construction.
- Does the project/applicant demonstrate a commitment to collaboration? Does the project/applicant: address more than one type of need; involve multiple participants where appropriate; consult with a broad set of local stakeholders and local governments; provide meaningful opportunities for input?
- Does the project address an identified water gap? Is the project: included in a BIP; identified as meeting a defined need in a basin needs assessment; identified as meeting a defined need identified in the SWSI; or identified as part of the no-and low-regrets scenario planning process?
- Does the project/applicant demonstrate sustainability? Does the project/applicant: adopt an integrated plan or plans geared toward implementing conservation? avoid adverse effects to environmental and recreational interests; adopt environmental, watershed health, and recreational mitigation in the planning phase of the project; avoid impacts to, mitigate, or enhance water quality, mitigate or avoid economic and social impacts on agricultural and rural communities; maximize the use of water resources, improving or modernizing aging infrastructure, or aquifer storage and recharge project; with any interstate compact or the curtailment of existing water rights?
- Does the project/applicant establish the fiscal and technical feasibility of the project? Does the project/applicant demonstrate: over-all cost-effectiveness; local investment or contribution; financial capability to repay debt; an intent to leverage other funding; technical and legal availability of water supplies for the project; or readiness to proceed upon receipt of necessary funding and permits (i.e. completed preliminary planning and design work, obtained necessary water rights, secured necessary financial commitments)?

Matching recommendation:



Water Storage Project Grants

The CWP sets a measurable objective of attaining 400,000 acre-feet of water storage in order to manage and share conserved water and the yield of IPPs by 2050.

Potential Project Types:

Feasibility Studies, Engineering Design and Permitting, Projects and Processes that result in the storage of additional water.

Criteria and considerations:

- Storage projects that are of a regional nature that result in a shared benefit to multiple stakeholders including the State of Colorado for compact administration and non-consumptive water uses will receive preference.
- Projects identified in the Basin's Implementation Plan will be viewed as supported by the Basin Roundtable.
- Completed Feasibility Studies must be submitted with an engineer's estimate of probable cost for grant requests that include costs for final engineering plans and construction.
- Does the project/applicant demonstrate a commitment to collaboration? Does the project/applicant: address more than one type of need; involve multiple participants where appropriate; consult with a broad set of local stakeholders and local governments; provide meaningful opportunities for input?
- Does the project address an identified water gap? Is the project: included in a BIP; identified as meeting a defined need in a basin needs assessment; identified as meeting a defined need identified in the SWSI; or identified as part of the no-and low-regrets scenario planning process?
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- Does the project/applicant establish the fiscal and technical feasibility of the project? Does the project/applicant demonstrate: over-all cost-effectiveness; local investment or contribution; financial capability to repay debt; an intent to leverage other funding; technical and legal availability of water supplies for the project; or readiness to proceed upon receipt of necessary funding and permits (i.e. completed preliminary planning and design work, obtained necessary water rights, secured necessary financial commitments)?

Matching recommendation:



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Conservation & Land Use Project Grants

The CWP sets a measurable objective to achieve 400,000 acre-feet of municipal and industrial water conservation by 2050. In addition, the CWP sets a measurable objective that by 2025, 75 percent of Coloradans will live in communities that have incorporated water-saving actions into land-use planning.

Potential Project Types:

Water conservation (examples: water meter replacements, projects to reduce system water loss), water reuse, integration of water and land use planning (example: technical assistance to put water conservation elements into comprehensive land use plans), state agency conservation

Criteria and considerations:

- Does the project reduce overall future water needs through cost-effective water efficiency measures?
- Does the project integrate water efficiency planning and projects into overall water resource management?
- Does the project promote a water efficiency ethic throughout Colorado?
- Does the project explore additional water reuse options?
- Does the project integrate land use and water planning?
- Does the project advance conservation planning efforts?
- Does the project advance drought mitigation planning efforts?
- Does the project reduce impacts and prepare for the impacts of climate change?

Matching recommendation:

Applicant is encouraged to provide a minimum of 50% non-state matching funds (a CWCB loan can be used for applicant's matching funds).



Engagement & Innovation Activities

The CWP sets a measurable objective to significantly improve the level of public awareness and engagement regarding water issues statewide by 2020, as determined by water awareness surveys. The CWP also sets a measurable objective to engage Coloradans statewide on at least five key water challenges (identified by CWCB) that should be addressed by 2030.

Potential Project Types:

Engagement (Communication, Outreach, Education) and Innovation

Criteria and considerations:

- Overall
 - Is the project collaborative? Does it engage a diverse group of stakeholders? Does it involve and engage the community?
 - Does the project establish fiscal feasibility? Does the project demonstrate over-all costeffectiveness and leverage other funding?
 - Does the project contain a plan to measure and evaluate its success and impact?
 - Is the project supported by research, evidence, and data? Does it apply best practices?
 - Does the project achieve the stated purpose of the grant fund?
- Engagement
 - Does the project enhance Colorado's water communication, outreach, education, and public engagement efforts by addressing one or more of the following:
 - achieves the education, outreach, and public engagement measurable objective set forth in Colorado's Water Plan to "significantly improve the level of public awareness and engagement regarding water issues statewide by 2020, as determined by water awareness surveys?"
 - achieves the other measurable objectives and critical goals and actions laid out in Colorado's Water Plan around the supply and demand gap; conservation; land use; agriculture; storage; watershed health, environment, and recreation; funding; and additional?
 - achieves the education, outreach, and public engagement goals set forth in the applicable Basin Implementation Plan(s)?
 - achieves the basin roundtable's PEPO Education Action Plans?
 improves the use of existing state resources, which includes supporting efforts to improve coordination between state agencies on water outreach and education activities?
- Innovation
 - Does the project enhance the water innovation ecosystem in Colorado?
 - Does the project engage Colorado's entrepreneurial/business/innovation community to help solve our state's water challenges?
 - Does the project advance a solution to a water need identified through TAP-IN and other water innovation challenges?

Matching recommendation:

Applicant is required to provide a minimum of 50% non-state matching funds, unless the CWCB Board approves a waiver.



Agricultural Projects

The CWP sets an objective that agricultural economic productivity will keep pace with growing state, national, and global needs, even if some acres go out of production. The State will work closely with the agricultural community to share at least 50,000 acre-feet of agricultural water using voluntary alternative transfer methods by 2030.

Potential Project Types:

Technical assistance for programmatic ATM development; water banking projects; agricultural efficiency programs; bridge gap between ATM agreement and current commodity price

Criteria and considerations:

- Projects identified in the Basin's Implementation Plan will be viewed as supported by the Basin Roundtable.
- Completed Feasibility Studies must be submitted with an engineer's estimate of probable cost for grant requests that include costs for final engineering plans and construction.
- Does the project/applicant demonstrate a commitment to collaboration? Does the project/applicant: address more than one type of need; involve multiple participants where appropriate; consult with a broad set of local stakeholders and local governments; provide meaningful opportunities for input?
- Does the project address an identified water gap? Is the project: included in a BIP; identified as meeting a defined need in a basin needs assessment; identified as meeting a defined need identified in the SWSI; or identified as part of the no-and low-regrets scenario planning process?
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Matching recommendation:



Environmental & Recreation Projects

The CWP states "environment and recreation are too critical to Colorado's brand not to have robust objectives; a strong Colorado environment is critical to the economy and way of life." We must address a variety of concerns, including pre- and post-fire mitigation, forest mortality, water quality impairments, potential impacts of legacy mines, flood mitigation and recovery, aquatic and riparian habitat enhancement, and land use change.

Potential Project Types:

- Recreational in-channel diversions and other projects that provide or improve boating opportunities
- Removal of invasive phreatophytes
- Projects that support water-related recreational activities, such as boating, fishing, waterfowl hunting, and wildlife watching
- Projects that promote restoration, recovery, and sustainability of endangered, threatened, and imperiled aquatic and riparian-dependent species and plant communities
- Stream restoration and riparian habitat improvement projects
- Assistance to BRTs in using SWSI Update information and tools to identify and prioritize locally important streams and critical watersheds
- Implementation of recommendations developed in stream management plans or watershed plans
- Extended stakeholder process to facilitate implementation of stream management plan recommendations or watershed plan recommendations
- Structural solutions (e.g., diversion structure with fish passage)
- Flow-related projects (e.g., split-season use of water irrigation and instream flow use)
- Additional data collection if found necessary in stream management plan or watershed plan
- Watershed health regional efforts
- Flood mitigation projects
- Fire prevention and mitigation projects

Criteria and considerations:

- Does the project/applicant demonstrate a commitment to collaboration? Does the project/applicant: address more than one type of need; involve multiple participants where appropriate; consult with a broad set of local stakeholders and local governments; provide meaningful opportunities for input?
- Does the project/applicant establish the fiscal and technical feasibility of the project? Does the project/applicant demonstrate: over-all cost-effectiveness; local investment or contribution; an intent to leverage other funding; or readiness to proceed upon receipt of necessary funding and permits (i.e. completed preliminary planning and design work, obtained necessary permits, secured necessary financial commitments)?

Matching recommendation:



Colorado Water Conservation Board

Colorado's Water Plan Implementation Grant Application

Instructions

To receive funding for a Colorado's Water Plan Grant, applicant must demonstrate how the project, activity, or process (collectively referred to as "project") funded by the CWCB will help meet the measurable objectives in the CWP. CWP Grant guidelines are available on the CWCB website.

If you have questions, please contact CWCB at (303) 866-3441 or email the following staff to assist you with the applications in the following areas:

Supply and Demand Gap Projects - Rebecca.Mitchell@state.co.us

Water Storage Projects - Anna.Mauss@state.co.us

Conservation, Land Use Planning - Kevin.Reidy@state.co.us

Education & Innovation Activities - Mara.MacKillop@state.co.us

Agricultural Projects – Gregory.Johnson@state.co.us

Environmental & Recreation Projects - Linda.Bassi@state.co.us

	Submittal Checklist		
	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract.		
Exhibit	A		
	Statement of Work ⁽¹⁾ (Word – see Exhibit A Template)		
	Budget & Schedule ⁽¹⁾ (Excel Spreadsheet – see Exhibit A Template)		
	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽¹⁾		
Exhibit	C		
	Map ⁽¹⁾		
	Photos/Drawings/Reports		
	Letters of Support		
	Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)		
	Certificate of Good Standing ⁽²⁾		
	W-9 ⁽²⁾		
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽²⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)		

(1) Required with application if applicable.

(2) Required for contracting. While optional at the time of this application, submission can expedite contracting upon CWCB Board approval.



Water Project Summary		
Name of Applicant		
Name of Water Project		
CWP Grant Request Amount		\$
Other Funding Sources		\$
Other Funding Sources		\$
Applicant Funding Contribution		\$
Total Project Cost		\$

Applicant & Grantee Information		
Name of Grantee(s)		
Mailing Address		
FEIN		
Organization Contact		
Position/Title		
Email		
Phone		
Grant Management Contact		
Position/Title		
Email		
Phone		
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)		
Mailing Address		
Position/Title		
Email		
Phone		



Description of Grantee/Applicant

Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less).



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)

Public (Government): municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities. 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, any organization that is not part of the government	
Covered Entity: as defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes	

Type of Water Project (check all that apply)		
	Study	
	Construction	
	Identified Process	

		Category of Water Project (check all that apply)				
		Supply and Demand Gap Projects - Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap				
	recharge i	Water Storage Projects - Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial recharge into aquifers, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed storage capacity				
		Conservation and Land Use Planning Projects - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning				
		Engagement & Innovation Projects - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts				
	•	Agricultural Projects - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency;				
		Environmental & Recreation Projects – Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation;				
	Other	Explain:				



Location of Water ProjectActivity			
Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed project below in decimal degrees .			
The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable.			
County/Counties			
Latitude			
Longitude			

Water **Project**Activity Overview

Please provide a summary of the proposed water project (200 words or less). Include a description of the project and what the CWP Grant funding will be used for specifically (e.g. studies, permitting, construction). Provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized or the water body affected by the project, where applicable. Include details such as acres under irrigation, types of crops irrigated, number of residential and commercial taps, length of ditch improvements, length of pipe installed, area of habitat improvements, where applicable. If this project addresses multiple purposes or spans multiple basins, please explain.

The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, and Schedule.



Measurable Results			
To catalog measurable results achieved with CWP Grant funds, please provide any of the following values as applicable:			
	New Storage Created (acre-feet)		
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive		
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)		
	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)		
	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)		
	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)		
	Other	Explain:	

Water ProjectActivity Justification

Provide a description of how this water project supports the goals of <u>Colorado's Water Plan</u>, the most recent <u>Statewide Water Supply Initiative</u>, and the respective Roundtable <u>Basin Implementation Plan</u> and <u>Education Action Plan</u>. The Applicant is required to reference specific needs, goals, themes, or Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs), including citations (e.g. document, chapters, sections, or page numbers).

The proposed water project shall be evaluated based upon how well the proposal conforms to Colorado's Water Plan criteria for state support (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;)



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Related Studies

Please provide a list of any related studies, including if the water project is complementary to or assists in the implementation of other CWCB programs.

Previous CWCB Grants

List all previous or current CWCB grants (including WSRF) awarded to both the Applicant and Grantee. Include: 1) Applicant name; 2) Water activity name; 3) Approving RT(s); 4) CWCB board meeting date; 5) Contract number or purchase order

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

The Taxayer 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.