

**Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program**  
**Water Activity Summary Sheet**  
**November 18-19, 2015**  
**Agenda Item 14(a)**

**Applicant & Fiscal Agent:** Arkansas River Basin Water Forum (ARBWF)

**Water Activity Name:** Implementing the Education and Outreach Goals of the Ark BIP through Education to Action Projects/Programs over a 3-year Period

**Water Activity Purpose:** Education/Outreach

**County:** throughout Arkansas basin

**Drainage Basin:** Arkansas

**Water Source:** n/a

**Amount Requested/Source of Funds:** \$150,000 Arkansas Basin Account (\$50,000 per year for three years)

**Matching Funds:** Applicant Match: \$72,000 (in kind) = 32.4% of the total project cost of \$222,000  
(refer to *Funding Summary/Matching Funds* section below)

<b>Staff Recommendation:</b>
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Staff recommends approval of up to \$150,000 from the Arkansas Basin Account to help fund the project titled: Implementing the Education and Outreach Goals of the Ark BIP through Education to Action Projects/Programs over a 3-year Period.
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**Water Activity Summary:** WSRA funds, if approved, will be expended to fund the program: Implementing the Education and Outreach Goals of the Ark BIP through Education to Action Projects/Programs over a 3-year Period. These funds are requested by the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum in partnership with the PEPO Committee and the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Basin roundtable. The goal of this collaboration is to provide leadership in water education and promote education action projects/programs that address the needs of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan. Four goals were identified in the Ark BIP as areas of concern: storage, agriculture, municipal, and environment/recreation. Funding will be used to address these concerns, provide education and promote action through multiple outreach mechanisms geared to engage a vast audience.

The proposed projects/programs will include an hour-long documentary plus webisodes that will focus on the economic and social values of the Arkansas River, a Water Festivals Toolkit to support and implement water festivals in Pueblo, Trinidad, Colorado Springs, and Salida, along with “mini” festivals in small communities across the basin; Water Education Activity Books developed locally and distributed through summer reading programs in Ark Basin public libraries; Education to Action Program that will provide an outreach mechanism to promote collaboration and implementation of Ark BIP identified planned projects; and a Project Coordinator to organize and manage tasks for all proposed programs.

**Discussion:** The proposed program and deliverables are designed to line up with the next steps identified in the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan, and are consistent with the education and outreach goals in Colorado’s Water Plan. The program is designed to unify the efforts of the Roundtable, PEPO, and the ARBWF, which represent the most active education and outreach programs in the basin.

**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:** n/a

**Funding Summary/Matching Funds:**

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>
Partner Entities	\$0	\$72,000	\$72,000
WSRA Arkansas Basin Account	\$150,000	n/a	\$150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$72,000</b>	<b>\$222,000</b>

Partnering entities are: Arkansas Basin Conservancy Districts, CSU Pueblo staff, Colorado Water Institute, local water groups, Pueblo Water, Colorado Springs Utilities, and numerous volunteers.

**CWCB Project Manager:** Kate McIntire

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.