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Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application

Instructions

All WSRF grant applications shall conform to the current [2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines](#).

To receive funding from the WSRF, a proposed water activity must be approved by a Roundtable(s) **AND** the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The process for Roundtable consideration and recommendation is outlined in the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines. The CWCB meets bimonthly according to the schedule on page 2 of this application.

If you have questions, please contact the current CWCB staff Roundtable liaison:

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WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)

X	I acknowledge this request for funding was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring Basin Roundtable(s).
X	I acknowledge I have read and understand the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines .
X	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract . ⁽¹⁾
Exhibit A	
X	Statement of Work ⁽²⁾ (Word – see Exhibit A Template)
X	Budget & Schedule ⁽²⁾ (Excel Spreadsheet – see Exhibit A Template)
X	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽²⁾
Exhibit C	
X	Map ⁽²⁾
NA	Photos/Drawings/Reports
X	Letters of Support
X	Certificate of Insurance ⁽³⁾ (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)
Contracting Documents	
X	Certificate of Good Standing ⁽³⁾
X	W-9 ⁽³⁾
NA	Independent Contractor Form ⁽³⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
X	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form ⁽³⁾

(1) Click "Grant Agreements". For reference only/do not fill out or submit/required for contracting

(2) Required with application if applicable.

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

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Schedule		
CWCB Meeting	Application Submittal Dates	Type of Request
January	December 1	Basin Account; BIP
March	February 1	Basin/Statewide Account; BIP
May	April 1	Basin Account; BIP
July	June 1	Basin Account; BIP
September	August 1	Basin/Statewide Account; BIP
November	October 1	Basin Account/BIP

Desired Timeline	
Desired CWCB Hearing Month:	September, 2017
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	January, 2018

Water Activity Summary		
Name of Applicant	Coalitions & Collaboratives, Inc, for Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative	
Name of Water Activity	Arkansas Basin Watershed Health Initiative	
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ⁽¹⁾	
Arkansas Basin	\$23,000	
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$23,000	
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾	\$230,000	
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$253,000	
Total Project Costs	\$653,000	

(1) Please indicate the amount recommended for approval by the Roundtable(s)



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Coalitions & Collaboratives, Inc for Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative
Mailing Address	Box 726, Lake George, CO 80827
FEIN	47-2144690
Grantee's Organization Contact ⁽¹⁾	Carol Ekarius
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Grant Management Contact ⁽²⁾	<u>Same</u>
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	
Mailing Address	
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	

(1) Person with signatory authority

(2) Person responsible for creating reimbursement invoices (Invoice for Services) and corresponding with CWCB staff.

Description of Grantee
Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less).
<p>Coalitions & Collaboratives, Inc (COCO) is an umbrella organization created by the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP), a nationally recognized nonprofit doing watershed, forest, and fire/flood emergency response work. CUSP's staff and Board has frequently been asked to assist in areas outside its watershed, and frequently have heard from federal, state, and other local government staff, <i>I wish we could bottle CUSP, or Could you come start a CUSP here?</i> This is CUSP's answer: COCO INC will provide an umbrella organization that encourages and supports new, emerging, and existing coalition and collaborative groups by building on a sustainable model and platform of leadership, infrastructure and organizational capacity for groups seeking the protect and restore natural resources and local communities through the cooperative efforts of stakeholders, with emphasis on best available science, community values, and economic sustainability.</p> <p>COCO has assisted the Arkansas Basin Roundtable (ABR) to establish the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative (ARWC).</p>



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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.
X	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 Activity (check one)	
	Study
X	Implementation

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)		
	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
	Agricultural	
	Municipal/Industrial	
	Needs Assessment	
	Education & Outreach	
S	Other	Arkansas basin-scale watershed-health collaborative projects, working with sub-basin coalitions and basin-wide partners.

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



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Water Activity Overview

Please provide a summary of the proposed water activity (200 words or less). Include a description of the activity and what the WSRF 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 activity. 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. 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.

Overall the collaborative approach aims to accomplish the following tasks with WSRA, ABR, and partner matching funds.

1. Begin implementing projects identified in the ARWC Strategic Plan (developed with WSRA support). The ARWC plan was stakeholder-driven and brought together representatives from government entities, non-governmental organizations, nonprofits, and the public to support and track collective impact, facilitate communication, and maintain basin-level strategic goals set by the leadership committee
2. Work with the Lower Ark Water Quality Working Group on at least three on-farm demonstration projects that engage irrigated ag producers in projects to reduce selenium, uranium, salinity and nutrients through demo projects.
3. Coordinate outreach and education with PEPO committee for watershed health purposes.
4. Work with water utilities and conservancy districts to get their infrastructure prioritized within the
5. Mitigate at least 200 acres of prioritized forest areas to reduce post-wildfire impacts on water supplies and infrastructure in the Upper Ark basin.
6. Assist with post-fire recovery efforts from 2016 fires (Haden, Junkins, Beulah) to reduce post-fire flooding and debris impacts on water supplies
7. Assist in the development of at least two Stream Management Plans in the Arkansas Basin.
8. Incorporate ARWC into a nonprofit organization and pursue 501(c)3 designation.

Measurable Results

To catalog measurable results achieved with WSRF funds please provide any of the following values.

	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)
See attached	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)
	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)
See attached	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)
	Other Explain:

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Water Activity Justification

Provide a description of how this water activity supports the goals of [Colorado's Water Plan](#), the most recent [Statewide Water Supply Initiative](#), and the respective [Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan and Education Action Plan](#) ⁽¹⁾. 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).

For applications that include a request for funds from the Statewide Account, the proposed water activity 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;) (Also listed pp. 4-5 in [2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines](#)).

Roundtables were directed to consider watershed health as a program area in their water plan process, and it was a significant component of the ABR's Basin Implementation Plan (BIP). The BIP specifically supported development of ARWC, which is a standing subcommittee of the ABR, and the collaborative completed a strategic plan in 2016, and will be implementing it.

Watershed health components are also being included in the SWSI as that process is moving forward, and ABR is on the forefront with ARWC.

Finally, the ABR PEPO team and ARWC are working closely together.

(1) Access Basin Implementation Plans or Education Action Plans from Basin drop down menu.

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Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
Basin (only) Account grant requests require a 25% match (cash and/or in-kind) from the Applicant or 3 rd party and shall be accompanied by a letter of commitment as described in the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines (submitted on the contributing entity's letterhead). Attach additional sheet if necessary.	
Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind)
If you requested a Waiver to the Basin Account matching requirements, indicate the percentage you wish waived.	

Matching Requirements: Statewide Account Requests	
Statewide Account grant requests require a 50% match as described in the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines. A minimum of 10% match shall be from Basin Account funds (cash only). A minimum of 10% match shall be provided by the applicant or 3 rd party (cash, in-kind, or combination). The remaining 30% of the required match may be provided from any other source (Basin, applicant, or 3 rd party) and shall be accompanied by a letter of commitment . Attach additional sheet if necessary.	
Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind):
COCO (through a variety of grants, agreements, partner support, cost-share, etc.)	400,000
Total Match	\$400,000
If you requested a Waiver to the Statewide Account matching, indicate % you wish waived. (Max 50% reduction of requirement).	

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Related Studies

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

Documents are available at arkcollaborative.org/reports

- 1.) ARWC Strategic Plan and Annual Operating Plan
- 2.) Watershed/Wildfire Reports
- 3.) 2016 Wildfire Assessment

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

LAVWCD as fiscal host; ARWC Collaborative Development; Arkansas; March 2015; CTGG1-2015-3443

LAVWCD as fiscal host; For 2016 Ark Basin Fires--Hayden/Junkins; NA; POGG1PDAA201700000986 and POGG1PDAA201700000985

COCO as fiscal host; Little Thompson Debris Removal; NA; POGG1 PDAA 2016..0316

CUSP: COCO's team has managed over ten CWCB grants for various projects and programs since our first watershed health grant for the Trees for Trout project beginning around 2007. More details are available upon request.

Tax Payer Bill of Rights

The Tax Payer 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.

NA