

Water Supply Reserve Account – Grant and Loan Program
Water Activity Summary Sheet
September 19-21, 2017
Agenda Item 22(d)

Applicant: Huerfano County Water Conservancy District

Water Activity Name: Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan Coordinator

Water Activity Purpose: Other - All, implementation of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan

County: Arkansas Basin Counties

Drainage Basin: Arkansas

Water Source: Basin-wide

Amount Requested/Source of Funds:

\$50,000	Arkansas Basin Account
\$25,000	<u>Statewide Account</u>
\$75,000	Total Grant Request

Matching Funds:

Basin Account Match (\$25,000) = 200% of Statewide Account request (Does not meet 33.3% min);

Applicant's In-kind Match (\$0) = 0% of Statewide Account request (Not required per guidelines);

Total Match (Basin & Applicant Match of \$50,000 = 200% of Statewide Account request (meets 50% min).
(refer to *Funding Summary/Matching Funds* section)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of up to \$50,000 from the Arkansas Basin Account; and \$25,000 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan Coordinator
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Water Activity Summary:

If funded, the objectives of this project are to:

- Conduct outreach to entities with have identified needs but lack the capacity for project development and/or coordination with state and federal agencies and bring those projects forward on behalf of small or challenged project proponents and regional collaborations;
- Identify and coordinate WSRF and non-WSRF funding alternatives for project feasibility, planning, permitting, design and constructions;
- 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 Executive Committee for addition to the Master Needs List;
- Support the Arkansas Roundtable in the implementation of its Basin Plan by accomplishing non-administrative tasks, and by coordinating with the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative, the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum, and the PEPO Working Group.

Discussion: The continuation of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan coordinator role directly supports Objective G, Funding, which states “*Develop near-term funding opportunities whereby the smallest amount of funding possible has the greatest benefit to implementing Colorado’s Water Plan*”. In Year 2 of funding, the BIP Coordinator organized a multi-purpose and multi-benefit project in support of Objective E: Storage in the Purgatoire River Basin.

Issues/Additional Needs: No issues or additional needs have been identified.

Eligibility Requirements:

The application meets requirements of the three subsections of the Eligibility Requirements: General Eligibility, Entity Eligibility, and Water Activity Eligibility.

Eligibility Based on Funding Match Requirements:

The application meets the Statewide Account Matching requirements.

Evaluation Criteria:

This activity has undergone review and evaluation and staff has determined that it satisfies the Evaluation Criteria. Please refer to WSRF Application for applicant’s detailed response.

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>
WSRF Arkansas Basin Account	\$50,000	n/a	\$50,000
WSRF Statewide Account	\$25,000	n/a	\$25,000
Total Project Costs	\$75,000	n/a	\$75,000

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