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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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303-866-3441 x3238

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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⁾
X	Photos/Drawings/Reports
X	Letters of Support
	Certificate of Insurance ⁽³⁾ (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)
Contracting Documents	
X	Certificate of Good Standing ⁽³⁾
	W-9 ⁽³⁾
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽³⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
	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
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	September + Contracting Interval

Water Activity Summary		
Name of Applicant	Purgatoire Watershed Partnership	
Name of Water Activity	Trinidad River Walk Improvement Project	
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ⁽¹⁾	
Arkansas Basin Roundtable	\$14,300	
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$ 14,300	
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$ 14,300	
Total Project Costs	\$ 755,400	

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



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Purgatoire Watershed Partnership
Mailing Address	3590 E Main St Trinidad, CO 81082
FEIN	46-175-7863
Grantee's Organization Contact ⁽¹⁾	Tom Verquer
Position/Title	Chairman of the Board (Ark Roundtable member & sponsor)
Email	tomverquer@dishmail.net
Phone	719.859.5054
Grant Management Contact ⁽²⁾	Shelly Simmons and/or Sam Wallace
Position/Title	PWP Coordinator and/or AmeriCorps VISTA
Email	purgatoirewatershedpartnership@gmail.com
Phone	719.469.2847 and/or 303.253.5920
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>The Purgatoire Watershed Partnership (PWP) is a non-profit stakeholder watershed group that functions out of Trinidad, Colorado. PWP is a grassroots organization, initiated by local citizens compelled to address and rectify ongoing concerns in the Purgatoire River Watershed.</p> <p>The group is comprised of diverse stakeholders who have come together to form a cooperative partnership focused on the conservation, protection, and enhancement of their watershed's health. PWP attempts to balance the views and values of all stakeholders, including but not limited to, agriculture, municipalities, recreation, and industry.</p> <p>PWP supports and facilitates collaborative watershed projects.</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)		
X	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
X	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
X	Agricultural	
X	Municipal/Industrial	
	Needs Assessment	
X	Education & Outreach	
X	Other	Explain: Collaborative Winter Flow Design

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	Las Animas County
Latitude	37.1729
Longitude	104.5059



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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.

Phase One of the Project consists of 5 Tasks:

Task 1:

- Invasive plant species removal in Reach 1 & 2
- Monitoring and treatment of invasive plant re-growth (which normally occurs for five years after initial removal) in Reach 3 & 4 and Reach 5

Task 2:

- Bank stabilization, cross vanes design and construction in Reach 1 & 2 (fish enhancement projects have already occurred in Reaches 3,4, & 5)
- Design for a fish ladder across the dam adjacent to the Baca-Picketwire headgate in Reach 3 & 4

Task 3:

- Design and build riverside park next to La Puerta development
- Implement security and education features around the Baca-Picketwire headgate

Task 4:

- Convene flow working group and create a collaborative design for the project

Task 5:

- Administration

Phase Two of the Project, **which is not a component of this WSRA grant request,** includes 2 Tasks:

Task 1:

- Invasive plant species removal in Reach 6 and Reach 7

Task 2:

- Construct a fish ladder in Reaches 3 & 4
- Bank Stabilization, cross vanes design, and construction in Reach 6 and Reach 7

Measurable Results

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

	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
TBD	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)
16,000	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)
TBD	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)



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Measurable Results		
175	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)	
1-2 cfs	Other	Explain: Managed winter flow for riparian habitat

Water Activity Justification
<p>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).</p> <p>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).</p>



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The criteria for state support, including funding, are as follows:

Does the project proponent demonstrate a commitment to collaboration? Does the project proponent:

- address more than one type of need;

The Project is specifically intended to protect agricultural diversions, restore the environment, and create and enhance recreational opportunities for both locals and tourists visiting Colorado. The La Puerta de Colorado private property development is collaborating with the stakeholder group to develop a “Welcome Center” with educational programs that highlight the historic water development of the Baca-Picketwire Ditch Company. The project site was a key stop along the Santa Fe Trail, which pre-dates Colorado’s admittance to the Union by 50+ years.

- involve multiple participants where appropriate;

The Trinidad River Walk Improvement Project is truly a multi-stakeholder initiative, including the PRWCD, the local chapter of Trout Unlimited, The City of Trinidad, the Purgatoire Watershed Partnership, Purgatoire Watershed Weed Management Collaborative (PWWMC), Tamarisk Coalition, Spanish Peaks-Purgatoire River Conservation District, La Puerta de Colorado (private property interests) and the Baca-Picketwire Ditch Company.

- consult with a broad set of local stakeholders and local governments before or early in the regulatory process (examples of stakeholders include relevant basin roundtables, water users, conservation groups, and community groups); or

The Project has come together through monthly meetings between the stakeholders over the past year, developing a cooperative Scope of Work that addresses environmental, municipal, agricultural and recreational needs. Through the private property owner, La Puerta de Colorado, there will also be a water education component to the project. The other goal of the stakeholders is development of a Collaborative Winter Flow Management program with the PRWCD and agricultural and municipal interests, to support the riparian habitat in periods of low winter flow.

- provide meaningful opportunities for input?

All meetings have been open to the public participation. The Flow Management program will include Colorado Parks & Wildlife the DWR Division 2 office.

Does the project proponent address an identified water gap? Is the project:

- included in a BIP;

The project is identified in the BIP as a multipurpose project.

- identified as meeting a defined need in a basin needs assessment;

The project meets agricultural, recreational, educational and environmental needs.

Does the project proponent demonstrate sustainability? Does the project proponent:

- mitigate or avoid economic and social impacts on agricultural and rural communities;

The project is specifically organized to enhance economic impacts on agriculture and the surrounding rural community.



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- maximize the use of water resources (through reuse, firming the yield of existing supplies, water sharing arrangements, improving or modernizing aging infrastructure, or aquifer storage and recharge projects);

The Flow Management Program is intended to support species habitat through the development of a winter low flow water program. Participants anticipate coordination between the US Army Corp of Engineers, the Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District, the USBOR, Trout Unlimited, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the City of Trinidad, and agricultural water users to maximize the stored water in Trinidad Reservoir to sustain and enhance the environment and recreation.

- partner with the local government(s) being served by the water project to incorporate best water use practices into land use planning efforts;

The City of Trinidad is a project participant and is providing significant funding.

or

- demonstrate that the project will not unreasonably increase the risk of non-compliance with any interstate compact or the curtailment of existing water rights.

An important outcome of the project is to meet the requirements of the Arkansas River Compact, specifically the need to deliver flood flows downstream in the Purgatoire River Watershed. The obligation to preserve and protect the channel capacity below Trinidad Dam and throughout the City of Trinidad is specific to the City.

Does the project proponent establish the fiscal and technical feasibility of the project? Does the project proponent demonstrate:

- over-all cost-effectiveness;

The project scope of work and budget have been developed through a collaborative effort based on local expertise in riparian restoration and direct input from agriculture, environmental, and recreational stakeholders. The community benefit is very cost effective and presents an excellent educational opportunity.

- local investment or contribution;

Local investment in the project is significant from both the municipal and private interests.

- an intent to leverage any state grant or loan with private, local, or federal funding;

The project intends to leverage GOCO and perhaps CPW Fishing is Fun grant sources. We also plan to engage the USACE on potential funding of bank stabilization tasks.

- technical and legal availability of water supplies for the project;

The water for the flow management program development is owned by the City of Trinidad.

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

Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests

Basin (only) Account grant requests require a 25% match (cash and/or in-kind) from the Applicant or 3rd 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.



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Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind)
Working Group Members	\$8,000 (in-kind)
AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer	\$2,700 (in-kind)
Total Match	\$10,700
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 3rd 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):
Total Match	
If you requested a Waiver to the Statewide Account matching, indicate % you wish waived. (Max 50% reduction of requirement).	

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.



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None.

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

- 1) PWP – Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund Grant
- 2) Purgatoire Watershed Partnership (PWP) Community Education and Outreach: Our Water, Our Watershed
- 3) Arkansas Basin
- 4) Unknown
- 5) PO: PDAA5000

This grant was awarded to PWP in April of 2016 and is currently underway. The focus of this grant is education and community outreach and education

Tax Payer Bill of Rights

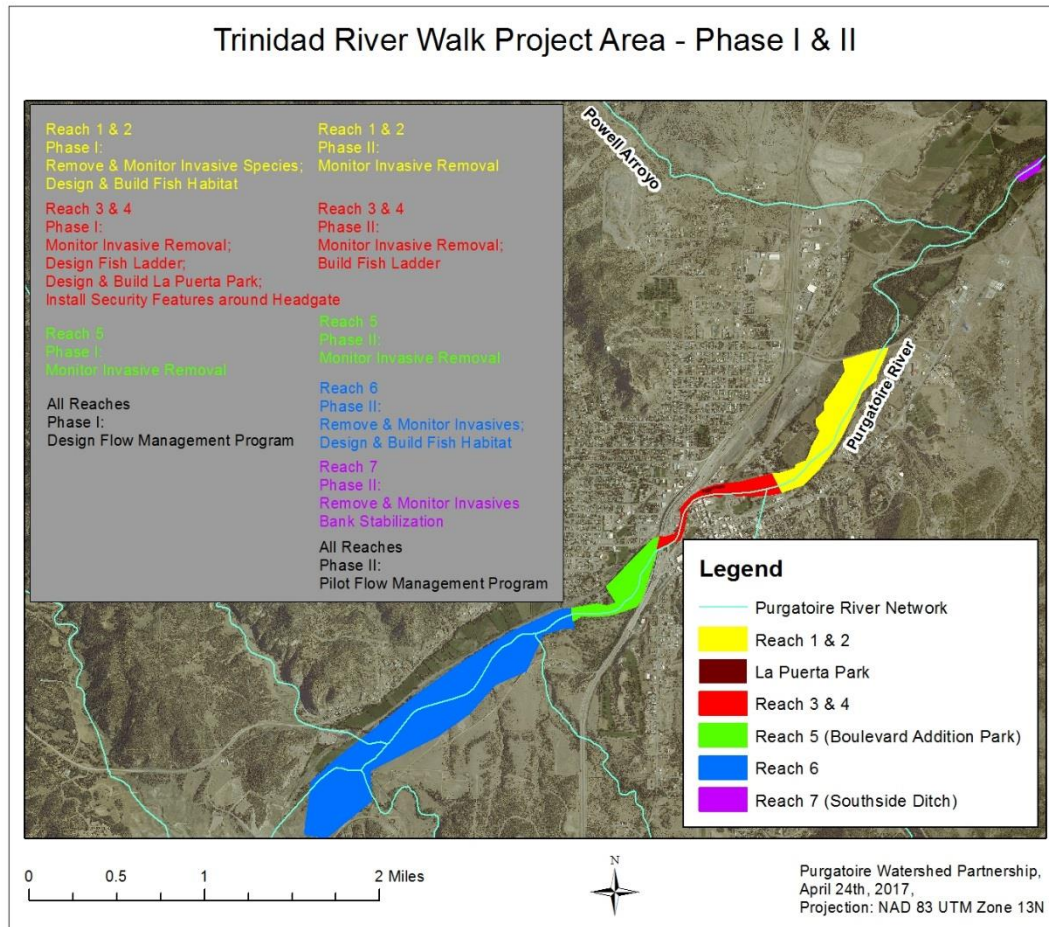
The Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect the applicant.

The Purgatoire Watershed Partnership is not subject to TABOR.

Exhibit C, Project Maps

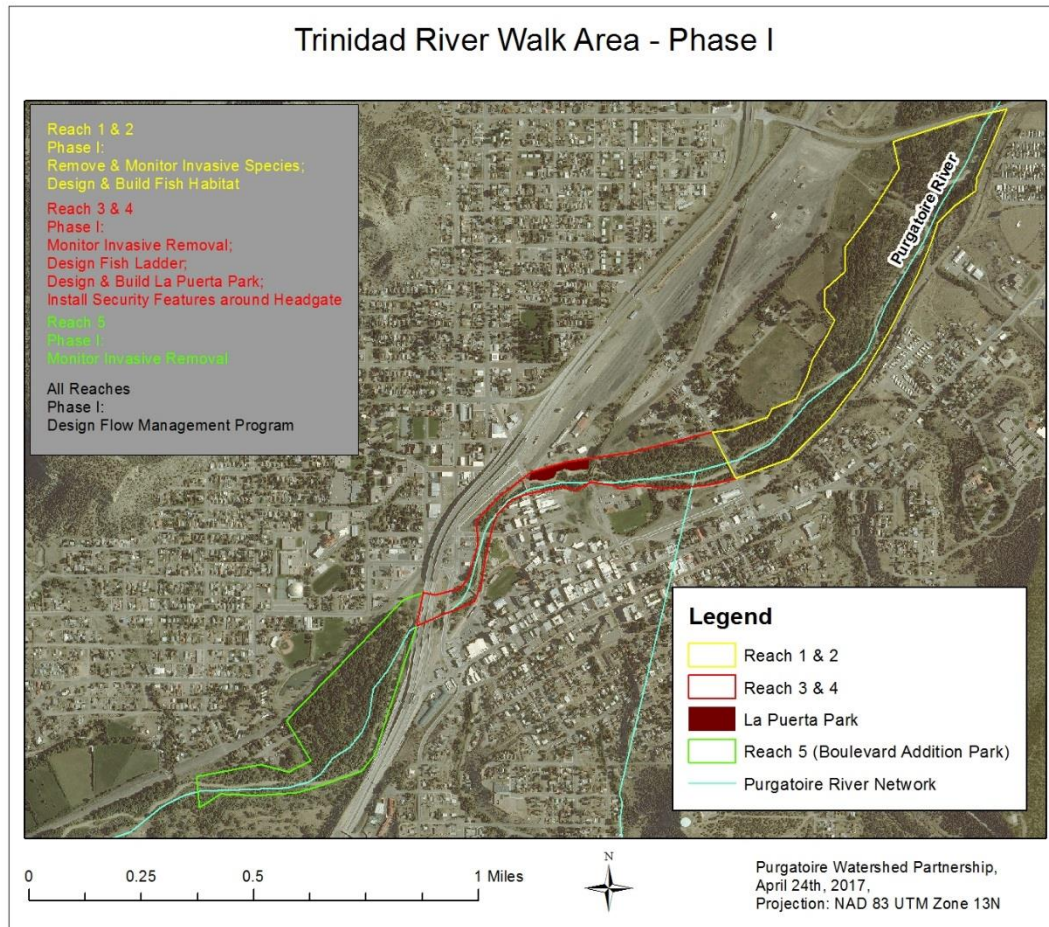


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