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Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Plan Grant Application

Instructions

To receive funding for a 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 and critical actions in the Water Plan. 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 applications in the following areas:

Supply and Demand Gap Projects: Gregory.Johnson@state.co.us

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

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

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Applicants interested in submitting an ‘Intent to Apply’ in the future are encouraged to check here ☐ and fill in all sections with the best information available at the time. Exhibits excluded.

This “Intent to Apply” will help CWCB prioritize Projects that are not ready for fully completed Water Plan Grant Application due to the initial timeframe and deadlines required.

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	Arkansas River Basin Water Forum	
Name of Water Project	Implementing the Education & Outreach Goals of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan through Education to Action Projects/Programs	
CWP Grant Request Amount		\$24,350
Other Funding Sources = <u>Project Partners (listed in Exhibit A - Budget) & Applicant funding</u>		\$8,450
Other Funding Sources = <u>In-Kind donations & time</u>		\$19,200
Total Project Cost		\$32,800



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Applicant & Grantee Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Arkansas River Basin Water Forum
Mailing Address	PO Box 11295
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Position/Title	Program Manager
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Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	
Mailing Address	
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	



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Description of Grantee/Applicant

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

The Arkansas River Basin Water Forum (ARBWF) is the fiscal agent for this grant application. The ARBWF was created in 1995, to create dialogue among water users and decision makers in the Arkansas River Basin. The ARBWF has partnered with the PEPO Coordinator and Workgroup and the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to provide water education and outreach throughout the Arkansas Basin. This partnership has allowed for the expansion and integration of these organizations to pull their resources together and help meet the education and outreach goals identified in the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan (ArkBIP). This collaboration has provided water education and outreach in multiple forms to citizens across the Arkansas River Basin.



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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: Private parties may be eligible for funding.
X	Non-governmental organizations (NGO): Organization that is not part of the government and is non-profit in nature.
	Covered Entity: As defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes .

Type of Water Project (check all that apply)	
	Study
	Construction
	Identified Projects and Processes (IPP)
X	Other – Education and Outreach

Category of Water Project (check all that apply and include relevant tasks)	
	Supply and Demand Gap Projects - Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</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. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
	Conservation and Land Use Planning Projects - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
X	Engagement & Innovation Projects - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application available on the website. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): TASKS 1 -7</i>
	Agricultural Projects - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
	Environmental & Recreation Projects – Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>



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	Other	Explain:
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Location of Water Project	
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	Baca Bent Chaffee Crowley Custer El Paso Fremont Huerfano Kiowa Lake Las Animas Otero Prowers Pueblo
Latitude	
Longitude	

Water Project Overview
<p>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 process, 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, and area of habitat improvements, where applicable. If this project addresses multiple purposes or spans multiple basins, please explain.</p> <p>The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, Other Funding Sources/Amounts and Schedule.</p>



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Water Project Overview

The proposed grant funded project will provide collaboration between three entities to provide the necessary means to successfully implement all education and outreach projects within this grant application. In this collaboration, the ARBWF will act as the fiscal agent for the projects/programs. The PEPO Coordinator and Workgroup will provide the ground work that includes: organization, planning and implementation of all programs and the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable will oversee all projects/programs and will provide guidance and direction to ensure that the programs align with the needs identified in the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan (ArkBIP).

Funding will be used to address the ArkBIP identified concerns, provide education and promote action through multiple outreach mechanisms geared to engage a vast audience. The projects/programs include:

1. Arkansas Valley Conduit Outreach and Education Meetings
2. Arkansas River Basin Water Forum Education & Outreach Programs
3. Support the PEPO Coordinator
4. Development of a Community or Children Water Festival
5. Creek Week on the Purgatoire River
6. State of the Purgatoire Event
7. Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative (ARWC) Outreach Program

Measurable Results

To catalog measurable results achieved with the 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)
		Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms
		Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning
x	Other	Explain: The proposed educational projects in this application support many of the objectives in the ArkBIP and CWP. Its purpose is to implement education and outreach projects to increase the knowledge base of Colorado citizens on the importance, value, and benefits associated with the implementation of ArkBIP and CWP identified projects and processes. By doing so the identified projects will provide measurable results.



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Water Project Justification

Provide a description of how this water project supports the goals of [Colorado's Water Plan](#), the most recent [Statewide Water Supply Initiative](#), and the applicable Roundtable [Basin Implementation Plan](#) and [Education Action Plan](#). 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 Framework for State of Colorado Support for a Water Project (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;)

The proposed projects in this grant application addresses goals defined in the CWP in Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 and 9.44. The projects demonstrate a commitment to collaboration by addressing multiple educational and outreach needs. The project involves multiple partners and represents a broad set of local stakeholders and local governments that provides meaningful opportunities for input.

The proposed project also addresses the identified water gap included in the ArkBIP through implementation of PEPO's Education to Action program. The project demonstrates sustainability by educating stakeholders and the public on best practices related to conservation, environmental and recreational interests, ways to mitigate or enhance water quality, and demonstrates techniques to avoid economic and social impacts on agricultural and rural communities.

The project includes integrated plans for best water use practices that are geared toward implementation with high audience participation. The project demonstrates fiscal cost-effectiveness from local in-kind investment (\$19,200) and financial contributions (\$8,450). The proposed project is organized and ready to be implemented upon receipt of a CWP grant Notice to Proceed.

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.

The successful Arkansas Basin Roundtable PEPO Coordinator and Workgroup has been in existence since February 2016 and is complementary to the implementation of the ArkBIP and CWP. The group's goal is to increase the public's knowledge of water issues facing us today and into the future. A second goal of the program is to assist Colorado's citizens to understand and get involved in water issues. PEPO's Education to Action program utilizes outreach, education, and public engagement efforts to ensure that multi-faceted audiences have access to accurate information and are empowered to participate in stakeholder decision-making processes.

With completion of the ArkBIP and CWP it is imperative that PEPO's Education to Action program sustains its momentum for outreach and educational activities and funding for these activities are provided as ArkBIP and CWP identified projects are plan for and implemented.

Previous CWCB Grants, Loans or Other Funding



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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; 6) Percentage of other CWCB funding for your overall project.

The ARBWF has received 2 previous CWCB WSRF grants in support of the PEPO Education to Action program.

1. ARBWF, Implementing the Education & Outreach Goals of the ArkBIP Through Education to Action Projects/Programs over a 3-year period, Arkansas Basin Roundtable, January 2016 CWCB Board meeting, PO 2016-687, 48% from other funding

2. ARBWF, Implementing the Education & Outreach Goals of the ArkBIP Through Education to Action Projects/Programs, Arkansas Basin Roundtable, March 2017 CWCB Board meeting, PO 2017-870, 38% from other funding

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

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

The ARBWF is a 501c3 non-profit organization and has no TABOR implications.



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Submittal Checklist	
1	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract .
Exhibit A	
	Statement of Work ⁽¹⁾
	Budget & Schedule ⁽¹⁾ (<i>Spreadsheet</i>)
	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽¹⁾
Exhibit C	
	Map (if applicable) ⁽¹⁾
	Photos/Drawings/Reports
	Letters of Support (Support letter from Basin Roundtable encouraged)
	Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.) ⁽²⁾
	Certificate of Good Standing with Colorado Secretary of State ⁽²⁾
	W-9 ⁽²⁾
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽²⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
Engagement & Innovation Grant Applicants ONLY	
	Engagement & Innovation Supplemental Application ⁽¹⁾

(1) Required with application.

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