

**Water Supply Reserve Fund – Grant and Loan Program**  
**Water Activity Summary Sheet**  
**March 21-22, 2018**  
**Agenda Item 25(b)**

**Applicant & Grantee:** Ouray County

**Water Activity Name:** Upper Uncompahgre Stream Management Plan

**Water Activity Purpose:** Multipurpose (M&I/Ag/Env&Rec/Ed&Outreach)

**Counties:** Ouray & Montrose

**Drainage Basin:** Gunnison

**Water Source:** Uncompahgre

**Amount Requested:** \$25,000 Gunnison Basin Account  
\$83,200 Statewide Account  
\$108,200 Total Request

**Matching Funds:** Applicant Match (cash & in-kind) = \$26,750

- 32% of the Statewide Account request (meets 10% min)

Basin Account Match = \$25,000

- 30% of the Statewide Account request (meets 10% min)

Total Match (Applicant & Basin Account) = \$51,750

- 62% of the Statewide Account request (meets 50% min)

**Note:** The Gunnison Basin Roundtable (GBRT) initially approved a Gunnison Basin Account request of \$25,000 for this effort during their December 2017 meeting while anticipating that the applicant would also be approved for a CWCB Stream Management Plan Grant. The Stream Management Plan Grant failed to be approved; therefore the applicant will return to the GBRT on March 19, 2018 for their recommendation of an additional \$83,200 from the Statewide Account. If a favorable recommendation is achieved from the GBRT, the Roundtable recommendation letter will be hand distributed to the CWCB Board during the March 21-22, 2018 CWCB meeting.

<b>Staff Recommendation:</b>
Staff recommends approval of up to \$25,000 from the Gunnison Basin Account; and \$83,200 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project titled: Upper Uncompahgre Stream Management Plan.

**Water Activity Summary:** WSRF grant funds, if approved, will assist Ouray County develop a Stream Management Plan that sets as its objectives the identification of sources of water, and projects both immediate and future, to fulfill the reasonable expectations of water needs for all users in Ouray County, including M&I, agricultural, for the present and the future within the Upper Uncompahgre Basin. The County's efforts to achieve these goals will include coordination of stakeholders, the formation of a Steering Committee, modeling objectives and scenarios, development and evaluation of various water supply and management strategies, identifying water supply and efficiency projects, and report preparation and administration.

**Discussion:** As pointed out in the accompanying application, this is a Tier 1 project as identified in the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan and assists the GBRT in meeting Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan.

In addition, this effort helps the state achieve several of the Measurable Objectives of Colorado's Water Plan, such as meeting the Supply-Demand Gap; Conservation; Watershed Health, Environment and Recreation, and Agricultural needs.

Ouray County has previously been awarded a WSRF Grant for \$50,000 (\$25,000 GBRT Account & \$25,000 Statewide Account) for the *Upper Uncompahgre Basin Water Supply Protection & Enhancement Project* by the CWCB during the September 2015 meeting, and has completed this effort to the satisfaction of CWCB staff.

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

**Eligibility Requirements:** The application meets requirements of all eligibility components: General Eligibility, Entity Eligibility, Water Activity Eligibility, and Eligibility Based on Match Requirements.

**Evaluation Criteria:** This activity has undergone review and evaluation and staff has determined that it satisfies the Evaluation Criteria. Please refer to Basin Roundtable Chair's Recommendation Letter and the WSRF Grant Application for applicant's detailed response.

**Funding Summary/Matching Funds:**

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Status</u>
Colorado River Water Conservation District	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	Secured
Ouray County	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	Secured
Ouray County Water Users Association	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	Secured
Trout Unlimited	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	Secured
Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership	\$500	\$0	\$500	Secured
Tri-County Water	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	Secured
City of Ouray	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	Secured
Town of Ridgway	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	Secured
Shavano Conservation District	\$250	\$0	\$250	Secured
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$26,750	\$0	\$26,750	
WSRF Gunnison Basin Account	\$25,000	n/a	\$25,000	Secured
<b>Sub-total</b>	\$51,750	\$0	\$51,750	
WSRF Statewide Account	\$83,200	n/a	\$83,200	
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$134,950</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$134,950</b>	

**CWCB Project Manager:** Craig Godbout

*The Gunnison Basin Roundtable*  
*501 Palmer Street*  
*Delta, CO 81416*

January 6, 2018

Mr. Craig Godbout  
Water Supply Management Section  
COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
1313 Sherman St., Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: WSRF Grant Request: Upper Uncompahgre Cooperative Stream Management Plan

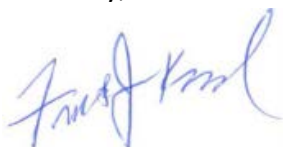
Dear Mr. Godbout:

This letter is presented to advise you that the grant application submitted by the Gunnison Basin Roundtable for \$25,000 from Basin Account funds from the Water Supply Reserve Fund for the Upper Uncompahgre Cooperative Stream Management Plan was reviewed by the Gunnison Basin Roundtable and its Project Screening Committee. The request for funding was approved by a unanimous vote of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable during our meeting on December 4, 2017.

This water activity meets the provisions of Section 37-75-104(2), Colorado Revised Statutes. The requirements/language from the statute is provided in Part 3 of the Criteria and Guidelines. In addition, this project helps achieve Goals 1 through 9 of the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan.

Thank you for your support of this grant application.

Sincerely,



Frank J. Kugel  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable

cc: Kathleen Curry (email)  
Tom Alvey (email)



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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:

#### Arkansas

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#### Gunnison | North Platte | South Platte | Yampa/White

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#### Colorado | Metro | Rio Grande | Southwest

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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 <a href="#">2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines</a> .
X	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the <a href="#">Standard Contract</a> . <sup>(1)</sup>
Exhibit A	
	<a href="#">Statement of Work</a> <sup>(2)</sup> (Word – see Exhibit A Template)
	<a href="#">Budget &amp; Schedule</a> <sup>(2)</sup> (Excel Spreadsheet – see Exhibit A Template)
	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Commitments <sup>(2)</sup>
Exhibit C	
	Map <sup>(2)</sup> – Upper Uncompahgre Basin-Water District 68 Location Map
	Photos/Drawings/Reports
	Letters of Support
	Certificate of Insurance <sup>(3)</sup> (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)
Contracting Documents	
	Certificate of Good Standing <sup>(3)</sup>
	W-9 <sup>(3)</sup>
	Independent Contractor Form <sup>(3)</sup> (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form <sup>(3)</sup>

(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:	
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	

Water Activity Summary		
Name of Applicant	Ouray County	
Name of Water Activity	Upper Uncompahgre Cooperative Stream Management Plan	
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) <sup>(1)</sup>	
Gunnison Basin Roundtable	\$25,000.00	
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$25,000	
Statewide Account Request <sup>(1)</sup>	\$83,200	
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$108,200	
Total Project Costs	\$135,000	

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



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Ouray County
Mailing Address	P.O. Box C Ouray, CO 81427
FEIN	84-6000791
Grantee's Organization Contact <sup>(1)</sup>	Connie Hunt
Position/Title	County Administrator
Email	<a href="mailto:chunt@ouraycountyco.gov">chunt@ouraycountyco.gov</a>
Phone	(70-325-7263
Grant Management Contact <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>Same as above</u>
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	Martha Whitmore
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 829 Ouray, CO 81427
Position/Title	Steering Committee Chair/Volunteer
Email	<a href="mailto:marti@whitemoreway.com">marti@whitemoreway.com</a>
Phone	303-886-0597

**(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).
Ouray County is serving as fiscal agent for the Board of County Commissioners appointed Steering Committee in charge of overseeing the water planning process. The steering committee includes representatives of agriculture, municipalities, a local private water provider, Tri-County Water Conservancy District, Colorado Water Conservation District, the Ouray County Water Users Association, the Shavano Conservation District, the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, Trout Unlimited, and other interested community members including water users from Ouray County.



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
X	<b>Public (Government):</b> 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.
	<b>Public (Districts):</b> authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises
	<b>Private Incorporated:</b> mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations
	<b>Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors:</b> are eligible for funding from the Basin Accounts but not for funding from the Statewide Account.
	<b>Non-governmental organizations:</b> broadly, any organization that is not part of the government
	<b>Covered Entity:</b> as defined in <a href="#">Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes</a>

Type of Water Activity (check one)	
X	Study
	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	
	Other	Explain:

Location of Water Activity	
Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed activity below in <b>decimal degrees</b> . The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable.	
County/Counties	Ouray and Montrose Counties
Latitude	38° 06' 15" N
Longitude	107° 43' 20" W



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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.

The proposed Stream Management Plan will build on the 2016 study by Wright Water Engineers, Inc., (WWE), titled *Upper Uncompahgre Water Supply Protection and Enhancement Project*, (2016 Study), which concluded there were significant existing shortages of water during dry years, particularly for agricultural uses, and that there were gaps that could be anticipated in the future with anticipated growth in the county, including needs for in-stream water for recreation, wildlife, fish and habitat, a thriving agricultural economy, and to ensure adequate municipal and related uses of water. The goal of this Stream Management Plan is to identify sources of water, and projects both immediate and future, to fulfill the reasonably expected needs of water for all users in Ouray County, including municipal, industrial, agricultural, for the present and the future. The basins to be considered in the Stream Management Plan include all of the Upper Uncompahgre Basin (UUB).

Activities that the WSRF will fund include coordination of stakeholders and formation of a Steering Committee, modeling objective and scenarios, work with the Steering Committee in development and evaluation of various water supply and management strategies, identify water supply and efficiency projects, report preparation and administration.

### Measurable Results

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

200-400	New Storage Created (acre-feet)	
TBD	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive	
TBD	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)	
TBD	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)	
TBD	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)	
TBD	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)	
TBD	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved	
	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](#) <sup>(1)</sup>. 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](#)).

The proposed Stream Management Plan is in line with specific goals of Colorado's Water Plan (CWP), the most recent Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI), and the Gunnison Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan (GRBIP).

CWP Goals that the Stream Management Plan is in line with:

1. For meeting Colorado's agricultural needs, implement efficiency and conservation measures to maximize beneficial use and production (p. 6-31, CWP).
2. Establish a process to identify the projects and processes to meet the water supply gap for communities while balancing the needs of agriculture, the environment, and recreation across the state (p. 6-127, CWP).
3. Obtain the State's encouragement and assistance in the development of balanced and appropriate storage that can meet multiple benefits, including instream flow and augmentation needs (p. 6-127, CWP).
4. Encourage multi-partner, multipurpose, cooperative projects through financial incentives and technical support (p. 8-3, CWP).
5. The project proponent addresses an identified water gap that is included in the GRBIP.
6. Project proponents that demonstrate a commitment to collaboration through involving multiple participants and consulting with a broad set of local stakeholders and local governments before or early in the regulatory process, and provide meaningful opportunities for input (p. 9-43 & 9-44, CWP).

SWSI goals that the Stream Management Plan is in line with:

1. Actively encourage projects to address multiple purposes, including municipal, industrial, environmental, recreational, agricultural, risk management, and compact compliance needs.
2. Identify and utilize existing and new funding opportunities to assist in implementing projects and methods to meet Colorado's consumptive and non-consumptive water supply needs (p. 1-6, SWSI)
3. Specific IPPs that the Stream Management Plan are in line with include: Ouray Storage and Hydro Reservoir (new reservoir site), City of Ouray Supply Ditch Improvement (ditch or headgate improvement), Ridgway Lake Otonawanda Enlargement (existing reservoir enlargement or rehab), Tri-County Water Conservancy District Manages Reservoir Levels and Releases for Recreation and Environmental Flows.

GRBIP goals that the Stream Management Plan is in line with:

1. Continue the current baseline of effective water conservation programs covered entities in the basin, with the goal being high levels of conservation savings as defined in SWSI 2010 (p. 33, GRBIP).
2. Implement the inventory of irrigation infrastructure improvement needs projects from the list of recommended solution in the Gunnison BIP by 2020 (p. 8, GRBIP).
3. Complete at least five new multi-purpose water projects, including two storage projects, in the Gunnison Basin by 2025 that demonstrate the beneficial relationship among agricultural,



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environmental, and recreational uses (p.36, GRBIP).

Implementation of this project will satisfy several tier 1 projects identified in the Basin Implementation Plan, including basin wide needs assessment and environmental and recreation needs assessment.

- Inventory of irrigation infrastructure improvement needs – District 68.
- Development of Upper Uncompahgre Water Supplies.
- Environmental/Recreational Project Identification and Inventory – Upper Uncompahgre Region.

Development of a Stream Management Plan will assist in balancing water needs amongst various users and the development of additional sustainable multipurpose water supplies including both consumptive and non-consumptive demands.

The Stream Management Plan will identify specific solutions to meet the water supply gaps identified in the 2016 water needs assessment. The results of the 2016 Study identified basin wide total water shortages of up to 20,200 acre-feet during a dry year for all water uses across the entire UUB. The dry year breakdown of water shortages for each of the water use categories is 61 percent for irrigated agriculture, 1.5 percent for municipal, domestic and industrial, and 37.5 percent for recreation and environmental uses. Ridgway Reservoir was identified as a key potential water supply source for water that could be used for Upper Uncompahgre water needs. The 2016 Study identified both existing excess water supply sources and potential approaches for the development of additional water supply sources within the UUB. Specific tasks of the Stream Management Plan include:

- Further evaluation of Ridgway Reservoir as a potential Upper Uncompahgre water supply for both consumptive and non-consumptive water needs. Further refinement of existing and future potential Upper Uncompahgre water needs and volumes from Ridgway Reservoir. Further analysis of operations including existing hydropower needs under various Upper Uncompahgre scenarios, storage allocations and release schedules. Information and results from the 2013 American Whitewater report titled, Assessing Streamflow Needs for Whitewater Recreation in the Gunnison River basin, will be included as part of this evaluation as applicable.
- Provide public engagement opportunities at each major stage of the project to solicit public comments. Coordination with stakeholders including Ouray County Water Users Association, Ouray County, Tri-County Water Conservancy District, Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association, Trout Unlimited, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the appropriate ditch companies and land owners. Ouray County has already formed a steering committee for this assignment.
- Further evaluate storage development including reservoir sites and alluvial storage potential. Use alluvial storage analysis to inform decision making on future water efficiency projects.
- Further refinement of the StateMod Model used in the previous study; to achieve the following: disaggregating water demands, better understand Ridgway Reservoir Operations including hydropower, improve modeling from monthly to a daily time step to better analyze various flow conditions and predict impacts of considered improvements and management strategies.
- Further evaluation and development of potential projects to assist voluntary transfer methods both long term and short term between consumptive and non-consumptive water needs to increase efficiency water existing water uses while protecting and enhancing non-consumptive water demands as well as consumptive use demands, including agriculture and cultivation.
- Additional analysis and refinement of existing and future water needs identified in the 2016 study. Additional analysis of Ouray County growth scenarios and refinement of unincorporated water needs. Further analysis of non-consumptive water needs, especially under daily



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modeling scenarios.

- Several ditches were identified in the 2016 study for potential irrigation efficiency projects. A goal of this project will be to further refine, develop, and scope these and any additional irrigation efficiency projects identified by project stakeholders in the Upper Uncompahgre, with analysis of site specific conditions that may impact return flows and other water users. Provide baseline information that could be used by irrigators for efficiency projects including salinity reduction, to the extent salinity reduction is applicable, and stream improvement projects. The focus of this task is to work toward a shovel ready irrigation efficiency project that does not negatively impact other water users by altering stream conditions or return flow timing.

**\*Important Note:** In addition to applying for the Basin and Statewide WSRF Grants, due to potential funding shortages in the Statewide WSRF Account, Ouray County may seek funding from any one or combination of Colorado Water Plan Grant funding Project categories, (i.e. Supply and Demand Gap Projects, Water Storage Projects, etc.). The Upper Uncompahgre Cooperative Stream Management Plan application may have to be phased in order to meet match requirements detailed in the CWP Grant guidelines. We are requesting Roundtable approval for this Project for funding from Basin and Statewide WSRF and/or Colorado Water Plan Grant monies, or any other Colorado Water Conservation Board Grant funding programs.

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



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Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
<b>Basin (only) Account</b> grant requests require a 25% match (cash and/or in-kind) from the Applicant or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party and shall be accompanied by a <b>letter of commitment</b> as described in the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines (submitted on the contributing entity's letterhead). Attach additional sheet if necessary.	
Colorado River Water Conservation District	\$10,000 – Cash (2018)
Ouray County	\$5,000 – Cash (2018)
Ouray County Water Users Association	\$3,000 – Cash
Trout Unlimited	\$2,000 – Cash
Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership	\$500 – Cash
Tri-County Water	\$2,500 – Cash
City of Ouray	\$2,000 – Cash
Town of Ridgway	\$1,500 – Cash
Shavano Conservation District	\$250 - Cash
Total Match	\$26,750 - Cash
If you requested a Waiver to the Basin Account matching requirements, indicate the percentage you wish waived.	



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### 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<sup>rd</sup> 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):
Colorado River Water Conservation District	\$10,000 – Cash (2018)
Ouray County	\$5,000 – Cash (2018)
Ouray County Water Users Association	\$3,000 – Cash
Trout Unlimited	\$2,000 – Cash
Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership	\$500 – Cash
Tri-County Water	\$2,500 – Cash
City of Ouray	\$2,000 – Cash
Town of Ridgway	\$1,500 – Cash
Shavano Conservation District	\$250 – Cash
Gunnison Basin Roundtable	\$25,000 - Cash
Total Match	\$51,750 Cash
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.

*Upper Uncompahgre Basin Water Supply Protection and Enhancement Project, September, 2016 by Wright Water Engineers.*



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### 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

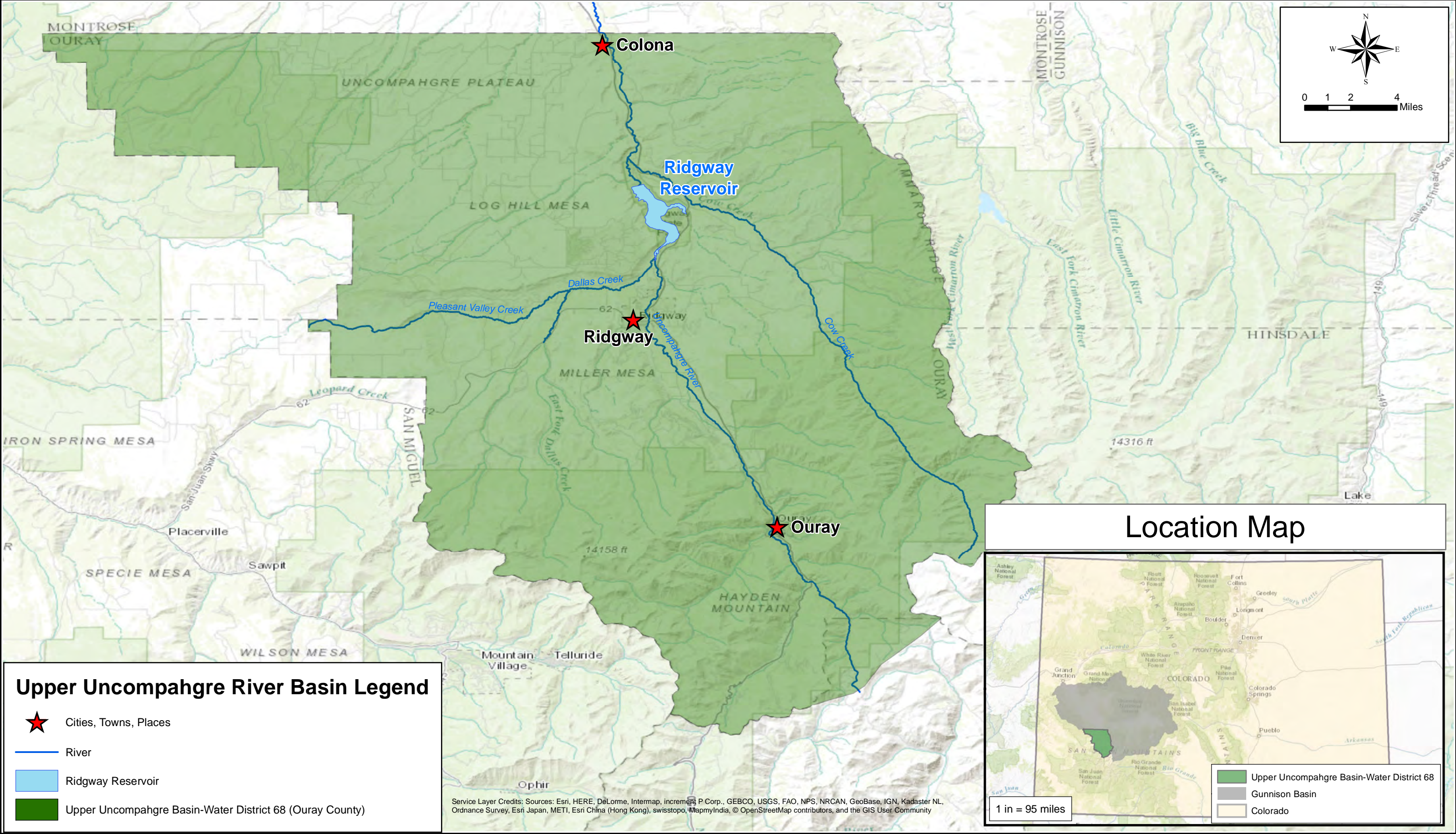
Ouray County received \$25,000 from Gunnison Basin Roundtable and \$25,000 from CWCB for phase 1 of the *Upper Uncompahgre Water Supply Protection and Enhancement Project*.

### 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.

No expected TABOR limits or impacts for Ouray County.









Colorado Water Conservation Board  
ATTN: Chris Sturm  
1313 Sherman St., Room 721  
Denver, CO 80203

11/01/2017

Dear Chris;

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Colorado River District in support of the Ouray County Stream Management Plan for the Upper Uncompahgre River proposal being coordinated by Ouray County and the Board of County Commissioners' appointed steering committee.

As you are probably aware, the Upper Uncompahgre Basin in Ouray County has not engaged in the typical water use studies or augmentation plans common elsewhere in the state until fairly recently. The River District supported Ouray County's 2016 water needs assessment conducted by Wright Water Engineers, both financially and with in-kind assistance from our staff. The water needs assessment study was included in the GBRT BIP as a Tier 1 project. This stream management plan is the second phase of the Tier 1 project and continues the work of addressing community-wide stream needs, including municipal, domestic, agricultural, recreational and other non-consumptive uses. Once again, the River District is providing financial support, having committed a \$10,000 contribution to the cash match, and has a representative on the appointed steering committee.

Ouray County has reached out to a broad range of stakeholders in populating the steering committee in a desire to bring the community together in finding solutions to present and future water needs, and to identify environmental and recreational flow needs and opportunities that may also arise from solutions that may include storage, exchanges, new appropriations, conservation and irrigation efficiencies. We support this process because River District experience has shown that the best approach to managing our water is through a holistic and collaborative approach.

The Ouray County Stream Management Planning Proposal clearly fits the mission of the Colorado River District to lead in the protection, conservation, use, and development of the water resources of the Colorado River Basin for the welfare of the District.

If you have any questions in regard to our support, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

R. Eric Kuhn  
General Manager  
Colorado River District  
970.945.8522  
ekuhn@crwcd.org





**Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership**  
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Nov. 21, 2017

Martha P. Whitmore  
Martha Phillips Whitmore, LLC  
P.O. Box 829  
Ridgway, Colorado 81432

RE: Ouray County Water Management and Planning Committee

Marti,

The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership Board of Directors has authorized a pledge of \$500 toward the matching funds needed for the Water Management Planning grant. As you are probably aware, UWP does not have a large budget and most of the funds we expend come from grants that are earmarked for specific projects. I assume that the actual payment of any matching funds would occur after the grant is awarded and accepted.

In addition, we have previously provided a copy to you of UWP's 2013 Watershed Plan, which is in the process of being updated. To the extent that any of the work and baseline data collected for the Watershed Plan may be of use in the next phase of Wright Water Engineer's (WWE's) study, UWP offers to provide such data, and possibly technical assistance by UWP Board Members or consultants as in-kind contributions. For example a detailed water quality report was prepared for UWP in 2012 (copy attached for your information). UWP also conducts ongoing collection of data on water quality that can be made available to WWE.

The Board of UWP appreciates the County taking the lead in getting the grant application underway and strongly supports the effort to develop a County-wide Water Management Plan. We believe that the proposed WWE study is a good next step. We strongly encourage the County and the steering committee to develop and put into place the leadership that will be necessary to carry the effort to completion of a useful and thorough Water Management Plan.

Sincerely,

  
Jay Montgomery  
UWP Board Member

**OURAY COUNTY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION  
OCWUA**

November 30, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The Executive Board of the OCWUA has approved an expenditure of \$3000 for the Upper Uncompahgre Stream Management Plan and supports the efforts of Ouray County and all of the partners represented by the Steering Committee in completing this important water management tool. The OCWUA believes that this continuation of the previous needs and assets study will bring all of the water users closer to an augmentation plan, additional storage, irrigation efficiencies, and other solutions to long term water needs in Ouray County.



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Daris Jutten  
President



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TOWN HALL PO Box 10 | 201 N. Railroad Street | Ridgway, Colorado 81432 | 970.626.5308 | [www.town.ridgway.co.us](http://www.town.ridgway.co.us)

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To: Gunnison Basin Roundtable  
From: Jen Coates, Town Manager  
Date: November 30, 2017

RE: Town of Ridgway Participation in Ouray County Stream Management Plan

Dear Roundtable Members,

Thank you for all you do on behalf of our Gunnison Basin Communities. It is very much appreciated.

I'm happy to share with you that the Town of Ridgway has budgeted \$1500 in 2018 as matching funds toward the completion of the Ouray County Stream Management Plan. The Town is an inaugural supporter of the Ouray County efforts to better understand our regional water supply and demand, and identify opportunities and challenges for our collective community in Ouray County. In addition to making a financial contribution for this effort in 2018, the Town will be an active and engaged partner in developing this Management Plan.

In Gratitude,

Jen Coates  
Town Manager



CONNIE I. HUNT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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November 28, 2017

Colorado Water Conservation Board  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Upper Uncompahgre Cooperative Stream Management Plan Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express Ouray County's support and intent to contribute \$5,000 to the Upper Uncompahgre Cooperative Stream Management Plan Grant Application. Like many other rural counties in Colorado, Ouray County is facing the possibility of a drier future, increased calls for raw water by senior water rights in summer months, and a growing population. These demands underscore the need to not only encourage, but strongly supports proactive water management planning. The Western Slope of Colorado has not had the benefit of the kind of water planning and historic water studies that many other areas have had. The 2016 Upper Uncompahgre Basin Water Supply Protection and Enhancement Study concluded that there are significant shortages of water during dry years, and there are gaps that can be anticipated in the future within Ouray County. The Plan endeavors to address increased needs for in-stream water for recreation; wildlife, fish and habitat; as well and maintaining a thriving agricultural community, both in the present and into the future.

In September 2017 the Ouray County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") established a Steering Committee for Stream Management and Planning to help guide the study and ensure that water needs for all users are balanced and addressed as successfully as possible. The Steering Committee reflects a diverse membership including: agriculture; municipalities; a local private water provider; Tri County Water Conservancy District; Colorado Water Conservation District; the Ouray County Water Users Association; the Shavano Conservation District; the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership; Trout Unlimited; and other interested community members. The goal of the Steering Committee is to provide unified community support for the future formation of an entity that will be responsible for the funding and perpetual stewardship of storage projects, and other solutions as may be beneficial.

Ouray County fully supports the purpose of the grant application, and intends to provide staff support for the administration of the Steering Committee communications and project implementation. On behalf of Ouray County, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of the Upper Uncompahgre Cooperative Stream Management Plan Grant Application, and award of the grant.

Sincerely,

Connie I. Hunt  
County Administrator



## SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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November 30, 2017

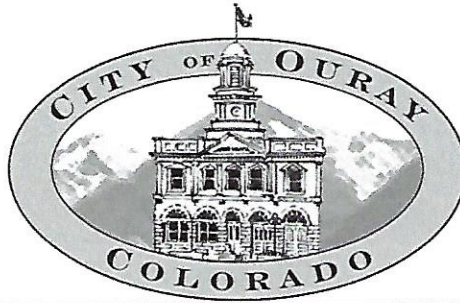
To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of the Shavano Conservation District has approved the contribution of \$250 to the Upper Uncompahgre Stream Management Plan and supports the efforts of Ouray County and the many partners participating on the steering committee. This is an important step forward in assuring secure water supplies for all users in Ouray County.

Sincerely,

Ken Lipton, President

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Ouray City Council approved \$2000.00 in their 2018 budget toward the Stream Management Plan Grant from the Colorado Watershed Restoration Program as proposed by the Upper Uncompahgre Cooperative. This grant will continue the work done in 2016.

We are in hopes that all entities that have participated in the past will continue to support this grant request. Insuring water rights and usage in the Upper Uncompahgre River is very important to all entities along this and adjacent river systems.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Larson  
Mayor  
City of Ouray, CO



11/30/2017

Gunnison Basin Roundtable  
Kathleen Curry, Chair

RE: Upper Uncompahgre Stream Management Plan WSRA Grant Application

Dear Kathleen and Roundtable Members:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Trout Unlimited for Ouray County's grant request for \$25,000 for the Upper Uncompahgre River Stream Management Plan.

TU, alongside the 10,000 supporting members in Colorado and over 150,000 members nationwide, strive to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain coldwater fisheries like those in the Uncompahgre River Basin.

TU is assisting this project by serving on the project Steering Committee, providing \$2,000 in cash match, and an estimated \$8,000 in in-kind assistance. TU believes that collaborative processes, such as this one, that identify win-win solutions for complex water supply issues are an important and necessary first step toward protecting existing uses and addressing current and future water supply gaps.

In closing, we express our full support of this project and hope that this application receives favorable consideration from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable.

Sincerely,

Cary Denison, Trout Unlimited  
Gunnison Basin Project Manager



November 29, 2017

Ms. Marti Whitmore  
PO Box 829  
Ridgway, Colorado 81432



Dear Marti:

This is to inform you and Ouray County that the Board of the Tri-County Water Conservancy District decided on November 15, 2017 by unanimous vote to contribute \$2500 towards the proposed Stream Management Plan in Ouray County. We believe this study will help the water users in the Upper Uncompahgre Valley manage their water supplies to the benefit of all the water users in the valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MB", is placed below the word "Sincerely,".

Mike Berry  
General Manager

cc: Mr. Tom Alvey, Chair, Project Screening Committee,  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable