



COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL WATER TRANSFER METHODS COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

GRANT APPLICATION FORM



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Program/Project Name

River Basin Name

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Amount of Funds Requested

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Amount of Matching Funds

Instructions: This application form must be submitted in electronic format (Microsoft Word or Original PDF). The application can be emailed or a disc can be mailed to the address at the end of the application form. The Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Methods Competitive Grant Program, Criteria and Guidelines can be found at <http://cwcb.state.co.us/LoansGrants/alternative-agricultural-water-transfer-methods-grants/Pages/main.aspx>. **The criteria and guidelines must be reviewed and followed when completing this application.** You may attach additional sheets as necessary to fully answer any question, or to provide additional information that you feel would be helpful in evaluating this application. Include with your application a cover letter summarizing your request for a grant. If you have difficulty with any part of the application, contact Craig Godbout of the Water Supply Planning Section (Colorado Water Conservation Board) for assistance, at (303) 866-3441 x3210 or email at craig.godbout@state.co.us. Generally, the applicant is also the prospective owner and sponsor of the proposed program/project. If this is not the case, contact Craig before completing this application.

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Part A. - Description of the Applicant(s) (Program/Project Sponsor);

1.	Applicant Name(s):	<div></div>		
	Mailing address:	<div></div>		
	Taxpayer ID#:	<div></div>	Email address:	<div></div>
	Phone Numbers: Business:	<div></div>		
	Home:	<div></div>		
	Fax:	<div></div>		

2. Person to contact regarding this application if different from above:

Name:	<div></div>
Position/Title	<div></div>

3. If the Contracting Entity is different then the Applicant, please describe the Contracting Entity here.

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4. Provide a brief description of your organization. The applicant may be a public or private entity. Given the diverse range of potential applicants, not all of the following information may be relevant. Where applicable and relevant the description should include the following:
- a) Type of organization, official name, the year formed, and the statutes under which the entity was formed, a contact person and that person's position or title, address and phone number. For private entities, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws should be appended to the application.
 - b) For waters suppliers, information regarding the number of customers, taps, service area, and current water usage, and future growth plans, water related facilities owned or used, funding/revenue sources (existing service charges, tap fees, share assessments, etc.), the number of members or shareholders and shares of stock outstanding or a description of other means of ownership.
 - c) For other entities, background, organizational size, staffing and budget, and funding related to water that is relevant in determining whether the applicant has the ability to accomplish the program/project for which funding is sought.
 - d) A brief history of the Applicant(s).
 - e) Please include any relevant Tabor issues relating to the funding request that may affect the Contracting Entity.

Part B. - Description of the Alternative Water Transfer Program/Project –

1. Purpose of the Program/Project

Please provide a summary of the proposed program/project, including a statement of what the program/project is intended to accomplish, the need for the program/project, the problems and opportunities to be addressed, the expectations of the applicant(s), and why the program/project is important to the applicant(s). The summary must include a description of the technical, institutional (i.e., how the program/project will be organized and operated), and legal elements that will and/or have been addressed by the applicant and proposed program/project. The summary should also discuss relevant project history, if applicable, and any other relevant issues.

Previous Studies

To the maximum extent possible, the results of any previous studies and investigation should be utilized and incorporated into the proposed program/project. The application for funding should include a brief summary of the results of previous studies and how they will be utilized.

2. Study Area/Service Area Description

The study area/service area is generally the geographic area that is the subject of the proposed program/project (include both the source of supply and location and type of new use). The description should include the following items:

- a) A narrative description of the study area/service area including: the county, the location of towns or cities, topography, and locations of major surface and ground water features.
- b) An area map showing each of the items above, as well as the locations of existing facilities, proposed project facilities and boundaries of lands involved in the proposed program/project.
- c) Information regarding the irrigated lands that are involved in the program/project. This must include a tabulation of total irrigated acreage, description of cropping types, crop yields, and total average annual water diversions for existing agricultural lands.
- d) Information regarding the location of the new water use(s) that will be served by transferred water including the estimated number of users/taps and/or uses served.
- e) Socio-economic characteristics of the area such as population, employment and land use.

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3. Description of the Alternative Water Transfer Method

Please describe the type(s) of water transfers that will be examined/utilized (i.e., conceived transfer methods include, but are not limited to: 1) interruptible water supply agreements; 2) long-term agricultural land fallowing; 3) water banks; 4) reduced consumptive use through efficiency or cropping changes while maintaining historic return flows; and 5) purchase by end users with leaseback under defined conditions). In addition, please describe how the transferable consumptive use will be calculated and quantified, and how return flow patterns will be addressed/maintained.

4. Program/Project Eligibility

Please describe how the proposed program/project meets each of the following eligibility requirements (please see Criteria and Guidelines for additional information regarding the alternative water transfer methods/strategies that qualify for funding). Note: If these requirements are addressed in other parts of the application you may simply reference the applicable section(s).

- a) A description of how, if implemented, the proposed program/project will protect property and water rights.
- b) Identified group(s) of agricultural users that are or may be willing to transfer a portion of their water and identified entity(s), group(s) or area(s) where the transferred water could or would be put to the new use and a description of the new use.
- c) The program/project must at a minimum conceptually describe the technical, institutional, and legal elements of the water transfer. Grant monies may be used to address one or more of these elements. If grant monies are not requested for all three elements, the grant applicant must describe how the applicant has or intends to address the elements, which are not included in the grant request, through other efforts.
- d) If grant monies are proposed for use for legal assistance then the use of those funds shall be oriented toward advancing the knowledge of alternative agricultural water transfer methods and techniques; not for preparation of a specific water court case. The total requested funds for legal assistance shall not exceed 40 percent of the total grant request. In addition, grant monies proposed for use for legal assistance must be used to collaboratively address issues and concerns related to agricultural water transfer. Funds shall not be used to solely advance the cause of the project proponents.
- e) A minimum of a 10 percent cash match of total project cost (past expenditures and “in kind” can not be counted toward the 10 percent match).

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5. Program/Project Evaluation Criteria

The following grant evaluation criteria will be used by the CWCB to evaluate and make recommendations to fund, partially fund or not fund a grant application. The criteria are aimed at advancing alternative transfer methods from the literature and studies to actual on the ground projects/programs that provide reliable water supply and sustain key elements of the agricultural area from which the water is transferred. The applicant should fully address and explain in detail in the application how, and the extent to which, the proposed project/program meets each of the criteria. However, it should be noted that the project does not have to meet all of the criteria to be eligible to receive funding and the criteria below are not listed in any order of important or priority.

- a. The proposed project/program builds upon the work of former alternative water transfer methods efforts and addresses key areas that have been identified. For more detailed information on this work, please refer to the draft report: *Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Methods Grant Program Summary and Status Update*, November 2012.
- b. The proposed project addresses one or more key recommendation(s) in the report: *Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Methods Grant Program Summary and Status Update*, November 2012.
- c. Preference will be given to projects that provide additional matching resources in the form of cash, past expenditures and in-kind contributions that are in addition to the required 10% cash match.
- d. The proposed project/program has the ability/potential to produce a reliable water supply that can be administered by the State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources.
- e. The proposed project/program produces information that is transferable and transparent to other users and other areas of the state (i.e., would provide an example “template” or roadmap to others wishing to explore alternate transfer methods).
- f. The proposed project/program addresses key water needs identified in SWSI 2010 or as identified in a basin’s needs assessment.
- g. The proposed project/program advances the preservation of high value agricultural lands. Value can be viewed as: the value of crops produced, the value the agriculture provides to the local community, and the value the agricultural area provides for open space and wildlife habitat.
- h. The proposed project/program addresses water quality, or provides other environmental benefits to rivers, streams and wetlands.
- i. The proposed project/program increases our understanding of and quantifies program/project costs. This could include: institutional, legal, technical costs, and third party impacts.
- j. The proposed project/program does not adversely affect access to other sources of water (not subject to/participating in the program) where owners of these water rights may wish to pursue traditional transfer of their rights to other users.
- k. The proposed project/program provides a perpetual water supply for the new and/or alternate use and preserves agricultural production and/or helps sustain the area’s economy from which the transfer is occurring.
- l. The quantity of water produced by the proposed project/program. Preference will be given to programs that can address larger water supply needs.

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- m. Applicants are encouraged to develop projects demonstrating participation and/or support from a diverse set of stakeholders and interests.

6. Statement of Work

Provide the proposed statement of work. On the following page there is an example format for the statement of work. You can use the example format or your own format, provided that comparable information is included. The statement of work should outline by task how the proposed program/project will be accomplished. It is important that the statement of work detail the specific steps, activities/procedures that will be followed to accomplish each individual task and the overall program/project and the specific products/deliverables that will be accomplished. The statement of work must include but not be limited to: task description, key personnel, budget, schedule and deliverables and the final report/project documentation upon completion of the water activity.

The statement of work will form the basis for the contract between the Applicant and the State of Colorado. In short, the Applicant is agreeing to undertake the work for the compensation outlined in the statement of work and budget, and in return, the State of Colorado is receiving the deliverables/products specified. Please note that costs incurred prior to execution of a contract or purchase order are not subject to reimbursement.

Please provide a detailed statement of work using the following template. Additional sections or modifications may be included as necessary. Please define all acronyms. If a grant is awarded an independent statement of work document will be required with correct page numbers.