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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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WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)

X	I acknowledge this request was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring roundtable.
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⁾
Application Documents	
X	Exhibit A: Statement of Work ⁽²⁾ (<i>Word – see Template</i>)
X	Exhibit B: Budget & Schedule ⁽²⁾ (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)
X	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽²⁾
X	Map ⁽²⁾
	Photos/Drawings/Reports
X	Letters of Support
Contracting Documents ⁽³⁾	
	Detailed/Itemized Budget ⁽³⁾ (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)
	Certificate of Insurance ⁽⁴⁾ (<i>General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.</i>)
X	Certificate of Good Standing ⁽⁴⁾
X	W-9 Form ⁽⁴⁾
NA	Independent Contractor Form ⁽⁴⁾ (<i>If applicant is individual, not company/organization</i>)
	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form ⁽⁴⁾

(1) Click "Grant Agreements". For reference only/do not fill out or submit/required for contracting

(2) Required with application if applicable.

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(3) Additional documentation providing a Detailed/Itemized Budget maybe required for contracting. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate with the CWCB Project Manager to determine specifics.

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

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:	March 2019
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	As quickly as possible following CWCB approval

Water Activity Summary		
Name of Applicant	Colorado Trout Unlimited (Grantee) and Boulder Flycasters (Program Manager)	
Name of Water Activity	South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan Phase II and Infrastructure Design Preliminary Engineering Design of Physical Infrastructure Modifications (WSR Phase I)	
Approving Roundtable(s)		Basin Account Request(s) ⁽¹⁾
South Platte Basin Roundtable		\$40,000
Metro Basin Roundtable		\$40,000
Basin Account Request Subtotal		\$80,000
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾		\$
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)		\$80,000



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Water Activity Summary	
Total Project Costs	\$321,000

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

Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Colorado Trout Unlimited
Mailing Address	1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 320, Denver, CO 80202
FEIN	84-0628113
Grantee's Organization Contact ⁽¹⁾	David Nickum
Position/Title	Executive Director
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Phone	303-440-2937 x1
Grant Management Contact ⁽²⁾	<u>David Nickum</u>
Position/Title	Executive Director
Email	dnickum@tu.org
Phone	303-440-2937 x1
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	Boulder Flycasters c/o Stephen Brant
Mailing Address	PO Box 541, Boulder, CO 80306
Position/Title	Board Member and Sponsors' Project Representative
Email	slbrant62@gmail.com
Phone	303.885.4141

(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).



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Description of Grantee
Colorado Trout Unlimited ("CTU") is a statewide organization of more than 12,000 members in 24 local chapters dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring Colorado's cold water fisheries and their watersheds. CTU is coordinating with its Boulder Flycasters Chapter, which spearheaded Phase I of the South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan. CTU works through collaboration, education, grassroots action, and on-the-ground volunteerism. Current efforts include cooperation with front range and west slope water users on "Learning by Doing" in the Colorado headwaters; partnership with Colorado Parks and Wildlife on native trout restoration; and local youth education initiatives featuring watershed science and outdoor recreation.

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)	
X	Study
	Implementation

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)		
X	Non-consumptive (Environmental)	
X	Non-consumptive (Recreational)	
X	Agricultural	
X	Municipal/Industrial	
X	Needs Assessment	
X	Education & Outreach	
	Other	Explain:

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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	Boulder County	
Latitude	39.932 (upstream end)	40.033 (downstream end)
Longitude	-105.281 (upstream end)	-105.217 (downstream end)

Water Activity Overview
<p>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.</p> <p>CTU will complete the Stream Management Plan (SMP) effort for South Boulder Creek in Boulder County, on the ~9 miles from the mouth of Eldorado Canyon to the Boulder Creek confluence. This stretch is notable as a working river delivering water to many users (17 ditch head gates with diversion structures), for extensive public recreational access (along ~5 miles of City of Boulder open space), and potential environmental value for native species (8 sensitive, threatened or endangered). In Phase I, we established a core stakeholder group/SMP steering committee, launched broader stakeholder communications, established a river health assessment methodology, assessed and prioritized in-stream physical infrastructure, and sampled representative channel cross-sections for flow requirements. With Phase II, we propose to close data gaps in support of the river health assessment, complete flow and physical condition assessments, complete the RHA analysis across flow and physical condition scenarios; document physical infrastructure modification concepts / engineering designs (15-20% for 2 highest priority structures, 5-10% for 3 lower priority structures), and execute the stakeholder communications plan to expand awareness and engagement.</p> <p>Funds will be used primarily for contractors: professional services in support of data management and analysis, survey and modeling, engineering design, outreach, associated information technology.</p>



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Measurable Results		
To catalog measurable results achieved with WSRF funds please provide any of the following values.		
	New Storage Created (acre-feet)	
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Non-consumptive	
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)	
~9 miles (47,500 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)	
	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved	
5,000AF	Other	Explain: volume of water delivery facilitated to provide environmental benefits (water source- Boulder & Lafayette; storage through Gross Reservoir Expansion Environmental Pool)

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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Water Activity Justification

The Colorado Water Plan sets a goal of establishing stream management plans for 80% of priority waterways in Colorado (SWP p. 10-7). South Boulder Creek's environmental and recreational attributes were called out in the South Platte Basin non-consumptive use analysis, and this initiative will help achieve the CWP goal by developing an SMP for that important waterway. The CWP further calls for planning "that compiles and develops near-term projects and methods to support economically important water-based recreation" (SWP p. 10-12). South Boulder Creek is an important recreational resource close to major population areas, with extensive public access through local open space properties. An enhanced South Boulder Creek will support greater recreational fishing, as well as enhancing related recreational activities such as hiking and biking on stream front trails. The SMP process will help provide that improved recreational amenity for Boulder County and its visitors.

The CWP also identifies as a critical action for its storage goal: "Prioritize grants and loans to support the implementation of BIP-identified multipurpose projects and methods, taking into consideration locally identified geographic and seasonal gaps" (SWP p.10-11). The South Boulder Creek SMP will support successful use of the Gross Reservoir Environmental Pool, part of the multi-purpose Moffat Collection System IPP. By facilitating successful mitigation it will advance IPP implementation, as well as helping to meet the environmental flow gap for South Boulder Creek.

In a similar vein, the SMP will help multiple elements of the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan. As previously described, assisting with planned mitigation for the Moffat Firming Project will help "maximize the implementation of IPPs" (BIP 5.5.1). Developing next steps for environmental flow management, fish passage, and potential habitat improvement projects along a stream stretch with significant public access, will also "protect and enhance environmental and recreation attributes" (BIP 5.5.5). Finally, community outreach will advance the BIP element to "facilitate South Platte communications and outreach programs" (BIP 5.5.9).

This project complies with the criteria for state support. It demonstrates "a commitment to collaboration" (SWP p.9-43) by facilitating the multi-purpose aspects of the Moffat Collection System IPP, involving multiple stakeholders including local governments, and providing (through the stakeholder outreach program) opportunities for public input. It will "address an identified water gap" (SWP p.9-44) by helping fill the non-consumptive gap on South Boulder Creek – and insofar as this also assists in implementing required mitigation for the Moffat Collection System project, indirectly helping with the region's consumptive gap as well. The SMP will "demonstrate sustainability" (SWP p.9-44), not only avoiding adverse impacts but creating positive impacts on the environment and facilitating a water-sharing program through which water delivered for municipal use will create environmental and recreational benefits. Finally, the results of the SMP to date and plans going forward demonstrate "fiscal and technical feasibility" (SWP p.9-44). Local partners are contributing both cash and in-kind to the project, and the combination of Denver Water, Lafayette, and Boulder have the capacity and commitment to provide implementation funds for the ultimate action phases (construction of the environmental pool as part of Gross Reservoir; final design/build of infrastructure improvements).

(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.

Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind)
Trout Unlimited (cash, in-kind) – confirmed	\$15,000 / \$20,000
City of Lafayette (cash, in-kind) – request in process (participation confirmed)	\$0 / \$2,000



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Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
Denver Water (cash, in-kind) – confirmed	\$10,000 / \$3,000
City of Boulder (cash, in-kind) – confirmed (Note: City of Boulder cash match is \$75,000. \$20,000 of this is aligned to our original scope of work. The remaining \$55,000 will extend the scope to allow a final engineering design of one structure)	\$20,000 / \$8,000
US Fish & Wildlife Service – Native Species Recovery Funds – request in process	\$40,000 / \$0
Great Plains Fish Recovery Program Grants – request in process	\$20,000 / \$0
Total Match (cash and in-kind)	Cash: \$45,000 confirmed and \$60,000 pending In-Kind: \$31,000 confirmed and \$2,000 pending
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 3rd 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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Related Studies

This project builds on the South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan Phase I grant outcomes as described above. Additionally, it will help enhance the ability to meet minimum in-stream flows on a stretch protected by a CWCB appropriation (1-80CW379A) that was limited by water availability. Boulder and Lafayette will coordinate with the In-stream Flow and Natural Lake Level program on the legal mechanisms to best protect the additional flow en route to its ultimate point of diversion.

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

Colorado Trout Unlimited, South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan – Phase I, South Platte and Metro Basin Roundtables, 3/20/19, Purchase order#: P0GG1 2019-2848

Colorado Trout Unlimited, Species Trust Big Barnes Fish Passage Design, 1/8/16, Purchase order # PO PDAA 20160000000000006486

Boulder Flycasters, Rogers Park Restoration, Healthy Rivers Fund grant, final report (2009) available: <https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcb/0/doc/139063/Electronic.aspx?searchid=0bf57dd9-a907-47b3-adc7-acadbec168b0>

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.

As a non-governmental entity, CTU is not subject to any separate TABOR limitations.

**Water Supply Reserve Fund
Water Activity Summary Sheet
March 11-12, 2020
Agenda Item 23(u)**

Applicant & Grantee: Colorado Trout Unlimited

Water Activity Name: South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan Phase 2 & Preliminary Infrastructure Design

Water Activity Purpose: M&I/Needs Assessment - Study

County: Montezuma

Drainage Basin: South Platte

Water Source: South Boulder Creek

Amount Requested: \$40,000 South Platte Basin Account
\$40,000 Metro Account
\$80,000 Total request

Matching Funds: Applicant & 3rd Parties Match = \$241,000

- 301% of the Basin Account requests (meets 10% min)

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of up to \$40,000 from the South Platte Basin Account and \$40,000 from the Metro Account to help fund the project: South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan Phase 2 & Preliminary Infrastructure Design.

Water Activity Summary: WSRF Funds, if approved will assist Colorado Trout Unlimited complete the Stream Management Plan (SMP) effort for South Boulder Creek in Boulder County, on the ~9 miles from the mouth of Eldorado Canyon to the Boulder Creek confluence. This stretch is notable as a working river delivering water to many users (17 ditch head gates with diversion structures), for extensive public recreational access (along ~5 miles of City of Boulder open space), and potential environmental value for native species (8 sensitive, threatened or endangered). In Phase I, they established a core stakeholder group/SMP steering committee, launched broader stakeholder communications, established a river health assessment methodology, assessed and prioritized in-stream physical infrastructure, and sampled representative channel cross-sections for flow requirements. With Phase II, they propose to close data gaps in support of the river health assessment, complete flow and physical condition assessments, complete the RHA analysis across flow and physical condition scenarios; document physical infrastructure modification concepts / engineering designs (15-20% for 2 highest priority structures, 5-10% for 3 lower priority structures), and execute the stakeholder communications plan to expand awareness and engagement. Funds will be used primarily for contractors: professional services in support of data management and analysis, survey and modeling, engineering design, outreach, associated information technology.

Discussion: This effort will assist the South Plate Basin and Metro Roundtables achieve several goals as called for in the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan, such as: Protect and enhance environmental and recreational attributes.

Issues/Additional Needs: The applicant shall identify all matching sources and provide all outstanding letter of matching commitment prior to entering into a grant contract with the state, otherwise there are no issues or additional needs.

Eligibility Requirements: The application meets requirements of all eligibility components.

Evaluation Criteria: Staff has determined this activity satisfies the Evaluation Criteria.

Funding Sources/Match	Cash	In-kind	Total	Status
Trout Unlimited	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$35,000	Secured
City of Lafayette	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	Pending
Denver Water	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$13,000	Secured
City of Boulder	\$20,000	\$8,000	\$28,000	Pending
USFWS	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	Pending
Great Plains Fish Recovery Program	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	Pending
Unidentified Sources	\$103,000	\$0	\$116,000	Pending
Sub-total	\$208,000	\$33,000	\$241,000	
WSRF South Platte Basin Account	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	Secured
WSRF Metro Account	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	Secured
Total Project Costs	\$288,000	\$33,000	\$321,000	

CWCB Project Manager: Chris Sturm

Metro Roundtable

January 21, 2020

Craig Godbout
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Approval for the South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan Phase II and Watershed Restoration Phase I WSRF Metro Basin Roundtable Application

Dear Craig,

On behalf of the Metro Basin Roundtable, I am pleased to convey our support and approval for a Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) grant application submitted by Trout Unlimited for Stream Management Planning (Phase II) and Watershed Restoration (Phase I) on South Boulder Creek. Trout Unlimited submitted the application for the project to the Metro Roundtable in November 2019 and presented the project to the Roundtable on January 9, 2020. At the January 9 meeting the Roundtable voted to approve the request for up to \$40,000 from the WSRF Metro Basin Account, contingent on the project also being approved for its Stream Management Plan and Watershed Restoration grant requests pending before the CWCB.

Trout Unlimited has been a valued partner in conservation and water issues over the years, working in collaboration with diverse stakeholders, and is well-suited to the role of facilitating this SMP and Watershed Restoration efforts. The proposed next phase efforts will transition from Phase I data collection, planning and methodology selection, to field assessment, preliminary structure modification engineering designs, and ready-to-implement project recommendations. This work should provide a pragmatic framework to promote opportunities for multi-benefit partnerships among conservationists, recreationists, municipalities, agricultural, and other stakeholders. Completion of the SMP will create a plan forward for the health and resiliency of lower South Boulder Creek, a valued natural environment, recreational resource, and working river. While the preliminary engineering designs of structure modification should kick-start final design-build projects.

Importantly for our roundtable, the project addresses multiple objectives from our Basin Implementation Plan. It promotes environmental and recreational attributes on a significant stream reach for the basin. By supporting implementation of the Environmental Pool, part of the mitigation on the proposed expansion of Gross Reservoir, the SMP promotes successful completion of multi-purpose storage with one of our basin's identified projects and processes (IPP). Finally, the public outreach components of the SMP process advance our goals for community outreach and education on water matters within the South Platte watershed.

Through this letter, I convey our approval and ask CWCB to advance its consideration and approval for the South Boulder Creek SMP and Watershed Restoration funding through our basin account of the Water Supply Reserve Fund. We look forward to working with Trout Unlimited to create an improved plan for lower South Boulder Creek's health that also helps advance successful completion of a key IPP for our basin.

Sincerely,



Barbara Biggs
Chair, Metro Basin Roundtable

South Platte Basin Roundtable
Garrett Varra, Chair
January 27, 2020

Craig Godbout
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Via email to craig.godbout@state.co.us

RE: Approval for the South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan Phase II and Watershed Restoration Phase I WSRF South Platte Basin Roundtable Application

Dear Craig

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Trout Unlimited has been a valued partner in conservation and water issues over the years, working in collaboration with diverse stakeholders, and is well-suited to the role of facilitating this SMP and WSR efforts. The proposed next phase efforts will transition from Phase I data collection, planning and methodology selection, to field assessment, preliminary structure modification engineering designs, and ready-to-implement project recommendations. This work should provide a pragmatic framework to promote opportunities for multi-benefit partnerships among conservationists, recreationists, municipalities, agricultural, and other stakeholders. Completion of the SMP will create a plan forward for the health and resiliency of lower South Boulder Creek, a valued natural environment, recreational resource, and working river. While the preliminary engineering designs of structure modification should kick-start final design-build projects.

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Sincerely,



Garrett Varra



City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks

Open Space and Mountain Parks

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<http://www.osmp.org>

November 1, 2019

Chris Sturm
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Denver, CO 80203

RE: Letter of Support for the South Boulder Creek Watershed Restoration Grant – SMP Phase II – application by the Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) and Boulder Flycasters Chapter (BFC) of Trout Unlimited

Dear Chris,

The City of Boulder is pleased to provide this letter of support for the South Boulder Creek Stream Management Plan (SMP) - Phase II being submitted by CTU and BFC. Completion of this project will create a plan forward for the stream health and resilience of lower South Boulder Creek. This next phase is particularly important as it will provide specific recommendations for hydrological, biological and geomorphologic improvement opportunities.

We are particularly pleased that the proposed plan will address important stakeholder needs. Specifically, consolidating existing South Boulder Creek data into a single database for fact-based decision-making, and providing a comprehensive health assessment of the creek which can be used to identify future ecological improvement opportunities.

Improving the health of South Boulder Creek has long been a priority for the City of Boulder. Our commitments to this end, which support and align with CTU/BFC's efforts outlined in this grant proposal, include the following:

- \$315,000 in the City of Boulder 2020 capital budget for a fish passage project on South Boulder Creek on one of the structures prioritized in the SMP Phase I project.
- \$2,000,000 paid in 2017 towards construction costs of the Gross Reservoir Environmental Pool portion of Gross Dam expansion, resulting in available storage for stream flow releases post-enlargement.
- Significant ongoing legal and engineering costs associated with water court applications (2016CW3160 & 2017CW312), engineering analysis and infrastructure projects to be used, in part, to support future Gross Environmental Pool stream flow releases to South Boulder Creek.

- \$200,000 in our long-term capital program to modify diversion structures to bypass low flows; these structures are coincident with those prioritized in the SMP Phase I project.
- Staff time and equipment dedicated to streamflow measurement beginning mid-2018 and continuing on at four sites in South Boulder Creek determined critical for administering an instream flow program

We look forward to continued collaboration with CTU/BFC towards stream health in South Boulder Creek. If you have any questions or would like additional information please contact us.

Sincerely,



Don D'Amico
Senior Resource Project Manager
Wetland Ecologist
City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks



Kim Hutton
Acting Water Resources Manager
City of Boulder Public Works – Utilities



December 19, 2019

Chris Sturm
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Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Denver, CO 80203

RE: Letter of Support for the South Boulder Creek Watershed Restoration Grant – SMP Phase II – application by the Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) and Boulder Flycasters Chapter (BFC) of Trout Unlimited (TU)

Dear Chris,

I am providing this letter in support of the South Boulder Creek (SBC) Stream Management Plan (SMP) - Phase II being submitted by CTU and BFC. Completion of this project will create a plan forward for the stream health and resiliency of lower SBC.

The City of Lafayette will continue to work with CTU and BFC on ways that the Environmental Pool of the Gross Reservoir Expansion can aid in creek health when constructed. We have budgeted \$2,000,000 for construction of the pool and \$200,000 for improvements to SBC to support the operation of the waters within the pool. Once permitted, budgets can be reviewed to determine financial and manpower support available to the SMP.

We look forward to continuing the work with CTU and BFC.

Sincerely

Melanie Asquith, PE
Water Resources and CIP Manager





December 19, 2019

Chris Sturm
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**RE: Letter of Support for the South Boulder Creek Watershed Restoration Grant – WSR
Phase I – Application by the Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) and Boulder Flycasters Chapter
(BFC) of Trout Unlimited (TU)**

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