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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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WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)

x	I acknowledge this request for funding was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring Basin Roundtable(s).
x	I acknowledge I have read and understand the 2016 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines .
x	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract . ⁽¹⁾
Exhibit A	
x	Statement of Work ⁽²⁾ (Word – see Exhibit A Template)
x	Budget & Schedule ⁽²⁾ (Excel Spreadsheet – see Exhibit A Template)
x	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽²⁾
Exhibit C	
x	Map ⁽²⁾
	Photos/Drawings/Reports
	Letters of Support
	Certificate of Insurance ⁽³⁾ (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)
Contracting Documents	
	Certificate of Good Standing ⁽³⁾
	W-9 ⁽³⁾
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽³⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
	Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form ⁽³⁾

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

(2) Required with application if applicable.

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

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Schedule		
CWCB Meeting	Application Submittal Dates	Type of Request
January	December 1	Basin Account; BIP
March	February 1	Basin/Statewide Account; BIP
May	April 1	Basin Account; BIP
July	June 1	Basin Account; BIP
September	August 1	Basin/Statewide Account; BIP
November	October 1	Basin Account/BIP

Desired Timeline	
Desired CWCB Hearing Month:	July
Desired Notice to Proceed Date:	August 1, 2019

Water Activity Summary		
Name of Applicant	Owl Mountain Partnership	
Name of Water Activity	Jackson County Water Structure Improvement Project (2)	
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ⁽¹⁾	
North Platte Basin Round Table		
Section A. Staples 1 Ditch	\$40,474	
Section B. Rattler Ditch	\$13,175	
Section C. Squibob Ditch	\$8,641	
Section D. Big Grizzly Ditch	\$138,419	
Section E. Staples 1 Ditch	\$13,019	
Section F. Darcy Ditch	\$29,041	
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$242,769	
Statewide Account Request⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.00	
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$242,769	
Total Project Costs	419,545 (Basin Account + 176,776 Match)	

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



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Owl Mountain Partnership (OMP)
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 737 Walden, CO. 80480
FEIN	20-1481796
Grantee's Organization Contact ⁽¹⁾	Pat VanValkenburg
Position/Title	Member
Email	Pvan661@yahoo.com cc: debbi.heeney@co.usda.gov
Phone	(H) 970-723-4774 (C) 970-846-5153
Grant Management Contact ⁽²⁾	Kendall Silverberg
Position/Title	Administrator
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Phone	(H) 970-723-4578 (C) 970-219-3560
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	
Mailing Address	
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	

(1) Person with signatory authority

(2) Person responsible for creating reimbursement invoices (Invoice for Services) and corresponding with CWCB staff.

Description of Grantee
Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less).
<p>The Owl Mountain Partnership (OMP) formed in 1993 as an offshoot of the Colorado Division of Wildlife's Habitat Partnership Program. Their overall mission is based on the five fundamentals of ecosystem management and is "to serve the economic, cultural, and social needs of the community, while developing adaptive long-term landscaped management programs, policies, and practices that ensure ecosystem sustainability." The partnership's steering committee consists of both private landowners, and federal and state agency personnel. OMP is a registered, non-profit corporation in the state of Colorado. This allows the partnership to receive monies from federal, state and private entities.</p>



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
	Public (Government): municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities. Federal agencies are eligible, but only if they can make a compelling case for why a local partner cannot be the grant recipient.
	Public (Districts): authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises
	Private Incorporated: mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations
	Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors: are eligible for funding from the Basin Accounts but not for funding from the Statewide Account.
x	Non-governmental organizations: broadly, any organization that is not part of the government
	Covered Entity: as defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes

Type of Water Activity (check one)	
	Study
x	Implementation

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

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	Jackson
Latitude	** Reference: the attached Project Location Map for structure locations on each ditch
Longitude	** Reference: the attached Project Location Map for structure locations on each ditch

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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, and 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, and 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 Owl Mountain Partnership proposes to install and/or replace the following water control structures: a permanent check structure containing multiple turnouts in the Staples 1 ditch, a joint diversion/headgate structure that will divert water out of Willow Creek and control flow in the Rattler ditch, a check in the Squibob ditch, a headgate and diversion structures to control water diverted out of Grizzly Creek into the Big Grizzly ditch, an additional division/control in the Staples 1 ditch and line 300 feet of the Darcy ditch with irrigation pipe. Two of the projects are located on USFS and the remaining structures on private land. All have received consent from the landowners where the projects are located and are ready for construction. All structures are ag-exempt regarding Corp. of Engineer permitting.

The structures address both agricultural and environmental water needs in a cost effective and collaborative way, while providing irrigation water to multiple individuals and/or entities that irrigate over 1,200 acres of hay and pasture land in Jackson County. The irrigation water also creates irrigation induced wetlands and riparian areas that provide habitat for many wildlife species as well as multiple recreational opportunities.

Ninety two percent of the requested WSRA funds will be used in the actual construction and installation of these shovel ready structures. The remaining eight percent of the requested funds will be used for the clerical/administration costs associated with the project.

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Measurable Results	
To catalog measurable results achieved with WSRF funds please provide any of the following values.	
na	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
300 new acres irrigated under the Darcy ditch	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive
na	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)
na	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)



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Estimated 10% efficiency savings in the control and use of the 210 cfs that is utilized for irrigation purposes.	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)	
Approximately 1200 acres	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)	
300 feet Darcy ditch	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved	
	Other	Explain:

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](#) ⁽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).

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](#)).

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Water Activity Justification

Colorado's Water Plan (CWP) aims to close the gap between projected supply and demand in each basin, while also addressing the effects of a changing climate on our water resources (CWP 2015). In effort to support the goals of CWP, one of the goals for the North Platte Basin (NPB) is to continue to restore, maintain, and modernize critical water infrastructure to preserve current uses and increase efficiencies (NPBIP 2015, pg. 2). In effort to meet this goal, the NPB seeks to identify specific locations where infrastructure requires improvement or replacement to preserve or maximize existing uses (NPBIP 2015, pg. 21). The Owl Mountain Partnership has identified multiple sites and is proposing to: install and/or replace six water control structures and line a section of ditch with irrigation pipeline, if awarded this grant funding.

In many cases restoration or modernization efforts serve to address multiple purposes, such as improved diversion reliability and accuracy, lower maintenance costs, the potential addition of hydropower generation, and improved fish passage (NPBIP 2015, pg.21). Each of the proposed structures is critical in maintaining the delivery of existing irrigation water to storage and/or currently irrigated land. Complete failure of these structures will result in decreased irrigation efficiency and irrigated acreage within the watershed. Replacing and/or installing new structures will allow the water users to safely, more effectively and more efficiently control and regulate the amount of water in each of their associated ditches.

The NPB [...] is projected to grow from about 1,500 people in 2008 to about 2,200 people by the year 2050; an increase of about 47 percent. Agriculture has been the largest basic employment sector in NPB and is anticipated to retain this position in 2050 (SWSI 2011). With an anticipated increase of 28,000 irrigated acres (24%) in NPB by 2050 (SWSI 2011), investing in irrigation efficiency improvements is necessary for NPB agriculture now and into the future. Installing these improved structures will not only help to maintain our current agriculture economic base, but they will help to meet the identified consumptive need of increasing irrigated acres and storage within the county. Improved water efficiency and control is a benefit to all consumptive and associated non-consumptive uses of irrigation water.

Another one of the NPB goals is to maintain healthy rivers and wetlands through the strategic implementation of projects that meet prioritized non-consumptive needs (NPBIP 2015, pg. 2). Healthy rivers have always been a critical component to the economy and way of life in the NPB. The new proposed structures will be permanent and will reduce seasonal damage to the stream and ditch banks, thereby resulting in less erosion and sediment discharge into the streams. The planned diversion structures are more functional as well as fish friendly.

The NPB Roundtable stands to build on their prioritization of non-consumptive water needs by further focusing on water project efforts (NPBIP 2015, pg. 22). The proposed structures address both the consumptive and non-consumptive water needs in a cost-effective and collaborative way. In addition to irrigating the highly valuable hayland, the irrigation water also creates irrigation-induced wetlands and riparian areas that provide habitat for many species of big game, waterfowl and upland birds, including the Greater Sage Grouse. The ditches, wetlands and riparian areas also provide a variety of recreational opportunities for those whom live in and visit Jackson County.

Literature Cited:

Colorado's Water Plan (CWP). 2015. Available at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cowaterplan/plan>

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Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI). 2011. Section 4: Consumptive Needs Assessments. Colorado Water Conservation Board, Department of Natural Resources. Available at <http://cwcb.state.co.us/water-management/water-supply-planning/Documents/SWSI2010/SWSI2010.pdf>

North Platte Implementation Plan (NPBIP). 2015. Prepared for the North Platte Basin Roundtable for submittal to The Colorado Water Conservation Board. Available at https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Final%20NPBIP_4-17-15.pdf

(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)
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Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
NRCS – Need and Feasibility Determination - \$300/Section	\$1,800 (in-kind)
NRCS – Structure Survey and Design - \$4000/Section	\$24,000 (in-kind)
NRCS Contract Obligation Contribution - Construction/Installation:	
Section A. Staples 1 ditch – VanValkenburg Family LLC.	\$18,360
Section B. Rattler ditch – Deline Land & Cattle Co LLC.,	\$16,445
Section C. Squibob ditch – Baller Ranch LLC.,	\$7,110
Section D. Big Grizzly ditch – Shawn Silverberg	\$68,608
Section E. Staples 1 ditch – Moriah Ranch LLC.	\$6,606
Section F. Darcy Ditch – Deline Land & Cattle Co.	\$8,871
Water Users Contribution – Construction/Installation:	
Section A. VanValkenburg Family LLC	\$4,164
Section B. Deline Land & Cattle Co. LLC.	\$1,355
Section C. Baller Ranch LLC.	\$889
Section D. Shawn Silverberg	\$14,241
Section E. Moriah Ranch LLC.	\$1,339
Section F. Deline Land & Cattle Co. LLC.	\$2,988
Total Match	\$176,776.00
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):
na	
Total Match	\$0.00



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Matching Requirements: Statewide Account Requests

If you requested a Waiver to the Statewide Account matching, indicate % you wish waived. (Max 50% reduction of requirement).

NA

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.

na

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

Applicant Name: Owl Mountain Partnership
Water Activity Name: Jackson County Water Structure Improvement Project
Approving RT: North Platte Basin RT
CWCB board meeting date: May 2018
Contract Number or Purchase Order: POGG1,PDAA,201900002014

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.

Although the Owl Mountain Partnership is subject to the Tabor Act, it will not exceed the permitted acceptable fund limits during the life of the WSRF monies.

NORTH PLATTE BASIN ROUNDTABLE

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May 22, 2019

Mr. Craig Godbout - WSRF Application
Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Re: Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application for Jackson County Water Structure
Improvement Project (2) – Owl Mountain Partnership - \$242,769 from Bain Account WSRA
Funds

Dear Mr. Godbout:

This letter is to advise you that the WSRF grant application submitted by Owl Mountain Partnership requesting \$242,769 from Bain Account WSRF Funds was reviewed and evaluated by the North Platte Basin Roundtable and was approved by a majority vote of the voting members present at the North Platte Basin Roundtable meeting held on the 21st day of May, 2019. Six voting members voted yes for approval, two voting members, Jimmer Baller and Pat VanValkenburg, abstained from voting because they each had a direct or indirect financial interest in the project. One voting member, Mike Allnutt, abstained but did not state a reason for his abstention. Two members voted to not approve the project. Barbara Vasquez and Wade Allnut voted no because they felt that the headgate and diversion structure for the Big Grizzly Ditch task project was big enough that it should have been its own application, and that this headgate and diversion structure was more of a luxury project than needed.

This project will provide funding to install and/or replace a permanent check structure containing multiple turnouts in the Staples 1 ditch, a joint diversion/headgate structure that will divert water out of Willow Creek and control flow in the Rattler ditch, a check in the Squibob ditch, a headgate and diversion structures to control water diverted out of Grizzly Creek into the Big Grizzly ditch, an additional division/control in the Staples 1 ditch and line 300 feet of the Darcy ditch with irrigation pipe. These water structure improvements will allow the involved water users to safely, effectively and efficiently control and regulate the amount of water needed to irrigate associated lands and the new diversion structure will eliminate annual damage to the stream banks and reduce sediment discharge.

The NPBRT has identified the development of the full allocation of irrigated acres in the North Platte Basin allowed under the equitable apportionment Supreme Court Decree and the Three States Agreement as a very high priority for the basin. Each of the proposed structures is critical in maintaining the delivery of existing irrigation water to currently irrigated ground and the continued deterioration of these structures will result in decreased irrigated acreage within the watershed.

Installing these improved structures will not only help to maintain our current agricultural economic base, but they will help to meet the identified consumptive need of increasing irrigated acres within the county. This project will help meet both consumptive and non-consumptive needs identified by the NPBRT. The higher degree of control and efficiency provided by these structures will benefit all consumptive and non-consumptive uses of water diverted for irrigation. Improved water efficiency is a benefit to all consumptive and associated non-consumptive uses of irrigation water.

Please feel free to call me with any questions that you may have regarding the North Platte Basin Roundtable meeting or our level of support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ty Wattenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ty" being more prominent.

Ty Wattenberg, Chair
North Platte Basin Roundtable