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Colorado Water Conservation Board
Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application

Instructions
<p>All WSRF grant applications shall conform to the current 2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines.</p> <p>To receive funding from the WSRF, a proposed water activity must be recommended for approval by a Roundtable(s) AND the approved by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The process for roundtable consideration and recommendation is outlined in the 2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines. The CWCB meets bimonthly.</p> <p>If you have questions, please contact the WSRF Grant Program Manager (for all Roundtables) or your Roundtable Liaison:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Ben Wade ben.wade@state.co.us 303-866-3441 x3238 (office)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Sam Stein Sam.stein@state.co.us 303-866-3441(office)</p> </div> </div>

WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)
<p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> This request was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring roundtable.</p> <p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> I have read and understand the 2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines.</p> <p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract.¹</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Application Documents included:</p> <p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A: Statement of Work² (<i>Word – see Template</i>)</p> <p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B: Budget & Schedule² (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)</p> <p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3rd Party Commitments²</p> <p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Map²</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Photos/Drawings/Reports</p> <p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of Support</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Contracting Documents³</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed/Itemized Budget³ (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Insurance⁴ (<i>General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.</i>)</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Good Standing⁽⁴⁾</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> W-9 Form⁴</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Contractor Form⁴ (<i>If applicant is individual, not company/organization</i>)</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form⁴</p>

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

² Required with application if applicable.

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.



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

¹ If either the basin or statewide match includes matching funds from a pending Water Plant Grant, both must be submitted by December 1st deadline for March Board meeting review.

Water Activity Summary	
Name of Applicant	White River & Douglas Creek Conservation Districts
Name of Water Activity	White River Integrated Water Initiative
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ¹
Yampa, White, Green Basins Roundtable	\$49,800
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$49,800
Basin Account Request Subtotal Approved by Roundtable	\$49,800
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾	\$66,000
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$ 115,800
Total Project Costs	\$ 158,700

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



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	White River Conservation Districts
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 837, Meeker, CO 81641
FEIN	84-0757034
Grantee's Organization Contact¹	Marc Etchart
Position/Title	White River Conservation District President
Email	marcetchart@msn.com
Phone	(970) 948-5562
Grant Management Contact²	Callie Hendrickson
Position/Title	Exec. Director
Email	Callie.districts@gmail.com
Phone	970-878-9838
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	N/A
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 Soil Conservation District Act (now Conservation District) was passed by Colorado Legislature on May 6, 1937. This act is found in Colorado Revised Statutes Title 35 article 70. The Districts are managed by a board elected at a general election by the landowners within the District. The White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts have cooperated with individuals and government agencies including county, state and federal departments and agencies for over 50 years treating resource problems.</p> <p>The Districts were formed to provide a legal entity to organize local landowners to voluntarily control soil erosion and manage natural resources such as soil, water, animals, plants and air quality. This act then enabled the Federal Government to provide technical and monetary assistance to the local agriculture community to protect private property from degradation of the natural resources. Through partnerships with NRCS, BLM, and other agencies, Best Management Practices (BMP) are planned and implemented to treat and protect the soil, water and related resources on lands within the District's boundaries. The Conservation District partnerships serve all landowners within the district by promoting voluntary conservation practices and providing technical assistance, planning, and practice installation assistance.</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.
X	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.
	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 (Planning)
	Implementation

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)		
X	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
X	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
X	Agricultural	
X	Municipal/Industrial	
X	Needs Assessment	
X	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/Countries	Rio Blanco County – The mainstem of the White River and Piceance Creek (tributary to the White River)
Latitude	
Longitude	

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

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Water Activity Overview
or spans multiple basins, please explain.
The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, and Schedule.
<p>Phase 2 of the White River Integrated Water Initiative (Initiative) will build upon Phase 1 completed in 2020 where the following mission statement was developed.</p> <p><u>Mission Statement:</u> Community-based initiative to identify actions promoting a healthy river that ensures a vibrant agricultural community and maintains healthy fisheries while protecting water rights, quantity, and quality with respect for the local customs, cultures, and property rights.</p> <p>To accomplish this, the Districts will contract with a Project Coordinator to maintain project momentum, continue community outreach, and coordinate planned assessments with stakeholders. Phase 2 includes diversion structure and riparian health assessments which were identified as being needed due to the lack of current information/data. The information collected through these assessments will help determine opportunities for projects that will benefit landowners, water right holders, the health of the river, and fish passages.</p> <p>As Phase 2 progresses, Project Coordinator will write a Plan of Work for Phase 3 that clearly delineates the next steps required including needed studies, modeling, and implementation of identified projects to improve the health of the White River. This will ultimately lead to the development of an Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP) in the future (the IWMP is not part of this grant request).</p>

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 Nonconsumptive
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)
	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)
	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)
	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)
	Length of Pipe/Canal Built or Improved (linear feet)
Phase 2 of IWMP	Other Explain: Establish baselines and developing recommendations for the White River – Headwaters to Utah State Line (150 miles) and Piceance Creek (58 miles)

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



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Water Activity Justification

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 [2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines](#)).

The Colorado Water Plan (CWP) calls for 80 percent of locally prioritized rivers to be covered by Stream Management Plans (also referred to as integrated watershed management plans) by 2030 (page 6-178). The White River Initiative will serve to advance the state's goals by conducting planning on the mainstem of the White River and Piceance Creek (a significant tributary to the White River).

The purpose of the White River Initiative is to identify water related needs for consumptive and non-consumptive uses, determine if gaps exist and, if so, find solutions for filling the gaps in partnership with all water users. The integrated approach that the planning effort contemplates speaks directly to the CWP's call to "set forth a water management roadmap to achieve a productive economy, vibrant and sustainable cities, productive agriculture, a strong environment, and a robust recreation industry."

This effort fits well within the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts (Districts) long-range plan that identifies water quality and quantity as priorities. The two Districts encompass the majority of Rio Blanco County and the White River watershed.

From Section 6-6, Environmental and Recreational Projects and Methods (pages 6-168 to 169), the policy of the State of Colorado is to identify and implement environmental and recreational projects and methods to achieve the following statewide long-term goals:

- Promote restoration, recovery, sustainability, and resiliency of endangered, threatened, and imperiled aquatic- and riparian-dependent species and plant communities.
- Protect and enhance economic values to local and statewide economies that rely on environmental and recreational water uses, such as fishing, boating, waterfowl hunting, wildlife watching, camping, and hiking.
- Support the development of multipurpose projects and methods that benefit environmental and recreational water needs as well as water needs for communities or agriculture.
- Understand, protect, maintain, and improve conditions of streams, lakes, wetlands, and riparian areas to promote self-sustaining fisheries and functional riparian and wetland habitat to promote long-term sustainability and resiliency.
- Maintain watershed health by protecting or restoring watersheds that could affect critical infrastructure and/or environmental and recreational areas.

From section 6.5, Municipal, Industrial, and Agricultural Infrastructure Projects and Methods (Page 6-127)

Colorado's Water Plan encourages the use of grassroots efforts to identify and implement projects and methods to meet community and agricultural water needs throughout Colorado, and to achieve the following statewide long-term goals:

- Use water efficiently to reduce overall future water needs.
- 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.
- 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.
- Meet community water needs during periods of drought.
- Develop and implement policies and strategies that support meaningful agricultural viability statewide.

In the Yampa, White, Green Basin Implementation Plan (BIP); recreational, environmental, agricultural, municipal and industrial stakeholders unanimously adopted the following eight goals and their associated measurable outcomes to meet YWG Basin needs.

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1. Protect the YWG Basin from compact curtailment of existing decreed water uses and some increment of future uses.
2. Protect and encourage agricultural uses of water in the YWG Basin within the context of private property rights.
3. Improve agricultural water supplies to increase irrigated land and reduce shortages.
4. Identify and address Municipal and Industrial (M&I) water shortages
5. Quantify and protect non-consumptive water uses.
6. Maintain and consider the existing natural range of water quality that is necessary for current and anticipated water uses.
7. Restore, maintain, and modernize water storage and distribution infrastructure.
8. Develop an integrated system of water use, storage, administration and delivery to reduce water shortages and meet environmental and recreational needs.

The Initiative's mission statement and primary goals stated below have been identified in Phase 1 and encompass the majority of the above noted CWP and BIP goals. During Phase 2, in which funds are being requested, the community will develop more specific goals and objectives by individual river reaches to accomplish the stated mission. This will all be done with the above noted CWP and BIP goals in mind.

Mission Statement: Community-based initiative to identify actions promoting a healthy river that ensures a vibrant agricultural community and maintains healthy fisheries while protecting water rights, quantity, and quality with respect for the local customs, cultures, and property rights.

Overall River Goals for Current and Future Generations

1. Protect and preserve existing water rights and other beneficial water uses
2. Protect and enhance water quantity and quality through promoting best management practices for:
 - a. Forest health
 - b. Riparian health
 - c. Rangeland health
 - d. Favorable conditions of streamflow
3. Identify opportunities for creation or improvement of infrastructure to support efficient consumptive and non-consumptive uses.
4. Support the development and maintenance of efficient and necessary long-term storage solutions that will improve, enhance and ensure irrigation, river health, water quantity, water quality, and native and recreational fisheries.

Colorado Water Plan Projects Aligned with Colorado's Water Values: Section 9.4 pp 9-43 to 9-44

Does the project proponent demonstrate a commitment to collaboration?

- The White River Integrated Initiative (Initiative) has and will continue a commitment to collaboration and including all stakeholders in the process through developing the Planning Advisory Committee, made up of agriculture, environment, recreation, municipal, and industry interests.
- Significant outreach has and will continue to take place through open committee meetings, public input meetings, maintaining an up-to-date webpage, news paper articles, and newsletters.
- In the last year, a diverse group of participants have demonstrated commitment to collaboration by attending meetings, providing input, soliciting addition community input, developing goals and identifying the needs for the next phase of the project in a constructive and productive manner.

Does the project proponent demonstrate sustainability?

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- This Initiative is dedicated to developing an integrated plan that will encourage land managers to continue using and/or begin to use Best Management Practices. All projects recommended through this effort are expected to serve environmental and recreational needs as well as agriculture, municipal and industrial needs.
- Partners include multiple local government partners including both towns within the County, Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District, White River Conservation District, and the Douglas Creek Conservation District. All of these will be served and impacted by the integrated water management plan that is developed through this process.
- The focus of this effort is to develop an integrated plan that will improve water quality and quantity for all purposes.
- The initial members of this planning process are still showing commitment to this project and understand the need for continuing their involvement long-term. The team consists of a cross section of local leaders, natural resource professionals, agricultural interests, land owners, water right owners, energy companies and environmental, recreational and fishery interests committed to the long-term health of the White River.

Does the project proponent establish the fiscal and technical feasibility of the project?

- This project has significant in-kind contributions from multiple partners including federal and state agencies and non-governmental organizations. Unfortunately, the local governments are cutting budgets significantly for next year and into the future due to mill levy cuts. Therefore, we have limited cash match for this project. We believe the time and in-kind commitments make a strong statement about the commitment from the local community to proceed with this effort.

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 [2020 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	
Total Match	\$
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 2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines . At least of 10% of the required Statewide Account Grant request match shall be cash from Basin Account funds whether that is from one or multiple basins; and the remaining 40% of the required match may be provided from any source, including other grants, cash from the Basin Account, or any combination of cash, in-kind services, or in-kind materials.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):
CSU Extension (In-kind)	\$ 4,800 secured
NRCS (In-kind)	\$ 1,000 secured
CPW (In-Kind)	\$ 600 secured
CNCC (Professor)	\$ 2,500 secured
Rivers Edge West (In-kind)	\$ 4,800 secured
WR & DC Conservation Districts/NRCS/Colo State Cons. Board (DCT Position) (in-kind)	\$ 4,900 secured
Trout Unlimited (in-kind)	\$ 5,300 secured
Ag Water Network	\$ 7,200 secured
CNCC Students (in-kind)	\$ 4,800 secured
River Network (cash – in hand)	\$ 7,000 secured
WSRF Basin Funds	\$ 49,800
Total Match	\$104,700
If you requested a Waiver to the Statewide Account matching, indicate % you wish waived. (Max 50% reduction of requirement).	



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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.

White River Algae Study (2018 – 2021) – to be completed by USGS in 2021 will provide extensive water quality and quantity information from the upper portion of the White River.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Trout Unlimited have collected benthic macroinvertebrate data over the past three years. The data will be analyzed and included in the above USGS study.

The White River Programatic Biological Opinion (PBO) and White River Management Plan is expected to be complete by 2022 which will provide extensive information for this effort.

During Phase 1 of the Initiative, a database of existing related studies has been compiled. In this Phase 2, more detailed analysis of that database will be conducted to determine other data gaps that are needed to finalize an IWMP.

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: White River Conservation District
Water Activity Name: White River Algae Study
Approving RT: Yampa, White, Green BRT
CWCB Board Meeting Dates:

- WSRF Grant
 - Effective Date 3/11/19
 - # POGG1, PDAA, 201900002747
- Colo Water Plan Grant
 - Effective Date 12/31/19
 - # POGG1, PDAA, 202000002716

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.

The White River Conservation District de-TABORed in 1996.

**Water Supply Reserve Fund
Water Activity Summary Sheet
March 10-11, 2021
Consent Agenda Item 2(q)**

Applicant & Grantee: White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts

Water Activity Name: White River Integrated Water Initiative Phase 2

Water Activity Purpose: Agricultural, Education & Outreach,
Municipal/Industrial, Needs Assessment, and
Nonconsumptive (Environmental & Recreational) - Study

County: Rio Blanco

Drainage Basin: White River Basin

Water Source: White River main stem & Piceance Creek

Amount Requested: \$49,800 Yampa-White-Green Basin Account
\$66,000 Statewide Account
\$115,800 Total Request

Matching Funds: Basin Account Match = \$49,800

- 75% of statewide request (meets 10% min)

Applicant & 3rd Party Match = \$42,900 (\$7,000 cash & \$35,900 in-kind)

- 65% of the statewide request (meets 10% min)

Total Match (Basin request & Applicant Match) = \$92,700

- 140% of the statewide request (meets 50% min)

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of up to \$49,800 from the Yampa/White/Green Basin Account and \$66,000 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project: White River Integrated Water Initiative Phase 2

Water Activity Summary: If approved, Phase 2 of the White River Integrated Water Initiative (Initiative) will build upon Phase 1 completed in 2020 where the following mission statement was developed: *Community-based initiative to identify actions promoting a healthy river that ensures a vibrant agricultural community and maintains healthy fisheries while protecting water rights, quantity, and quality with respect for the local customs, cultures, and property rights.*

To accomplish this, the Districts will use WSRF funds assist in contracting with a Project Coordinator to maintain project momentum, continue community outreach, and coordinate planned assessments with stakeholders. Phase 2 also includes diversion structure and riparian health assessments which were identified

as being needed due to the lack of current information and data. The information collected through these assessments will help determine opportunities for projects that will benefit landowners, water right holders, the health of the river, and fish passages.

As Phase 2 progresses, the Project Coordinator will write a Plan of Work for Phase 3 that clearly delineates the next steps required including needed studies, modeling, and implementation of identified projects to improve the health of the White River. These steps will ultimately lead to the development of an Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP) in the future.

Discussion: This project meets with several measureable outcomes in the Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable's Basin Implementation Plan including: protecting decreed and pre-compact water rights; protect and encourage agricultural uses; improves water quality; remediate at-risk or lost infrastructure; and provides public education and demonstration.

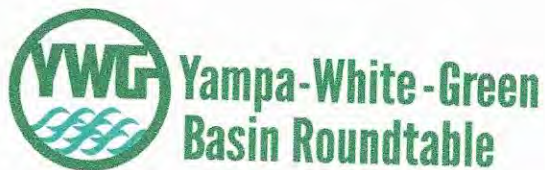
Issues/Additional Needs: No other issues or additional needs have been identified.

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
CSU Extension	\$0	\$4,800	\$4,800	Secured
Natural Resource Conservation Services	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	Secured
Colorado Parks & Wildlife	\$0	\$600	\$600	Secured
CO Northwestern Community College	\$0	\$7,300	\$7,300	Secured
Rivers Edge West	\$0	\$4,800	\$4,800	Secured
White River/Douglas Creek Conservancy District	\$0	\$4,900	\$4,900	Secured
Trout Unlimited	\$0	\$5,300	\$5,300	Secured
Ag Water Network	\$0	\$7,200	\$7,200	Secured
River Network	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	Secured
Sub-Total	\$7,000	\$35,900	\$42,900	
WSRF Yampa/White/Green Basin Account	\$49,800	\$0	\$49,800	Secured
WSRF Statewide Account	\$66,000	\$0	\$66,000	
Sub-Total	\$115,800	\$0	\$115,800	
Total Project Costs	\$122,800	\$35,900	\$158,700	

CWCB Project Manager: Chris Sturm



November 25, 2020

Mr. Marc Etchart
White River & Douglas Creek Conservation Districts
P.O. Box 837,
Meeker, CO 81641


Re; White River Integrated Water Initiative

Dear Mr. Etchart

The Yampa-White-Green Basin Round Table (YWG BRT) is pleased to inform at the November 11, 2020 YWG BRT meeting the round table unanimously approved the White River Integrated Water Initiative (WRIWI) Basin Account WSRF grant request for \$49,900 as was the Statewide WSRF grant request of \$66,000 for recommendation to the CWCB. As summarized within the grant application, the Water Activity purpose of the WRIWI Phase 2 is to build up a Plan of Work for Phase 3 that will ultimately lead to the development of an Integrated Water Management Plan for the White River as the Colorado Water Plan calls for.

The overall project aligns and aids in achieving YWG Basin Implementation Plan Goals including but not limited to; protect decreed and pre-compact water rights, protect and encourage agricultural uses, improves water quality, remediate at-risk or lost infrastructure, provides public education and demonstration, and has multiple beneficiaries. The project demonstrates collaborative partnerships and considerable letters of support showing strong community interest to move forward with the project that ultimately is for the benefit of White River water users.

For additional assistance please contact me at (970) 629-2525 or aldenvb@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,


Alden Vanden Brink

Yampa - White - Green Basin Roundtable, Chair