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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 type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> This request was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring roundtable.</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> I have read and understand the 2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines.</p> <p>YES <input 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 type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A: Statement of Work² (<i>Word – see Template</i>)</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B: Budget & Schedule² (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3rd Party Commitments²</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Map²</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Photos/Drawings/Reports</p> <p>YES <input 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	Colorado Ag Water Alliance
Name of Water Activity	Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ¹
Colorado Basin	\$5,750.00
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$5,750.00
Basin Account Request Subtotal Approved by Roundtable	\$5,750.00
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾	\$13,186.00
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$18,936.00
Total Project Costs	\$74,670.00

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

Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Colorado Ag Water Alliance
Mailing Address	10440 W. Fair Ave. Unit C, Littleton, CO 80127
FEIN	83-2969510
Grantee's Organization Contact ¹	Greg Peterson



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Position/Title	Executive Director
Email	petersongap@comcast.net
Phone	720-244-4629
Grant Management Contact²	Greg Peterson
Position/Title	Executive Director
Email	petersongap@comcast.net
Phone	720-244-4629
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).
The Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) is an association of agricultural organizations that have aligned to disseminate information to producers so they can make informed choices about their water rights. We also help educate non-producers about how water is used in agriculture through farm tours, which demonstrate irrigation methods and agricultural water use and administration.

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.



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-governmental organizations: broadly, any organization that is not part of the government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Covered Entity: as defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes

Type of Water Activity (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Implementation

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal/Industrial	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Assessment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education & Outreach	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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	All Counties
Latitude	
Longitude	

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.</p> <p>The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, and Schedule.</p>



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Water Activity Overview
<p>We will be conducting outreach to farmers and ranchers throughout the state. The WSRF funding, will go to cover part of the costs for our outreach in the Colorado River Basin. This outreach includes two (4) regional workshops that involve 50-100 attendees with an agenda of speakers. The subject matter covers water quality issues, ditch inventories, and how to find and secure grants for irrigation projects.</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)	
X	Other	Explain: Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity

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 2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines).</p>



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Water Activity Justification

The Education and Outreach section of the Water Plan calls for “education for farmers on available incentives for on-farm implementation of agricultural conservation measures, water sharing opportunities, and other tools available to growers” (Section 9.5). The Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) 2010 also call for efforts to educate and promote stewardship of water resources that recognizes water’s critical role in supporting the quality of life and economic prosperity of all Coloradoans (SWSI, 8-2). The Colorado Water Education Task Force (2008) also emphasizes the need for education programs “beyond information transfer through printed or other media informational campaigns” (Final Report, 3).

Education toward and support for the agricultural community is emphasized in the majority of Basin Implementation Plans (BIPs) and Education Action Plans. The South Platte Basin Roundtable and Metro Roundtable Education Action Plan 2016-2018 calls for the long-term goal of hosting events focused on agriculture (page 1) and the South Platte BIP calls for “Improving public understanding about the goals, needs, and plans of the state and the South Platte Basin will help to improve public acceptance of the need for innovative water rate structures, energetic conservation measures, and more integrated land use and water supply planning (S-15). The Yampa/White/Green BIP calls for protecting and encouraging “encourage agricultural uses of water in the YWG Basin within the context of private property rights” (1.2.4). Sustaining, protecting, and promoting agriculture is major theme of the Colorado BIP (16). The Gunnison BIP also emphasizes the goal to “discourage the conversion of productive agricultural land to all other uses within the context of private property rights” (2). The Rio Grande BIP also cites the need for “outreach events designed for agricultural water users [emphasis added], public officials, and community members” (160).

The Statewide Water Education Action Plan (SWEAP) 2020-2025 identifies agricultural dry-up as one of the “big water challenges facing Colorado.” Our project furthers multiple outcomes outlined in SWEAP. We are working to provide producers the knowledge and skills to taken an active role in water stewardship in their communities. Our workshops and outreach revolve around getting agricultural producers to participate in “community discourse and decision processes about water at the state, regional and local levels.” Ultimately, our goal is to increase the amount of producers who are “demonstrating sustainable water behaviors.”

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)
CWCB Water Plan Grant – Approved by CWCB Nov 2019	\$12,734.00 (cash)



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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):
CWCB Water Plan Grant – Approved by CWCB Nov 2019	\$12,734.00
Walton Family Foundation (secured)	\$15,000.00 (cash)
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environmental (secured)	\$4,500.00 (cash)
Colorado River Water Conservation District	\$4,000.00 (cash)
South Platte Basin Roundtable WSRF Approved By CWCB 2020	\$17,750.00
Colorado Ag Water Alliance	\$1,750.00 (cash)
Total Match	\$55,734.00
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

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

Tax Payer Bill of Rights

The Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect the applicant.

No TABOR related-constraints are known or anticipated.

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

Applicant & Grantee: Colorado Ag Water Alliance

Water Activity Name: Outreach & Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects

Water Activity Purpose: Education/Outreach - Implementation

County: All counties in the Colorado River Basin

Drainage Basin: Colorado River

Water Source: N/A

Amount Requested: \$5,750 Colorado Basin Account
\$13,186 Statewide Account
\$18,936 Total Request

Matching Funds: **Basin Account Match = \$5,750**

- 43.6% of statewide request (meets 10% min)

Applicant & 3rd Party Match (in-kind) = \$55,734

- 422% of the statewide request (meets 10% min)

Total Match (Basin request & Applicant Match) = \$61,484

- 466% of the statewide request (meets 50% min)

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of up to \$5,750 from the Colorado Basin Account and up to \$13,186 from the Statewide Account to help fund the project: Outreach & Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects

Water Activity Summary: If approved, Colorado Ag Water Alliance will be using grant funds to conduct outreach to farmers and ranchers specifically in the Colorado River Basin. The applicant has previously received additional CWCB funds to reach farmers and ranchers in other basins. The proposed outreach includes two regional workshops that involve 50-100 attendees with an agenda of speakers. The subject matter would help to increase producer knowledge on issues including water quality issues, developing and funding ditch inventories, and how to find and secure financial assistance through grants or loans for irrigation projects. As in previous outreach efforts, the applicant will be adhering to current COVID public health orders in their outreach.

Discussion: This effort is consistent with the Water Plan Education call for the “education for farmers on available incentives for on-farm implementation of agricultural conservation measures, water sharing opportunities, and other tools available to growers”. This project

also aligns the Colorado Basin Implementation Plan to sustain, protect, and promote agriculture.

Issues/Additional Needs: No 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
CWCB Water Plan Grant (Awarded in 2019)	\$12,734	\$0	\$12,734	Secured
Walton Family Foundation	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	Secured
CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	Secured
Colorado River Water Conservation District	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	Secured
South Platte Basin Account (Awarded in 2020)	\$17,750	\$0	\$17,750	Secured
Colorado Ag Water Alliance	\$1,750	\$0	\$1,750	Secured
Sub-Total Matching Funds	\$55,734	\$0	\$55,734	
WSRF Colorado Basin Account	\$5,750	\$0	\$5,750	Secured
WSRF Statewide Account	\$13,186	\$0	\$13,186	
Sub-Total WSRF Funds	\$18,936	\$0	\$18,936	
Total Project Costs	\$74,670	\$0	\$74,670	

CWCB Project Manager: Ben Wade

THE COLORADO BASIN ROUNDTABLE
C/O P.O. BOX 1120
GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO 81602

September 22, 2020

Craig Godbout, Program Manager
Colorado Water Conservation Board
Water Supply Planning Section
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver CO, 80203

Dear Craig:

The Colorado Basin Roundtable voted to recommend that the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) approve funds for the CAWA *Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects* WSRF grant application. A quorum of members was present and there was a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the request. This request is for \$5,750 from the Colorado Basin account and \$13,186 from the Statewide account

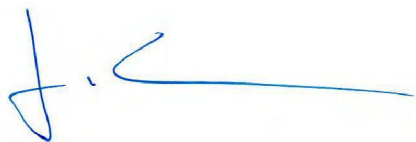
The project serves the Colorado Basin Roundtable's interests to support a concerted outreach program to educate producers and others about critical agricultural challenges. The Colorado Basin Roundtable plans to support the Colorado Ag Water Alliance's (CAWA) education and outreach program. CAWA's program is a combination of engaging producers across the state concerning agricultural water issues. The programming focuses on infrastructure and identifying multi-beneficial projects that address the needs of producers and other water users. This effort includes 7 workshops around the state (2 of which will take place in the Colorado Basin, and small group outreach in the basin.

The Colorado Basin Roundtable plans to support CAWA in the following ways:

- 1) Helping to coordinate and advertise CAWA workshops
- 2) Financially supporting Ag workshops in the Colorado Basin.

The Colorado Basin Roundtable recommends contributing \$5,750 from the Colorado Basin account and \$13,186 from the Statewide account for this effort.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Turner', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jason V. Turner, Chair