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Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Plan Grant Application

Instructions

To receive funding for a Water Plan Grant, applicant must demonstrate how the project, activity, or process (collectively referred to as “project”) funded by the CWCB will help meet the measurable objectives and critical actions in the Water Plan. Grant guidelines are available on the CWCB website.

If you have questions, please contact CWCB at (303) 866-3441 or email the following staff to assist you with applications in the following areas:

Water Storage & Supply Projects	Matthew.Stearns@state.co.us
Conservation, Land Use Planning	Kevin.Reidy@state.co.us
Engagement & Innovation Activities	Ben.Wade@state.co.us
Agricultural Projects	Alexander.Funk@state.co.us
Water Sharing & ATM Projects	Alexander.Funk@state.co.us
Environmental & Recreation Projects	Chris.Sturm@state.co.us

FINAL SUBMISSION: Submit all application materials in one email to

waterplan.grants@state.co.us

in the original file formats [Application (word); Statement of Work (word); Budget/Schedule (excel)]. Please do not combine documents. In the subject line, please include the funding category and name of the project.

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association	
Name of Water Project	Acequia Community Education and Project Planning	
CWP Grant Request Amount		\$24,500.00
Other Funding Sources: Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area		\$ 6,700.00
Other Funding Sources: Costilla County Conservancy District		\$ 4,000.00
Applicant Funding Contribution		\$ 16,000.00
Total Project Cost		\$51,200.00



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Applicant & Grantee Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association
Mailing Address	PO BOX 721 San Luis, CO 81152
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Position/Title	Administrative Assistant
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Phone	(719)-298-6731
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	
Mailing Address	
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	
Description of Grantee/Applicant	
Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less).	
<p>The Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association (SdCAA) is a 501(c)3 organization representing over 73 acequias, which in turn support approximately 300 families. We were formed in 1991 and work closely with a variety of partner organizations. Our office is located in the town of San Luis, Colorado. The mission of the Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association is to preserve acequias as the core social, political, and economic institution in Costilla, Conejos, Huerfano and Las Animas counties. We are an education and outreach organization supporting the viability of the acequia system, and the rich water, ecology, heritage, and food production they support,</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: Private parties may be eligible for funding.
X	Non-governmental organizations (NGO): Organization that is not part of the government and is non-profit in nature.
	Covered Entity: As defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes .

Type of Water Project (check all that apply)	
	Study
	Construction
X	Other- Education

Category of Water Project (check the primary category that applies and include relevant tasks)		
	<p>Water Storage & Supply - Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial aquifer recharge, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed capacity, multi-beneficial projects, water sharing agreements, Alternative Transfer Methods, and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i></p> <p>Note: For Water Sharing Agreements or ATM Projects - please include the supplemental application available on the CWCB's website.</p>	
	<p>Conservation and Land Use Planning - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, water efficiency, and drought planning. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i></p>	
X	<p>Engagement & Innovation - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i></p>	
	<p>Agricultural - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i></p>	
	<p>Environmental & Recreation - Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i></p>	
	Other	Explain:

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Location of Water Project	
Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed project below in decimal degrees . The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable.	
County/Counties	Costilla, Conejos, Huérfano and Las Animas
Latitude	37.2050° N,
Longitude	105.5005° W

Water Project Overview
<p>Please provide a summary of the proposed water project (200 words or less). Include a description of the project and what the CWP Grant funding will be used for specifically (e.g., studies, permitting process, construction). Provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized or the water body affected by the project, where applicable. 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, where applicable. 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, Other Funding Sources/Amounts and Schedule.</p>
<p>When you enter the Culebra Basin, the green fields that line the meandering Culebra River and its tributaries are a beautiful feature of the small farms and ranches that are fed by acequia waters. As the oldest agricultural settlements in Colorado, Acequia properties are fed by the state's first adjudicated water rights. These properties have been owned by the same hispano families for over 150 years. They are a communal system of irrigation canals and ditches, that serve as the agricultural, social, and ecological foundation of the community. Acequias still function in their original form only in Southern Colorado and in New Mexico, making them a national treasure and a key part of Colorado's living history.</p> <p>The Acequia Community Education and Project Planning effort aligns with the communities' values and more importantly their need to keep their traditions alive and their watershed and farms resilient in ever changing climate conditions. This project aligns with the State and Rio Grande Basin water plans by delivering comprehensive water education and engagement that examines the uses, policies and changes as they pertain to water and natural resource management.</p> <p>This 2-year project includes 3 tasks which will support long-term sustainability within the acequia community. They include the development and implementation of hands-on land seminars, designed to help acequia Irrigators understand important concepts around water, irrigation, soil health and cropping. These will be implemented in the early spring and summer of 2022. The project will also develop a community stakeholder planning project to both oversee and engage in the resource planning needed to manage the projects needed to implement the Upper Culebra Watershed Assessments recommendations. This stakeholder outreach will work to prioritize and oversee project implementation. Finally, our goal will be to continue our annual Congreso de Acequias.</p>

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After a year without the program, due to Covid restrictions, the community is anxious to get back together. We have been hosting this important forum for 8 years and have seen it grow from 40 attendees to over 160. This annual event is held each January in San Luis and the funding will be used to implement the 2022 Congreso de Acequias..

This project was developed by a cooperative group of partners that include: The Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association, the Costilla County Water Conservancy District, Costilla County Commissioners, CU Boulder School of Law, the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy. The project also aligns with the Colorado Water Plan which recognizes that “outreach creates public awareness of policies and processes, whereas education promotes a deeper understanding of these topics and further recognizes, that both are prerequisites to public engagement”.

Measurable Results		
To catalog measurable results achieved with the CWP Grant funds, please provide any of the following values as applicable:		
	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)	
	Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms or water sharing agreement	
3500	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning	
250	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity	
	Other	

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Water Project Justification

Provide a description of how this water project supports the goals of [Colorado's Water Plan](#), the [Analysis and Technical Update to the Water Plan](#), and the applicable Roundtable [Basin Implementation Plan](#) and [Education Action Plan](#). 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).

The proposed water project shall be evaluated based upon how well the proposal conforms to Colorado's Water Plan Framework for State of Colorado Support for a Water Project (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;)

The Colorado Water Plan Section 9.5 notes: Outreach creates public awareness of policies and processes, whereas education promotes a deeper understanding of these topics. Both are prerequisites to public engagement.

The updated Rio Grande Basin Implementation Plan developed new goals and the Acequia Community Education and Project Planning Project meets four of the Rio Grande Basin Implementation Goals.

- Healthy watersheds that provide critical ecosystem services, are resilient to disturbances, and benefit from ongoing efforts to protect water sources, improve water quality, enhance aquatic, riparian, wetland, and upland habitat, and maintain connected ecosystems.
- Aquifers with sustainable supplies of groundwater for farmers and ranchers, towns, and wildlife habitat.
- Vibrant and resilient agriculture, recreation, municipal, and industrial economies that support thriving communities.
- Engaged and informed citizens who understand the scope and urgency of local, state, and regional water issues and participate in robust and diverse educational opportunities.

Related Studies

Please provide a list of any related studies, including if the water project is complementary to or assists in the implementation of other CWCB programs.

The Colorado Water Plan Section 9.5 recognizes that active engagement is essential for communities to remain sustainable as we move forward.

In a 2006 study, Ian Hunt and John Flatery found that "Relations between external researchers and indigenous communities have been increasingly strained by differences in understanding and in expectation about the relevance of research. In the field of resource management, the potential for conflict over research is increased by the politics surrounding control over the resource management decision making processes. Yet when we propose the creation of dialogic networks that engage a climate researchers and indigenous people work as collaborators in a process of knowledge production. There is then support for planning and decisions making by indigenous people"

Previous CWCB Grants, Loans or Other Funding

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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; 6) Percentage of other CWCB funding for your overall project.

CWP: Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association – Acequia Curriculum Project- Rio Grande Basin Roundtable- CWP GRANTS –POGG1-PDAA-201900002073 Water Plan Grant Water Sangre de Cristo Hispano Water Curriculum

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

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

We are do not have Tabor issues.

Submittal Checklist

x	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract .
x	Statement of Work ⁽¹⁾
x	Budget & Schedule ⁽¹⁾
x	Engineer's statement of probable cost (projects over \$100,000)
x	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽¹⁾
	Map (if applicable) ⁽¹⁾
	Photos/Drawings/Reports
x	Letters of Support (Optional)
	Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.) ⁽²⁾
x	Certificate of Good Standing with Colorado Secretary of State ⁽²⁾
	W-9 ⁽²⁾
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽²⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
Water Sharing Agreements and Alternative Transfer Methods ONLY	
x	Water Sharing Agreements and Alternative Transfer Methods Supplemental Application ⁽¹⁾

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(1) Required with application.

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

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ENGAGEMENT & INNOVATION GRANT FUND SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

Introduction & Purpose

Colorado's Water Plan calls for an outreach, education, public engagement, and innovation grant fund in Chapter 9.5.

The overall goal of the Engagement & Innovation Grant Fund is to enhance Colorado's water communication, outreach, education, and public engagement efforts; advance Colorado's water supply planning process; and support a statewide water innovation ecosystem.

The grant fund aims to engage the public to promote well-informed community discourse regarding balanced water solutions statewide. The grant fund aims to support water innovation in Colorado. The grant fund prioritizes measuring and evaluating the success of programs, projects, and initiatives. The grant fund prioritizes efforts designed using research, data, and best practices. The grant fund prioritizes a commitment to collaboration and community engagement. The grant fund will support local and statewide efforts.

The grant fund is divided into two tracks: engagement and innovation. The Engagement Track supports education, outreach, communication, and public participation efforts related to water. The Innovation Track supports efforts that advance the water innovation ecosystem in Colorado.

Application Questions

*The grant fund request is referred to as "project" in this application.

Overview (answer for both tracks)
In a few sentences, what is the overall goal of this project? How does it achieve the stated purpose of this grant fund (above)?
To develop a comprehensive education and outreach program for the Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association that utilizes the associations informational library , and semi-monthly newsletter to support and encourage participation in landowner outreach events, annual Congreso and a broad stakeholder process to support implementation of suggested projects outlined in the Upper Culebra Watershed Assessment.
Who is/are the target audience(s)? How will you reach them? How will you involve the community?
The Acequia community, landowners, community members and local government in the Culebra Basin are the target audience. The project will utilize the Sangre de Cristo and Costilla County Conservancy Districts websites, newsletters, email blasts, workshops that target key natural resource concerns and the annual Congreso de Acequias. The community will be invited, encouraged and appointed to key aspects of this comprehensive outreach that will have them prioritizing watershed projects, identifying landscape needs around irrigation infrastructure, soil health grazing and sustainable farming and ranching practices. Finally, it will spotlight their experience with in the landscape and continue to build on those experiences with educational events.
Describe how the project is collaborative or engages a diverse group of stakeholders. Who are the partners in the project? Do you have other funding partners or sources?

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<p>This project was developed by a cooperative group of members that include: The Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, the Costilla County Water Conservancy District, CU Boulder Law School, Costilla County Commissioners and many agency partners. Cash Partners for the project are SdCAA-\$16,000 (cash and inkind); the Costilla County Water Conservancy - \$4000 (cash and in-kind); Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area - \$6700.</p>
<p>Describe how you plan to measure and evaluate the success and impact of the project?</p>
<p>We have been careful to research community needs and to ensure that the programs offered meet expectations and interests. We always consider attendance, but will also utilize event evaluation tools.</p>
<p>What research, evidence, and data support your project?</p>
<p>In 2016, the USDA conducted a comprehensive survey of producers from across the country to better understand what type of outreach mechanism influenced their decision making. The study found that documents that were sent to them through the mail or inbox, hands-on site visits were most like to influence their decision making. Additionally, producers in historically underserved populations/cultures were much more likely to accept information that was generated from within their community.</p>
<p>Describe potential short- and long-term challenges with this project.</p>
<p>Short term challenges that we have worked to overcome were getting buy in, which is why we did comprehensive outreach to ensure we had relevant topics and the implementation of the Upper Culebra watershed Project which became a feat as a result of Covid restrictions.</p>

Please fill out the applicable questions for either the Engagement Track or Innovation Track, unless your project contains elements in both tracks. If a question does not relate to your project, just leave it blank. Please answer each question that relates to your project. Please reference the relevant documents and use chapters and page numbers (Colorado's Water Plan, Basin Implementation Plan, PEPO Education Action Plan, etc.).

Engagement Track
<p>Describe how the project achieves the education, outreach, and public engagement measurable objective set forth in Colorado's Water Plan to "significantly improve the level of public awareness and engagement regarding water issues statewide by 2020, as determined by water awareness surveys."</p>
<p>We have designed a set of education and outreach mechanisms designed for the specific target audience – acequia irrigators and landowners. By having educational and outreach programs designed for each audience we believe, and studies show that we can "significantly improve landscape decision making and enhance long-term resource sustainability.</p>

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Describe how the project achieves the other measurable objectives and critical goals and actions laid out in Colorado's Water Plan around the supply and demand gap; conservation; land use; agriculture; storage; watershed health, environment, and recreation; funding; and additional.
Agricultural producers in Southern Colorado have undergone 14 years of drought as tradition flood irrigators they have experienced water supplied that have average 40% of the average water year. Helping them to understand and adopt practices that will insure their long-term sustainability, to Include: changes in agriculture practices so desired outcomes are met, outcomes,, diversion demands as water supply fluctuates and irrigation needs increase. This project addresses the supply and demand gap, conservation, land use, and watershed health.
Describe how the project achieves the education, outreach, and public engagement goals set forth in the applicable Basin Implementation Plan(s).
This project is built on the 5 th goal of the Rio Grande Basin Implementation Plan - <i>Engaged and informed citizens who understand the scope and urgency of local, state, and regional water issues and participate in robust and diverse educational opportunities.</i> These projects employ the objectives that the Rio Grande Basin Implementation Plan identifies: Outreach, Education and Participation through collaboration across demographics and audiences. and gives a call to action for participants..
Describe how the project achieves the basin roundtable's PEPO Education Action Plans.
By providing comprehensive educational efforts regarding the Basin's resource issues.

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Water Plan Grant - Exhibit A

Statement Of Work	
Date:	January 27, 2020
Name of Grantee:	Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association
Name of Water Project:	Acequia Community Education and Outreach Program
Funding Source:	CWP Grant program
Water Project Overview:	
<p>The Acequia Community Education and Project Planning effort aligns with the communities' values and more importantly their need to keep their traditions alive and their watershed and farms resilient in ever changing climate conditions. This project aligns with the State and Rio Grande Basin water plans by delivering comprehensive water education and engagement that examines the uses, policies and changes as they pertain to water and natural resource management.</p> <p>This 2-year project includes 3 tasks which will support long-term sustainability within the acequia community. They include the development and implementation of hands-on land seminars, designed to help acequia Irrigators understand important concepts around water, irrigation, soil health and cropping. These will be implemented in the early spring and summer of 2022. The project will also develop a community stakeholder planning project to both oversee and engage in the resource planning needed to manage the projects needed to implement the Upper Culebra Watershed Assessments recommendations. This stakeholder outreach will work to prioritize and oversee project implementation. Finally, our goal will be to continue our annual Congreso de Acequias. After a year without the program, due to Covid restrictions, the community is anxious to get back together. We have been hosting this important forum for 8 years and have seen it grow from 40 attendees to over 160. This annual event is held each January in San Luis and the funding will be used to implement the 2022 Congreso de Acequias..</p> <p>This project was developed by a cooperative group of partners that include: The Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association, the Costilla County Water Conservancy District, Costilla County Commissioners, CU Boulder School of Law, the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy. The project also aligns with the Colorado Water Plan which recognizes that "outreach creates public awareness of policies and processes, whereas education promotes a deeper understanding of these topics and further recognizes, that both are prerequisites to public engagement".</p>	

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Project Objectives:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hands on the land Seminars that address key issues around water management, irrigation infrastructure and efficiencies, soil health, and sustainable cropping, grazing and land use practices. 2. The project will also develop a community stakeholder planning project to both oversee and engage in the resource planning needed to manage the projects needed to implement the Upper Culebra Watershed Assessments recommendations. This stakeholder outreach will work to prioritize and oversee project implementation. 3. Hold the annual Congreso de Acequias in January 2022

Tasks
Task 1 – Task 1 – Hands-on the Land Seminars for Irrigators and Landowners
Description of Task:
This project will address key issues around water management, irrigation infrastructure and efficiencies, soil health, and sustainable cropping, grazing and land use practices.
Method/Procedure:
The SdCAA as reached out to the community to gather input on the type and kind of information that would be useful to water users in the Culebra basin. They told us over and over that if they had a way to get information locally and that they could see how to implement these practices on their land then we would truly meet the needs of area landowners. These workshops will provide a myriad of hands-on ways to address issues, reading to supplement knowledge and available technologies and how they can assist in a meaningful way. The program would offer 5 workshops that scaffold on the previous experience so that implementation is easier. The practices learned in each workshop be directly implemented on the landscape, so participants have a local, working example of what they learn. Ideally these sites will develop local experts that can then help producers.
Deliverable:
The goal of task one is to develop a educational sites that have local implementation and train a local expert that can then handoff these experiences to fellow producers.

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Tasks
Task 2 – Stakeholder Planning to Implement the Upper Culebra Watershed Assessment Project
Description of Task:
Partners will work together to develop a comprehensive stakeholder outreach mechanism to prioritize and implement projects outlined in the Upper Culebra Watershed Assessment.
Method/Procedure:
Task 2 will build comprehensive stakeholder outreach that serves in an advisory capacity to the Upper Culebra Watershed implementation team. The stakeholders will prioritize projects, support funding efforts, engage constituents and over see implementation and the results of each project.
Deliverable:
A stakeholder process that contains consistent messaging and aligns with the community outcomes and objectives; works to support the objectives of the community and constituents in the Culebra Basin; stakeholder engagement framework that meets the identified needs of the community by creating an implementation and oversight plan..

Tasks
Task 3- Congreso de Acequias
Description of Task:
The 2022 Congreso de Acequias will be held in January 2022(day TBD). This annual acequia meeting will reach out specifically to Acequia Irrigators, but all are welcome to attend the annual event. Proposed topics include: Understanding Acequia Bylaws (CU Boulder Law Center);Building Soil Health to Preserve Productivity; Working to Understand the Aquifer in the Culebra Basin; Results of the Culebra Watershed Assessment; and using Beaver to Reach Sustainability. This event will be held at Centennial school in San Luis.
Method/Procedure:
We will begin finalizing plans in late September and then contract and confirm speakers, secure location and audio.
Deliverable
Completed Congreso event in January 2022
Budget and Schedule



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This Statement of Work shall be accompanied by a combined Budget and Schedule that reflects the Tasks identified in the Statement of Work and shall be submitted to CWCB in excel format.

Reporting Requirements

Progress Reports: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of issuance of a purchase order, or the execution of a contract. The progress report shall describe the status of the tasks identified in the statement of work, including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues.

Final Report: At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a Final Report on the applicant's letterhead that:

- Summarizes the project and how the project was completed.
- Describes any obstacles encountered, and how these obstacles were overcome.
- Confirms that all matching commitments have been fulfilled.
- Includes photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

The CWCB will pay out the last 10% of the budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

Payment

Payment will be made based on actual expenditures and must include invoices for all work completed. The request for payment must include a description of the work accomplished by task, an estimate of the percent completion for individual tasks and the entire Project in relation to the percentage of budget spent, identification of any major issues, and proposed or implemented corrective actions.

Costs incurred prior to the effective date of this contract are not reimbursable. The last 10% of the entire grant will be paid out when the final deliverable has been received. All products, data and information developed as a result of this contract must be provided to as part of the project documentation.

Performance Measures

Performance measures for this contract shall include the following:

(a) Performance standards and evaluation: Grantee will produce detailed deliverables for each task as specified. Grantee shall maintain receipts for all project expenses and documentation of the minimum in-kind contributions (if applicable) per the budget in Exhibit C. Per Water Plan Grant Guidelines, the CWCB will pay out the last 10% of the budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

(b) Accountability: Per Water Plan Grant Guidelines full documentation of project progress must be submitted with each invoice for reimbursement. Grantee must confirm that all grant conditions have been complied with on each invoice. In addition, per Water Plan Grant Guidelines, Progress Reports must be submitted at least once every 6 months. A Final Report must be submitted and approved before final project payment.

(c) Monitoring Requirements: Grantee is responsible for ongoing monitoring of project progress per Exhibit A. Progress shall be detailed in each invoice and in each Progress Report, as detailed above. Additional inspections or field consultations will be arranged as may be necessary.

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(d) Noncompliance Resolution: Payment will be withheld if grantee is not current on all grant conditions. Flagrant disregard for grant conditions will result in a stop work order and cancellation of the Grant Agreement.



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Water Plan Grant - Exhibit C Budget and Schedule

Prepared Date: June 28, 2021

Name of Applicant: Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association

Name of Water Project: Acequia Community Education and Project Planning

Project Start Date: September 2021

Project End Date: January 2023

Task No.	Task Description	Task Start Date	Task End Date	Grant Funding Request	Match Funding	Total
1	Hands-on the Land Seminars for Irrigators and Landowners	Oct-21	Oct-22	9000	9745.5	\$18,746
2	Stakeholder Planning to Implement the Upper Culebra Watershed Assessment Project	October 2021	January 2023	\$9,000	\$9,746	\$18,746
3	Congreso de Acequias	September 2021	January 2022	\$6,500	\$7,209	\$13,709
Total				\$24,500	\$26,700	\$51,200

Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association



Ben Wade
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Confirmation of Matching funds for the Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association CO Water Plan Grant - *Acequia Community Education and Project Planning*

July 13, 2020

Dear Mr. Wade,

The Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association has approved funding for the proposed *Acequia Community Education and Project Planning* proposal to the Colorado Water Conservation Boards, Colorado Water Plan Grant program. The funding in the amount of \$16,000 will be used to match the Associations request for \$24,500.

This project will forward the SdCAA's educational efforts to Colorado's Acequia communities.

Thank You for your consideration of this valuable project.

With Regards,

Delmer Vialpando
President
Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association



President – Fernando Martinez Secretary - Ronda Lobato Treasurer - Earl Valdez

Ben Wade
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Confirmation of Matching funds for the Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association CO Water Plan Grant -
Acequia Community Education and Project Planning

July 07, 2021

Dear Mr. Wade,

The Costilla County Conservancy District has approved funding for the proposed Acequia Community Education and Project Planning proposal to the Colorado Water Conservation Boards, Colorado Water Plan Grant program. The funding in the amount of \$4,000 will be used to match the Associations request for \$24,500.

This project will forward the SdCAA's educational efforts for Colorado's Acequia communities.

Thank You for your consideration of this valuable project.

Sincerely,

Ronda Lobato
Costilla County Conservancy District



July 10, 2021

Dear CWP Grant Review Committee,

The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA) is pleased to provide financial support the Sangre de Cristo Acequia Associations) application for the 2021 Colorado Water Plan Grant. As a long-time partner, we have worked on many collaborative projects to help the local acequia landowners. These projects have played a critical role in informing, educating and ensuring that acequia irrigators are able to maintain their historical uses.

The SdCNHA will be providing \$6700.00 in support of the SdCAA's proposal. This project will provide an opportunity to share the historical significance of the acequia's and highlight the importance of the hispano culture.

We whole heartedly support this application and encourage the Colorado Water Plan grant team to fund this valuable community organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Chacon".

Julie Chacon
Executive Director
Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area



Ben Wade
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

July 13, 2020

Dear Mr. Wade,

The Rio Grande Basin Roundtable enthusiastically supports this application by the Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association for the Colorado Water Plan grant, entitled, Educating Landowners Grant. The Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association has been an integral part of ensuring water rights for Acequia irrigators for over 20 years. They have actively pursued educational opportunities for the acequia landowners that have helped them develop by-laws, improve irrigation techniques and soil health, and helped them understand Colorado water laws.

Their project is designed to provide educational and outreach opportunities through the development of an acequia database and document archive. Creating a database of information will not help existing landowners in the Culebra Basin, but it will also ensure that new landowners to the area understand their properties many facets to include water and history.

This project has been supported by a variety of partners who include Sangre De Cristo National Heritage Area, the Costilla County Water Conservancy District and Colorado Open lands. The Colorado Water Plan recognizes that "outreach creates public awareness of policies and processes, whereas education promotes a deeper understanding of these topics and further recognizes, that both are prerequisites to public engagement.

The Rio Grande Basin Roundtable recognizes that in all communities the core social, political and economic institutions are supported by water and when we protect water rights we ensure the viability of these communities and their rich ecology, heritage and food production for generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Very Truly Yours,

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