

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:

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| 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 | River Network | | |
| Name of Water Project SMP Peer Learn | | ng Network Bridge Funding | |
| CWP Grant Request Amount | | \$35,147 | |
| Other Funding Sources : Walton Family Foundation | | \$7,520 | |
| Other Funding Sources | | \$ | |
| Other Funding Sources | | \$ | |
| Applicant Funding Contribution | | \$4,206 | |
| Total Project Cost | | \$46,873 | |



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| | Applicant & Grantee Information |
| Name of Grantee(s) Ri | ver Network |
| Mailing Address PO Bo | ox 21387 Boulder, CO 80308 |
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| Name of Applicant | |
| (if different than grant | tee) |
| Mailing Address | |
| Position/Title | |
| Email | |
| Phone | |
| | Description of Grantee/Applicant |
| Provide a brief descrip | ption of the grantee's organization (100 words or less). |
| building, technical su Stream Management SMPs, and mentored grant funds CWCB d coalitions in scoping SMPs in Colorado. T Network has created | tes communities to protect and restore rivers through capacity upport and organizational development. Since becoming involved in t Planning in 2017, River Network has directly assisted scoping ten d many more. Our work has accounted for almost 50% of the SMP istributed from 2017-2020. In addition to directly supporting SMPs, River Network has worked to build and improve the practice of 'hrough dozens of presentations, workshops and articles, River d a network of professionals working on SMPs and improved planning ollecting and sharing best practices. |

| | 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. |
| Х | 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 | | |

| Cat | egory of W | ater Project (check the primary category that applies and include relevant tasks) | |
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| | 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> | | |
| | | Vater Sharing Agreements or ATM Projects - please include the <u>supplemental application</u> n the CWCB's website. | |
| | for conserv | on and Land Use Planning - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies vation, land use, water efficiency, and drought planning. <i>Exhibit A Task(s):</i> | |
| | Engagement & Innovation - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): | | |
| | Agricultural - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i> | | |
| X | XEnvironmental & Recreation - Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation. Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): Task 1 -Document and Share SMP Best Practices Task 2 - Peer Learning Network Activities Task 3 - Support Strategic Development of SMPs | | |
| | Other | Explain: | |

| Location of Water Project | | |
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| 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 | Statewide | |
| Latitude | | |
| Longitude | | |



Water Project Overview

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.

The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, Other Funding Sources/Amounts and Schedule.

Funding for River Network's work to support more and better Stream Management Plans in Colorado, including the Peer Learning Network, the SMP Resource Library and tracking of outcomes from the SMP program, was generously provided by CWCB and the Gates Family Foundation from 2017-21. Due to cancellation of in-person events in 2020 and early 2021, River Network stretched prior grant funding six months beyond the original scope into Fall 2021. This project proposal provides bridge funding to maintain momentum from Fall 2021-Summer 2022, when a subsequent Watershed Restoration Program grant will (if approved) continue to support the work.

Funds will be used to support River Network staff and contractor time and travel to implement the Peer Learning Network and other priorities such as documenting and sharing best practices and strategically advancing SMP development that have been jointly identified with CWCB staff.

| Measurable Results | | | | |
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| To catalog measurable resul values as applicable: | To catalog measurable results achieved with the CWP Grant funds, please provide any of the following values as applicable: | | | |
| | New St | orage Created (acre-feet) | | |
| | | nnual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), nptive or Nonconsumptive | | |
| | Existin | g 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 | | | |
| | Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning | | | |
| | Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity | | | |
| 20 | Other | Number of SMPs supported through the Peer Learning Network | | |



Water Project Justification

Provide a description of how this water project supports the goals of <u>Colorado's Water Plan</u>, the <u>Analysis</u> and <u>Technical Update to the Water Plan</u>, and the applicable Roundtable <u>Basin Implementation Plan</u> and <u>Education Action Plan</u>. 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;)

Effective Stream Management Plans are a cornerstone of Colorado's Water Plan's watershed health goals. From the Statewide Water Supply Initiative Update Technical Memorandum: Proposed Environment and Recreation Methodology Development November, 2017, pg 11:

"Colorado's Water Plan (Section 7.1) embraces a watershed approach for managing water resource quality and quantity within specific drainage areas or watersheds as an effective and flexible framework. The Water Plan establishes a goal of having Stream Management Plans (SMP) developed for 80% of priority streams identified by the BRTs, focused on solution-based approaches for integrating environmental and recreational values with traditional agricultural and municipal values. The Conceptual Framework in the Water Plan further directs all interests to work to "identify, secure funding for, and implement projects that help recover imperiled species and enhance ecological resiliency." The voluntary projects and processes that SMPs recommend can help BRTs and other stakeholders achieve this objective by identifying and developing projects with environmental and recreational values that, once implemented, improve ecological resilience."

The proposed project continues a four-year effort to support communities' SMP efforts through building a connected network of SMP practitioners that share best practices and learn from each other's' successes and challenges.

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.

River Network conducted surveys of watershed groups and SMP practitioners in 2017, 2019 and 2020 to document the goals, approaches, tasks and successes and challenges of current and completed SMPs. This work is documented in the SMP Resource Library (coloradosmp.org) and the recently released memo *Stream Management Plans in Colorado: Progress at Five Years.*

Previous CWCB Grants, Loans or Other Funding

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.



| Year | Grant Name | CWCB Funding Source (WSRF, CWP, Etc.) | Agreement Number | Amount | Start Date |
|-----------|--|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2017 | INCREASING LOCAL ENGAGEMENT FOR COLORADO'S WATER FUTURE | Watershed Restoration | POGG1 PDAA 20170000091 2 | \$95,000 | 4/14/17 |
| 2019 | Ensuring Effective Stream Mgt Plans | Watershed Restoration | POGG1,PDAA,2 02000002139 | \$139,376 | 8/16/19 |
| 2021 | Piloting Multi- Benefit Proj Coord | CWP | POGG1,PDA A,2021000031 63 | \$133,169.75 | 6/31/21 |
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| | Submittal Checklist | | | | |
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| х | I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the <u>Standard Contract</u> . | | | | |
| Exhib | it A | | | | |
| х | Statement of Work ⁽¹⁾ | | | | |
| х | Budget & Schedule ⁽¹⁾ | | | | |
| | Engineer's statement of probable cost (projects over \$100,000) | | | | |
| х | Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽¹⁾ | | | | |
| Exhib | Exhibit C | | | | |
| | Map (if applicable) ⁽¹⁾ | | | | |
| | Photos/Drawings/Reports | | | | |
| | Letters of Support (Optional) | | | | |
| | Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.) ⁽²⁾ | | | | |
| | Certificate of Good Standing with Colorado Secretary of State ⁽²⁾ | | | | |
| | W-9 ⁽²⁾ | | | | |
| | Independent Contractor Form ⁽²⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization) | | | | |
| Wate | Water Sharing Agreements and Alternative Transfer Methods ONLY | | | | |
| | Water Sharing Agreements and Alternative Transfer Methods <u>Supplemental Application</u> ⁽¹⁾ | | | | |

(1) Required with application.

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



Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Plan Grant - Exhibit A

| Statement Of Work | | |
|---|---------------|--|
| Date: | July 1, 2021 | |
| Name of Grantee: | River Network | |
| Name of Water Project: SMP Peer Learning Network Bridge Funding | | |
| Funding Source:Colorado Water Plan grant | | |
| Water Project Overview: | | |

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Funds will support River Network staff and contractor time and travel to implement the Peer Learning Network, contractor time to maintain and host coloradosmp.org, and other priorities that have been jointly identified with CWCB staff.

Project Objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Demonstrate effectiveness of SMPs and grant funding. (Task 1)
- **Objective 2:** Create positive energy around SMPs. (Task 1)
- **Objective 3:** Support an effective and connected network of coalitions that are interested, ready and capable of undertaking SMPs. (Task 2)
- **Objective 4:** Increase the currently small number of SMPs that are using innovative practices to improve the state of practice and considering the context of larger state policy discussions. (Task 2)
- **Objective 5:** Continue momentum by ensuring SMP applications are submitted to CWCB each year. (Task 3)



Tasks

Task 1 -Document and Share SMP Best Practices

Description of Task:

This task contains three components:

Document SMP approaches and lessons learned

One of the most successful ways to ensure effective SMPs is to give the coalitions undertaking them good examples completed by other groups and to share lessons learned. In the past, River Network collected the goals, approaches, and successes and challenges via extensive annual surveys of 20+ SMP leads. The 2021 memo, *Stream Management Plans in Colorado: Progress at Five Years*, compiles this information. Another robust survey of all SMPs is not needed in 2021-22. Rather, the River Network team will spend one-on-one time with a handful of SMPs that are reaching milestones or using innovative approaches so we capture their thoughts while still fresh. The resulting information and examples will be included on coloradosmp.org as updated content and incorporated into Peer Learning Network events.

Track SMP Outcomes

Tracking SMP outcomes is vital to knowing if and how the SMP program benefits Colorado's environment and river-based recreation. Simply having an SMP isn't the desired ultimate outcome. Implementing projects that improve or protect stream health is the end point for all of these planning processes. In Summer 2021 the River Network team developed an SMP Outcome Tracking Tool and associated memo on the first five years of the SMP program. To ensure SMP outcomes and recommendations are monitored long-term, River Network will provide support to CWCB staff as they systematize collection of information and shift monitoring of outcomes in-house through use of BIP lists and grant application and reporting requirements.

Share Success Stories

Outreach is important to ensure continued interest in SMPs, as well as share how CWCB grant funding is making a difference. River Network is already conducting outreach about SMPs and the memo *Stream Management Plans in Colorado: Progress at Five Years.* Funding in this proposal will support a specific outreach effort to the nine Basin Roundtables, statewide conservation NGOs and key state agencies so they are knowledgeable about the successes to date, and create ideas for supporting the SMP program moving forward.



Method/Procedure:

Document SMP approaches and lessons learned

The River Network team will spend one-on-one time with a handful of (estimate 5) SMPs that are reaching milestones or using innovative approaches and capture their thoughts and useful resources. The resulting information and examples will be included on coloradosmp.org as updated content. This task also includes basic support/hosting from the website contractor for coloradosmp.org for 2022.

Track SMP Outcomes

To ensure SMP outcomes and recommendations are monitored long-term, River Network will provide support to CWCB staff as they systematize collection of information and shift monitoring of outcomes in-house through use of BIP lists and grant application and reporting requirements. This support will include time to make changes to the Outcome Tracking Tool so it aligns with CWCB's internal systems, enter all SMP recommendations onto the Basin Roundtable BIP lists (if this is the preferred methodology), meet with CWCB staff multiple times to ensure a smooth transition, and work with CWCB to train/promote accurate completion of reporting tools with grantees.

Share Success Stories

This proposal includes a specific outreach effort on the memo *Stream Management Plans in Colorado: Progress at Five Years* to the nine Basin Roundtables, statewide conservation NGOs and key state agencies. The goal will be to share the memo content, but more importantly discuss their role in supporting its recommendations. We will work through Roundtable E&R representatives to schedule agenda time, and where there is an SMP within the basin, we will partner with the lead entity to allow for an update on their work if desired. We expect half of these presentations will be virtual, and half in person.

The River Network team will also set up calls with the following statewide conservation NGOs and state agencies: Trout Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, Audubon Colorado, Western Resource Advocates, River's Edge West, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment, and Colorado Natural Heritage Program. We will utilize gatherings of these groups where we can, such as the Healthy Headwaters Work Group, and monthly meetings of the Colorado River Collaborative.

Deliverables:

- Updated content (examples and best practices) and annual hosting/maintenance of coloradosmp.org.
- Integration of SMP outcomes tracking into CWCB's project databases and grant applications/reporting requirements.
- Presentations and discussions with all nine Basin Roundtables.
- Presentations and discussions with listed statewide NGOs and key state agencies.

Tasks

Task 2 - Peer Learning Network Activities

Description of Task:



The Peer Learning Network (PLN) is consistently cited as critical to implementation of quality, effective SMPs. The PLN builds relationships between SMP practitioners and supporting organizations (e.g., NGOs and technical experts) and provides exchange of information on how to best accomplish SMPs. This task will support events and activities of the PLN for the grant term including peer calls, expert advice and online community moderation.

One of the peer calls and the expert advice video will focus on supporting SMP practitioners to become more comfortable with assessing flow needs and including flow target recommendations in outcomes. The memo *Stream Management Plans in Colorado: Progress at Five Years* found that only 7% of SMP project recommendations include environment and recreation flow targets. The peer call will help us understand where barriers and opportunities exist to further advance flow target recommendations.

Method/Procedure:

The following PLN activities will be completed:

- Onboarding of new SMPs that receive CWCB grants in January 2022 into the PLN and producing updates to the on-line map and fact sheets.
- Facilitation of two peer calls (January and April 2022).
- Production of one Ask A Practitioner video on setting flow target recommendations.
- Online community moderation.

Deliverable:

- New SMPs added to the on-line map and fact sheets.
- Two peer calls.
- One Ask A Practitioner video on setting flow target recommendations.

Tasks

Task 3 – Support Strategic Development of SMPs

Description of Task:

This task has two components:

Prioritization of new SMPs

The memo *Stream Management Plans in Colorado: Progress at Five Years* discussed the importance of developing a standardized way to prioritize SMPs. CWCB has begun a process to review and update the Focus Areas maps developed by the Basin Roundtables as part of the Colorado Water Plan Update to aid in prioritization, but more is needed. The River Network team will develop a methodology (to be implemented under a later Watershed Restoration Program grant request) to prioritize locations of new SMPs through workshops with statewide NGOs, Env & Rec BRT representatives and state agency staff from CPW and CWCB. The method will attempt to utilize existing high-level statewide tools like the flow tool, NCNA maps and CNHP Watershed Toolbox.



Overcoming barriers to including flow target recommendations

The SMP progress memo found that only 7% of SMP project recommendations to date include environment and recreation flow targets, a number that does not align with the original intended outcome of the SMP program. River Network would like to investigate this discrepancy further to understand where the barriers and opportunities are to further advance flow target recommendations. We will begin this with a workshop series with CWCB and statewide conservation NGOs to discuss the needs, gaps, opportunities and potential roles that each could play in advancing flow target recommendations.

Method/Procedure:

As the experts to inform discussions on both topics above are many of the same people, a series of 2-3 workshops will cover both topics. The River Network team will plan, facilitate and provide follow-up to the workshops.

Deliverable:

- A methodology to prioritize locations of new SMPs that describes what will be done, who will do it, and how it will be funded.
- An opportunities analysis that will identify the barriers to and actions needed to further advance flow target recommendations, including who will do what and where the funding will come from.

Tasks

Task 4 – Project Oversight

Description of Task:

River Network will ensure completion of all tasks, including project administration and reporting, and ensure that the project is implemented on-time and within budget. River Network will also facilitate effective collaboration among team members.

Method/Procedure:

- River Network will ensure there are regular internal meetings between the staff and contractor teams, and CWCB staff as needed
- River Network will provide financial accounting services and fund disbursement.
- River Network will create grant progress reports every six months.

Deliverable:

6-month grant progress reports that include financial statements.



Budget and Schedule

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 B. 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.

(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.



Department of Natural Resources

Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Plan Grant - Exhibit B

Budget and Schedule

Prepared Date: 07/01/2021

Name of Applicant: River Network

Name of Water Project: SMP Peer Learning Network Bridge Funding

Project Start Date: 11/1/2021

Project End Date: 06/30/2022

| Task No. | Task Description | Task Start Date | Task End Date | Grant Funding Request | Match Funding | Total |
|-------------|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Task 1 -Document and Share SMP Best Practices | 11/1/2021 | 6/30/2022 | \$ 11,980.00 | \$ 1,750.00 | \$ 13,730.00 |
| 2 | Task 2 - Peer Learning Network Activities | 11/1/2021 | 6/30/2022 | \$ 3,040.00 | \$ 5,680.00 | \$ 8,720.00 |
| 3 | Task 3 – Support Strategic Development of SMPs | 11/1/2021 | 6/30/2022 | \$ 12,778.00 | \$ - | \$ 12,778.00 |
| 4 | Task 4 - Project Oversight | 11/1/2021 | 6/30/2022 | \$ 3,200.00 | \$ 3,796.00 | \$ 6,996.00 |
| | Direct Costs | 11/2/2021 | 7/1/2022 | \$ 4,149.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 4,649.00 |
| | | | Total | \$35,147 | \$11,726 | \$46,873 |

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Colorado Department of Natural Resources Colorado Water Conservation Board 1313 Sherman St Denver, CO 80203

July 1, 2021

Dear CWCB Grant Committee,

I am writing this letter to express River Network's support and confirm a financial commitment for River Network's Colorado Water Plan Grant Application - SMP Peer Learning Network Bridge Funding

Over the 8 month course of this grant, River Network will provide \$4,206 of in-kind matching funding in the form of personnel time and \$7,520 in cash match from a current Walton Family Foundation grant to cover travel, meeting and supply costs and a portion of contractor fees.

River Network is excited to continue our work supporting Colorado's SMP program. Furthermore, this proposal helps River Network accomplish our mission, which is to unite people to protect and preserve rivers.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions by email kbaer@rivernetwork.org or by phone at (410) 292-4619.

Sincerely,

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Katherine Baer Director of Science and Policy