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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	City of Craig	
Name of Water Activity	Yampa River Diversion Park	
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ¹	
Yampa White Green	\$65,000.00	
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$65,000.00	
Basin Account Request Subtotal Approved by Roundtable	Yet to be determined	
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾	N/A	
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$65,000.00	
Total Project Costs	\$282,600.00	

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

Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	City of Craig
Mailing Address	300 W. 4 th Street Craig, CO 81625
FEIN	84-6000647



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Grantee's Organization Contact¹	
Position/Title	Peter Brixius/Craig City Manager
Email	pbrixius@ci.craig.co.us
Phone	(970) 826-2023
Grant Management Contact²	
Position/Title	Bruce Nelson/Finance Director
Email	bnelson@ci.craig.co.us
Phone	(970) 826-2007
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	David Pike
Mailing Address	1336 Silk Oak Dr. Fort Collins, CO. 80525
Position/Title	Former Parks & Recreation Director
Email	Tightlines2317@gmail.com
Phone	(970) 629-9061

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 City of Craig is the county seat of Moffat County which encompasses the expansive rural northwest corner of Colorado. The City of Craig is the largest incorporated municipality in Moffat County with a population of approximately 8,900. Craig is situated between interstates 70 and 80 at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 40 and Colorado Hwy 13, approximately 150 miles north of Grand Junction and 45 miles west of Steamboat Springs.</p> <p>The City of Craig is a full-service municipality with several departments including Public Works which encompasses Road & Bridge, Refuse and Water and Sewer, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Police, Finance and Administration. The City has 85 fulltime employees and during the summer months another 115 part-time employees.</p> <p>Moffat County has one of the largest power plants in Colorado, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, which is supplied coal by two local mines, Trapper and Colowyo. These energy industries are currently the largest and highest paying employers within our rural community. With the imminent closure of the power plant and coal mines economic diversification is one of the community's top priorities.</p>

Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
X	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



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Incorporated: mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors: are eligible for funding from the Basin Accounts but not for funding from the Statewide Account.
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Municipal/Industrial	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Assessment	
<input 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	Moffat County
Latitude	40.4977997001N
Longitude	107.538455975W

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

The Yampa River near Craig, Colorado has the potential to host a multi-use park on the location of the existing Yampa River Diversion Structure near the City of Craig's water intake. A growing trend in whitewater recreation around the country is promoting community direction towards rivers as a source of recreation, education and local pride. Whitewater parks are used to provide river-related in the form of rafting, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and angling near population centers. Recreational improvements are common near diversion structures as a way to harness the hydraulic drop associated with a grade control structure and turn it into an amenity for the public. The grade control associated with these intake structures commonly inhibit fish passage and new technology can provide fish passage opportunities. Past projects have shown that these types of projects provide community benefits including new recreational opportunities, economic stimulus, enhanced aquatic habitat, fish passage and environmental educational opportunities. All these improvements can be made while maintaining the existing upstream water surface elevation necessary for operation of the intake structure. If we are fortunate enough to receive funding our intent is to use the funds for project engineering. The City of Craig has completed a preliminary engineers report complete with construction and engineering estimates.

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)	
	Other	Explain:

Water Activity Justification

Provide a description of how this water activity supports the goals of [Colorado's Water Plan](#), the most recent [Statewide Water Supply Initiative](#), and the respective [roundtable Basin Implementation Plan and Education Action Plan](#) ⁽¹⁾. The Applicant is required to reference specific needs, goals, themes, or Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs), including citations (e.g. document, chapters, sections, or page numbers).

For applications that include a request for funds from the Statewide Account, the proposed water activity shall be evaluated based upon how well the proposal conforms to Colorado's Water Plan criteria for state support (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;) (Also listed pp. 4-5 in [2020 WSRF Criteria and Guidelines](#)).



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Water Activity Justification

Within the municipal, industrial, and agricultural infrastructure projects and methods of Colorado's Water Plan the following goals have been identified (chapter 6 pg. 127):

- Use water efficiently to reduce overall future needs.
- Meet community water needs during periods of drought.

An economics and funding goal is also identified (chapter 9-9.2).

- Colorado's water plan coordinates existing funding sources and explores additional funding opportunities.

Our project includes repairs to our existing municipal water diversion dam that provides the City of Craig's water plant with our entire municipal water supply. Without those repairs the structure could fail resulting in the intake volume to decrease. The proposed White Water Park (WWP) and repairs to the diversion dam will maintain the existing upstream water surface elevation necessary for operation of the water plant.

Within the environmental and recreational projects and methods of Colorado's Water Plan the following goals have been identified (chapter 6 pg.157):

- Promoting 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.

Not only does our project provide a variety of new water-based recreation opportunities but it will include aquatic habitat improvements such as fish passages and boulder clusters.

Promoting economic stimulus to the area is another objective of the project. Beneficiaries of our project include two local businesses (Yampa Valley Adventure Center & Good Vibes River Gear) that promote river activities such as rafting, tubing, boating and fishing. With the impending closure of all three Tri-State Craig Station Units and the subsequent closures announced by Colowyo and Trapper mines economic diversification is critical county wide. Conservative estimates suggest that our project would indirectly add 90 full time equivalent positions and spur 5.5 million dollars of private investment.

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)
Moffat County	\$25,000.00 (cash)



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Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
City of Craig	192,600.00 (cash)
Total Match	\$217,600.00 (cash)
If you requested a Waiver to the Basin Account matching requirements, indicate the percentage you wish waived.	

Matching Requirements: Statewide Account Requests	
<p>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.</p>	
Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match (note cash or in-kind):
Total Match	
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

Craig Whitewater Diversion Park Aquatic Delineation prepared by WestWater Engineering, 2018
Craig Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Master Plan prepared by Logan Simpson, 2018
City of Craig Yampa River Corridor Preliminary Engineering Report prepared by SGM, 2020
Moffat County Vision 2025 Transition Plan prepared by Keystone Policy Center & El Pomar, 2020

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

N/A

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.

N/A

**Water Supply Reserve Fund
Water Activity Summary Sheet
July 21-22, 2021
Consent Agenda Item 2(b)**

Applicant & Grantee: City of Craig
Water Activity Name: Yampa River Diversion Park
Water Activity Purpose: Municipal/Industrial, Nonconsumptive (Environmental) - Implementation
County: Moffat County
Drainage Basin: Yampa River
Water Source: Yampa River
Amount Requested: \$65,000 Yampa/White/Green Basin Account
\$65,000 Total Request
Matching Funds: **Basin Account Match** = \$217,600 (cash)

- 77% of Total Project Cost (meets 25% min)

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of up to \$65,000 from the Yampa-White-Green Basin Account to help fund the project: Yampa River Diversion Park

Water Activity Summary: The Yampa River near Craig has the potential to host a multi-use park on the location of the existing Yampa River Diversion Structure near the City of Craig's water intake. The applicant states the growing trend in whitewater recreation around the country is promoting community direction towards rivers as a source of recreation, education and local pride. Whitewater parks are used to provide river-related in the form of rafting, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and angling near population centers.

Recreational improvements are common near diversion structures as a way to harness the hydraulic drop associated with a grade control structure and turn it into an amenity for the public. The grade control associated with these intake structures commonly inhibit fish passage and new technology can provide fish passage opportunities. Past projects have shown that these types of projects provide community benefits including new recreational opportunities, economic stimulus, enhanced aquatic habitat, fish passage and environmental educational opportunities. All these improvements can be made while maintaining the existing upstream water surface elevation necessary for operation of the intake structure.

If approved, funds would be utilized for project engineering. The City of Craig has completed a preliminary engineers report complete with construction and engineering estimates.

Discussion: The reservoir rehab proposal is consistent with the North Platte Roundtable's Basin Implementation Plan, in particular, its objectives of maintaining storage in the Basin.

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
City of Craig	\$192,600	\$0	\$192,600	Secured
Moffat County	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	Secured
Sub-Total Matching Funds	\$217,600	\$0	\$217,600	
WSRF Yampa-White-Green Basin Account	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000	Secured
Total Project Costs	\$282,600	\$0	\$282,600	

CWCB Project Manager: Chris Sturm



March 30, 2021

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Water Supply Planning Section
WSRF Application
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

RE: City of Craig's, Yampa River Water Park

The Yampa White Green (YWG) Basin Roundtable approved funding of \$65,000 from the YWG Basins Roundtable account for the City of Craig's Yampa River Water Park. The application was considered fully and unanimously approved by the YWG Basin Roundtable at the March 10, 2021 meeting. There was a quorum of members present at the meeting.

As summarized within the grant application, the Water Activity purpose of the City of Craig's Yampa River Water Park is to provide for the engineering design required for the modifications to the City of Craig Diversion structure, as well as the other streambed and riverbank structures to accommodate the water park.

The overall project aligns and aids in achieving YWG Basin Implementation Plan goals including, but not limited to: a) identify and address M&I water shortages; b) quantify and protect non-consumptive water uses; c) restore, maintain and modernize water storage and distribution infrastructure; d) develop an integrated system of water use, storage, administration and delivery to reduce water shortages and meet environmental and recreational needs; and the e) project provides for multiple beneficiaries.

The project demonstrates collaborative partnerships and letters of support showing strong community interest to move forward with the project that ultimately is for the benefit for the City of Craig and the recreational users of the Yampa River.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Alden Vanden Brink'.

Alden Vanden Brink
Yampa - White - Green Basin Roundtable, Chair