

Watershed Grant: Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership
Final Report



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Grant Amount: \$24,270

Grantee: Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership

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Summary

Coal Creek Watershed Partnership (CCCWP) was awarded a capacity grant through the CDBG-DR Watershed Resilience Pilot Program that provided operating expenses and funding for two staff to work for the benefit of the Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership (CCCWP). This funding provided 90% of staff salaries and benefits, with the other 10% provided by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) as part of this Watershed Grant (POGG1 PDAA 2016000000000000496). CCCWP is grateful for the opportunity to work with CWCB on this grant, and this report summarizes some of the accomplishments realized with this funding.

Accomplishments

Primarily, this grant funded 10% of staff time and benefits which was allocated to fundraising activities. These activities include everything from research and planning to obtaining cost estimates and writing grant applications. CCCWP staff and projects are funded entirely through federal, state, and local grants, so this funding was invaluable to allow staff to pursue those funding sources. A complete list of CCCWP fundraising accomplishments is provided in the following page.

This grant was also invaluable to support organizational development. With support from this grant, CCCWP completed a total of four restoration projects from the beginning of the CWCB grant in 2016. During this time of development, fiscal administration assistance allowed CCCWP board members to provide oversight and support for CCCWP staff as they worked through federal requirements on finances, procurement, and grant administration.

Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership Fundraising Memo

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CCCWP fundraising efforts since beginning of capacity grant (08/15):

Name of grant or program	Funding agency	Date applied	Description
Home Access	HUD (via DOLA)	Applied to Housing Board with Metro Volunteers in 05/16, research and coordination ongoing since 09/15 first projects started 2017	Metro Volunteers has been approved 5 applications in Coal Creek Canyon. 5 Residents will be receiving rehabilitation on their homes and culvert replacement.
Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program	NRCS	Initial DSR 10/15,	The EWP project has been completed and closed out in Coal Creek Canyon. 10 residents received river restorations along their properties.
CDBG-DR Resilience Planning Grant: 3 rd Cycle	HUD (via DOLA)	11/15	CCCWP received funding to design more resilient private crossings. This application ended up being rolled into a larger project involving several other coalitions to create a crossings handbook.
CDBG-DR Watershed Resilience Implementation Projects	HUD (via DOLA)	01/16	CCCWP applied for four projects: Reach 8 restoration, EWP match funding, flood warning system, private crossings. The EWP match was funded, and the flood warning system was funded by CWCB.
Water quality testing	Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH)	03/17, 7/17, 3/18, and 3/18	Partnered with JCPH to provide free water quality testing to Coal Creek residents. JCPH provided materials at the March event and fully funded 4 events in 2017 and 2018.
CDBG-DR Recover Colorado Infrastructure Program	HUD (via DHSEM)	05/16	CCCWP received funding to assist with Reach 8 restoration activities, in particular building a more resilient crossing at a county road in Reach 8. This work was performed alongside the Watershed Resilience Implementation Project
CDBG-DR Watershed Resilience Capacity Grant	HUD (via DOLA)	08/17	CCCWP will received a renewal for round 3 of our capacity grant to fund staff time and increasing organizational capacity

Fundraising plan update:

In 2018, CCCWP created a fundraising plan. In 2017 and 2018 the organization has been narrowly focused on completing flood recovery projects prioritized by our Master Plan. However, recognizing that federal funding will not last forever, the CCCWP Board of Directors completed a strategic plan in order to look ahead to how this organization will develop and change after flood recovery projects are complete. The original watershed coordinator and watershed program assistant are no longer with CCCWP as of September 2018. The CCCWP board plans to hire a new Watershed Coordinator to continue fundraising and monitoring the CCCWP restoration projects in the beginning of 2019.

CCCWP has already worked to develop relationships with Jefferson County Public Health, they will be funding water quality testing in 2019.