

**COLORADO**Colorado Water
Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

Colorado Water Conservation Board**Water Plan****Water Project Summary**

Name of Applicant	Delta County	
Name of Water Project	Miners Trail - Short Ditch Extension	
Grant Request Amount		\$229,995.00
Primary Category		\$229,995.00
<i>Watershed Health & Recreation</i>		
Total Applicant Match		\$470,659.00
<i>Applicant Cash Match</i>		\$361,859.00
<i>Applicant In-Kind Match</i>		\$108,800.00
Total Other Sources of Funding		\$1,432,500.00
<i>DOLA-EIAF</i>		\$12,500.00
<i>CPW</i>		\$20,000.00
<i>CDOT-MMOF</i>		\$1,400,000.00
Total Project Cost		\$2,133,154.00

Applicant & Grantee Information

Name of Grantee: Delta County
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Description of Grantee/Applicant

Created by the Colorado legislature in 1883, Delta County's history is one of agriculture, mining, and land and water development. Over 100 years ago, the area was the homeland of the Ute Indians, and it includes a portion of the Old Spanish Trail. With 32,00 residents Delta County is nestled between the Grand Mesa, the West Elk Mountains, and the Uncompahgre Plateau in western Colorado. The County boasts superb scenery, unending opportunities for outdoor activities, and award-winning orchards and wineries.

Type of Eligible Entity

- ☒ Public (Government)
☐ Public (District)
☐ Public (Municipality)
☐ Ditch Company

- ☐ Private Incorporated
- ☐ Private Individual, Partnership, or Sole Proprietor
- ☐ Non-governmental Organization
- ☐ Covered Entity
- ☐ Other

Category of Water Project

- ☐ Agricultural Projects
Developing communications materials that specifically work with and educate the agricultural community on headwater restoration, identifying the state of the science of this type of work to assist agricultural users among others.
- ☐ Conservation & Land Use Planning
Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning.
- ☐ Engagement & Innovation Activities
Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application on the website.
- ☒ Watershed Restoration & Recreation
Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation.
- ☐ 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 and Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap.

Location of Water Project

Latitude 38.791840
 Longitude -107.697660
 Lat Long Flag
 Water Source Gunnison River
 Basins Gunnison
 Counties Delta
 Districts 40-North Fork/Tribs.

Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type Agricultural
 Type of Water Project Construction
 Scheduled Start Date - Design
 Scheduled Start Date - Construction 1/1/2023

Description

Delta County is requesting CWCB Water Plan Grant funds for enclosing 2100' of Short Ditch Ext. open earth canal into a 30" PE Pipe. Segment 1 (see map in the attachments) is an integral part of the trail connecting the High School and Recreation district through agricultural land to a bridge that will cross the Gunnison River. This segment has already been engineered and designed with a grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Delta County would like funding for engineering design review, construction materials and implementation of Segment 1 canal enclosed and trail implementation. Delta County has grave concerns with the safety and traffic for pedestrians and bicyclists on Highway 92. In order to access the North Fork High School, Recreation District and Pool for summer and school activities, this is the only route available. Miners Trail will allow students and the public to go from the heart of downtown Hotchkiss at the County Fairgrounds and safely access the recreation opportunities

and the Nature Connection's summer youth programs at Crossroads Park to the south of the Gunnison River. This a true multi-purpose project with much consideration taken into different community and agricultural needs taken into consideration.

Measurable Results

	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)
	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
2,100	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)
	Efficiency Savings (dollars/year)
	Efficiency Savings (acre-feet/year)
	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)
	Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms or water sharing agreement (acre-feet)
	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning
30,758	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity
Other	
No additional measurable results provided	

Water Project Justification

"The primary goal of the Gunnison Basin is to Protect existing uses in the Gunnison Basin. With that overarching goal in mind, the basin is pursuing other goals that promote the continued importance of agriculture, the protection of environmental and recreational uses, and the maintenance of infrastructure within the basin. " (Gunnison BIP. CWP, Chapter 6). Delta County's application both supports the continued agricultural resource of putting limited irrigation water into pipe as well as supporting public safety/recreation needs in this collaboration between Delta County, Town of Hotchkiss, Delta County School District and private agricultural landholders. "Alternatively, these projects could benefit the environment or expand recreational opportunities while meeting municipal or agricultural needs. Those projects and methods that intentionally target consumptive and non-consumptive benefits are categorized as multipurpose." (CWP Chapter 6). Miners Trail-Short Ditch Ext. project is a TRUE multi-purpose project with the needs of the community being addressed while benefiting agricultural water supply efficiency simultaneously.

Under land use planning in the CWP #3." Protect the values of Colorado, including vibrant economies, agriculture, open space, and recreation. Local land-use planning should be among the first points of consideration to protect and support all of Colorado's values and economic drivers." Miners Trail has been a priority and in Delta County's Master Plan for years - it has thoughtfully incorporated the needs of multiple users into a cohesive plan that alleviates student and public safety concerns, recreation access issues, expanding health activities for all and private land-owner irrigation conveyance problems.

Related Studies

This trail has been a priority for Delta County for years and was integral part of the 2018 GOCO Sponsored Delta County Trail Master Plan.

This last fall and winter Delta County has sponsored public outreach meetings and an on-line survey to reach Delta County communities and documented support of the planned trail. The Delta County Fairgrounds Master Plan has reached finalization based on feedback regarding the recreation activities citizens would like to see in their publicly owned space.

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

The voters authorized Delta County to be exempt from TABOR for Sales Tax and Grants.