

**COLORADO**Colorado Water  
Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

## Colorado Water Conservation Board

# Water Plan

## Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	Eagle River Watershed Council
Name of Water Project	Eagle River Community Water Plan: Phase 2
Grant Request Amount	<b>\$356,827.00</b>
Primary Category	\$356,827.00
<i>Watershed Health &amp; Recreation</i>	
Total Applicant Match	<b>\$178,464.00</b>
<i>Applicant Cash Match</i>	
<i>Applicant In-Kind Match</i>	\$178,464.00
Total Other Sources of Funding	<b>\$474,515.00</b>
<i>US Forest Service</i>	\$380,000.00
<i>Bureau of Land Management</i>	\$77,500.00
<i>ERCWP Stakeholder Group</i>	\$17,015.00
Total Project Cost	<b>\$1,009,806.00</b>

## Applicant & Grantee Information

Name of Grantee: Eagle River Watershed Council	
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## Description of Grantee/Applicant

**Description**  
Eagle River Watershed Council advocates for the health of the Upper Colorado and Eagle River watersheds through research, education and projects. The Watershed Council strives to protect and enhance the high-quality natural, scenic and economic values that our rivers and tributaries provide to the citizens, visitors and wildlife of the Eagle River and Colorado River watersheds located in Eagle County.

### 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	39.646533
Longitude	-106.953549
Lat Long Flag	Other: Coordinates based on other boundaries or locations
Water Source	
Basins	Colorado
Counties	Eagle
Districts	37-Eagle River Basin

### Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type

Type of Water Project Planning

Scheduled Start Date - Design 1/1/2025

Scheduled Start Date - Construction

Description

Eagle River Community Water Plan: Phase 2 aims to take the data and modeling created within Phase 1 of the planning process and carry recommended actions forward, moving from concepts and ideas to boots-on-the-ground work established by a community-driven process. Funding will allow the Coalition to

leverage the existing stakeholder group for adaptive management and culminate formal recommendations for municipalities and implementation-ready projects. At a minimum, the objectives of this project will include: 1) Expanding organizational capacity at Eagle River Coalition to strategically utilize staff across project goals and deliverables, while hiring a new position to support these efforts over the 3 year grant period, 2) Maintaining long term partners through a comprehensive advisory committee, 3) Building sustainable funding mechanisms through development of a local endowment fund, and 4) developing projects, programs and policies to achieve objectives set forth within the ERCWP.

Importantly, the conformance of this project with goals and objectives identified in ERCWP and the Colorado Basin Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan should facilitate the procurement of state and federal funding for implementation of the identified and designed projects during its 3-year timeline. Through adaptive management, expanded capacity and local funding, Eagle River Coalition anticipates the success of the Eagle River Community Water Plan and bringing urgent and prioritized projects and programs to implementation.

### 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)  
 Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)  
 Length of Pipe, Canal Built or Improved (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  
 Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity

Other

This projects aims to bring 9 efforts up to implementation readiness, including scopes of work and draft applications, that will have a direct impact on the health and resiliency of the Eagle River and greater Colorado River Basin.

### Water Project Justification

The Eagle River Community Water Plan: Phase 2 project ties directly to the Colorado Water Plan (CWP) as well as projects listed in the Colorado Basin Implementation Plan (CBRT IP). Pages 204-207 of the CWP discuss partner actions to support thriving watersheds by enhancing watershed health. More specifically, Phase 2 project, which is intended to bring recommendations up to implementation readiness, supports: rehabilitation of streams & management of flows, improving fish passage, increasing recreation access, and implementing nature-based solutions to benefit our streams. Additionally, the CBRT IP lists numerous projects that are directly tied to the Eagle River Community Water Plan, including implementation of the plan itself (2015-0070). Those projects listed include: restoration of Camp Hale (2015-0065), developement and implementation of a Water Quality Action Plan (2015-0066) and development of the Eagle River Fund (2020-0055).

### Related Studies

The Eagle River Community Water Plan implementation is a critical effort of Eagle River Coalition's 4-year strategic plan. Additionally, the tasks listed within this plan also relate to previous studies, plans and

recommendations including: Eagle River Watershed Plan (2013), Eagle River Inventory and Assessment (2005), Eagle River Recreation Improvement Plan (2007), and the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan.

#### **Taxpayer Bill of Rights**

No issues have been identified.