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<p align="center">Colorado Water Conservation Board</p> <p align="center">Water Supply Reserve Fund</p> <p align="center">Grant Application</p>
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<p align="center">Instructions</p> <p>All WSRF grant applications shall conform to the current WSRF Program 2022 Grant 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 WSRF Program 2022 Grant Guidelines. The CWCB meets bimonthly.</p> <p>If you have questions, please contact the WSRF Grant Program Manager (for all Roundtables) or the Roundtable Liaison:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div> <p align="center">Ben Wade ben.wade@state.co.us 303-866-3441 x3238 (office)</p> </div> <div> <p align="center">Sam Stein Sam.stein@state.co.us 303-866-3441 (office)</p> </div> </div>

<p align="center">WSRF Submittal Checklist (Required)</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This request was recommended for CWCB approval by the sponsoring roundtable.</p> <p>YES X <input type="checkbox"/> I have read and understand the WSRF Program 2022 Grant Guidelines.</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract.¹</p> <p align="center">Application Documents included:</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A: Statement of Work² (<i>Word – see Template</i>)</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B: Budget (including Detailed Budget) & Schedule² (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3rd Party Commitments²</p> <p>YES X <input type="checkbox"/> Map² (See Exhibit C)</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos/Drawings/Reports (see Watershed Assessment RFP)</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letters of Support</p> <p align="center">Contracting Documents³</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed/Itemized Budget³ (<i>Excel Spreadsheet – see Template</i>)</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Insurance⁴ (<i>General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.</i>)</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Good Standing⁽⁴⁾</p> <p>YES X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W-9 Form⁴</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NA Independent Contractor Form⁴ (<i>If applicant is individual, not company/organization</i>)</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO X Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) Form⁴</p>
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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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CWCB Meeting	Application Submittal Dates
January	October 1
March	December 1
May	February 1
July	April 1
September	June 1
November	August 1

Water Activity Summary	
Name of Applicant	Learning By Doing, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
Name of Water Activity	Grand County Stream Management Plan Update – Phase 1
Approving Roundtable(s)	Basin Account Request(s) ¹
Colorado River Basin Roundtable	\$25,000.00
Basin Account Request Subtotal	\$25,000.00
Basin Account Request Subtotal Approved by Roundtable	\$
Statewide Account Request ⁽¹⁾	\$0.00
Total WSRF Funds Requested (Basin & Statewide)	\$25,000.00
Total Project Costs	\$415,767.00

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

Grantee and Applicant Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Learning By Doing, Inc. (LBD)
Mailing Address	PO Box 264, Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451
FEIN	30-1176284
Grantee's Organization Contact ¹	Anna Drexler-Dreis



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Grantee and Applicant Information	
Position/Title	Administrator
Email	aldrexler@gmail.com
Phone	(970) 531-1171
Grant Management Contact²	Anna Drexler-Dreis
Position/Title	Administrator
Email	aldrexler@gmail.com
Phone	(970) 531-1171
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	Same as grantee
Mailing Address	
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	

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>LBD Inc. is in Grand County, Colorado. LBD's Board of Directors includes representatives from Colorado River District, Denver Water, Grand County, Northern Water, and Trout Unlimited. The Management Committee provides leadership and oversight and includes the entities above as well as CPW and Middle Park Water Conservancy District. The Technical Committee is comprised of the Management Committee as well as Grand County Water and Sanitation District #1, NWCCOG, Hot Sulphur Springs, BLM, and USFS. These entities participate in projects or on technical matters.</p>	
Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public (Districts): authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-governmental organizations: broadly, any organization that is not part of the government



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Covered Entity: as defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes

Type of Water Activity (check one)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Study
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation

Category of Water Activity (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Environmental)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonconsumptive (Recreational)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal/Industrial	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Assessment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education & Outreach	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	Explain: Watershed Assessment to assess current conditions and areas of concern.

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/Counties	Grand County, Colorado
Latitude	40.0725673
Longitude	-106.1041514

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 Grand County Stream Management Plan (GC SMP), created in 2010 and the first of its kind in Colorado, is the guiding framework for LBD. LBD's focus is the Cooperative Effort Area (CEA), which includes over 100 river miles in the Upper Colorado River Watershed. Since LBD formed in 2013, we have established a long-term scientific-based program to fund and collect data in the CEA.

Since the inception of the GC SMP, changes have occurred throughout Grand County that warrant a reexamination of the technical aspects of the SMP to reflect current conditions. New data has been collected that supports a Watershed Assessment to improve characterization and prioritization of areas of concern. The Intergovernmental Agreements that founded LBD state that it is the responsibility of LBD to update the GC SMP.

This Grand County Stream Management Update – Phase 1 Project will include a comprehensive analysis of data collected to date (i.e., Watershed Assessment) and a broad stakeholder outreach program. WSRF funding for this grant application is requested specifically for analysis, interpretation and report compilation of the Watershed Assessment only. This Phase 1 Project is fundamental to the actual update to the GC SMP in Phase 2 of the Project.

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)
X	Other	Explain: As part of this Phase 1 Project, develop a comprehensive Watershed assessment of current conditions by performing complex analyses of long-term datasets within the watershed and identifying areas of concern which will form the foundation to support the actual update to the GC SMP in Phase 2 of the Project. In Phase 2, the updated GC SMP will prioritize restoration efforts, each having measurable results that are project specific.

Water Activity Justification

Provide a description of how this water activity supports the goals of [Colorado's Water Plan](#), the most recent [Analysis & Technical Update](#), 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).



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Water Activity Justification
<p>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;)</p> <p>This project supports the goals of the Colorado Basin Roundtable in that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the Basin Implementation Plan’s ongoing project of developing stream management plans throughout the basin (page 12, BIP). Once the Watershed Assessment is complete, it will then inform an update to the Grand County Stream Management Plan (GC SMP). • The project’s main goals are to identify areas of concern and improve the Upper Colorado River above the confluence of the Blue River, which is located in Learning By Doing’s Cooperative Effort Area (page 14, BIP Theme #1). • Ensures continued collaboration among new and current stakeholders and major water providers which the Colorado Basin Roundtable has identified as “undercurrents” of the six themes. • This project supports the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement which provides stream health benefits to Grand County streams (page 9, BIP). • Ensures Learning By Doing will be the driver of the project to direct, coordinate, and apply resources as well as continued sampling for macroinvertebrates and water quality (page 12, BIP). <p>This project supports the Colorado Water Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A central goal of the Colorado Water Plan is to “Cover 80 percent of the locally prioritized lists of rivers with stream management plans, and 80 percent of critical watersheds with watershed protection plans, all by 2030” (page 10-7 in Colorado Water Plan). While the GC SMP was the first of its kind in Colorado in 2010, it is in need of an update. This Phase 1 project to develop a Watershed Assessment and Stakeholder Outreach program will provide the foundation for updating the GC SMP in Phase 2 of the project. • Another goal is to “Engage Coloradans statewide.” While not part of this WSRF grant application request, this Phase 1 Project contains a broad stakeholder outreach program that will engage all water stakeholders in the Grand County area. The results of the Watershed Assessment in this Phase 1 Project, which is the subject of this WSRF grant request, will be shared as part of the broad stakeholder outreach in this phase and will support the continuation of stakeholder outreach in Phase 2 of the Project to update the actual GC SMP itself. Furthermore, the Colorado Water Plan states that, “Engaged community members are more likely to participate in building political will, developing management options, and supporting project implementation” (page 7-6 in Colorado Water Plan). Learning By Doing fully supports this engagement approach and this is one of the reasons we want to update the GC SMP. <p>This project supports the most recent Analysis & Technical Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Analysis and Technical Update stresses, “the need to take an adaptive approach to developing water management strategies and projects and methods to fill potential future gaps” and Learning By Doing (LBD) is an adaptive management approach at its core. Learning By Doing’s ongoing work will inform the watershed assessment and includes documenting existing aquatic monitoring efforts and implementing supplemental monitoring efforts where needed, prioritizing river reaches where restoration is needed, and coordinating voluntary



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<p>releases of environmental water to respond to low flows and high stream temperatures (Executive Summary, page 5).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the project's main goals is to better understand the current hydrological conditions within the CEA since 1985 by summarizing the daily and instantaneous flows, seasonal patterns, magnitude and timing, and spatial and annual variability. A key component of the Analysis and Technical Update is understanding how climate change will impact streamflow and the E&R assets. Once we have a better understanding of the current conditions LBD will be able to improve its water management decisions by coordinating voluntary releases of environmental water when the stream needs it the most (Colorado Basin Results, page 90).

¹ Access Basin Implementation Plans or Education Action Plans from Basin drop down menu.

Matching Requirements: Basin Account Requests	
Basin Account grant requests require a 25% match (cash and/or in-kind) from the Applicant or 3 rd party and shall be accompanied by a letter of commitment as described in the WSRF Program 2022 Grant 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)
Learning By Doing	\$103,200 (in-kind, secured)
Grand County Water Information Network	\$14,400 (in-kind, secured)
CWCB Grant (PO 2393)	\$13,440 (cash, secured)
Learning By Doing	\$44,890 (cash, secured)
Grand County Water Information Network	\$7,112 (cash, secured)
CWCB Watershed Restoration Program grant	\$207,725 (cash, secured)
Total Match	\$ 390,767
Total Match as a percentage of the Grand Total Project Cost	94%
If you requested a Waiver to the Basin Account matching requirements, indicate the percentage you wish waived.	NA

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



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Previous CWCB Grants

- 1) Learning By Doing Inc.
 - 2) Grand County Stream Management Plan Implementation – Watershed Restoration Grant
 - 3) Colorado Basin Roundtable
 - 4) Grant under \$100k so no Board approval necessary. Approved by CWCB Deputy Director and showed up in the January 2020 Director's Report.
 - 5) POGG1, PDAA, 202100002393
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- 1) Learning By Doing Inc.
 - 2) Grand County Stream Management Plan Update – Phase 1 – Watershed Restoration Program Grant
 - 3) Colorado Basin Roundtable
 - 4) 1/24/2022
 - 5) CMS 174045, CTGG1 2022-3104

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.

No known issues.



April 13, 2022

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Water Supply Reserve Fund
Grant Application
RE: Letter of Commitment

Grand County Water Information Network (GCWIN) has provided the following funds in support of Learning By Doing's Grand County Stream Management Phase 1 Update:

Task 1: Data compilation

- \$2,250 cash match to organize and compile data (intern 2021)
- \$1,162 cash match for GCWIN Database Manager
- \$3,700 cash match to organize and compile data (intern 2022)
- \$14,400 in-kind contribution for GCWIN Database Committee

Sincerely,

3/29/2022

Mary Price, GCWIN Executive Director



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Task 2: Watershed Assessment

- \$25,500 cash match for analysis, interpretation and report compilation (task 2b)

Task 4: Project Management and Coordination

- \$13,440 cash match for LBD Coordinator
- \$86,400 in-kind contribution for LBD Monitoring Subcommittee
- \$16,800 in-kind contribution for LBD Management Committee

Sincerely,

Rachel Badger, Denver Water

Jeff Drager, Northern Water

Ed Moyer, Grand County

Kirk Klancke, Trout Unlimited

Jason Turner, Colorado River Water Conservation District

THE COLORADO BASIN ROUNDTABLE
C/O P.O. BOX 1120
GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO 81602

May 29, 2022

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Attn: Ben wade
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Support Learning By Doing, Inc. Grand County Stream Management Plan Update-
Phase 1

Dear Ben,

The Colorado Basin Roundtable voted unanimously at its May 23rd meeting in support of Learning By Doing Inc.'s WSRF Grant Request in the amount of \$25,000.00. These funds will support a comprehensive analysis of data collected in support of a watershed assessment in the Upper Colorado River.

The Grand County Stream Management Plan Update is consistent with this Roundtable's Basin Implementation Plan, in particular, its objective of developing stream management plans throughout the basin.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Turner', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason V. Turner, Chair



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Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

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Grand Junction, CO 81505
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April 13, 2022

Mr. Jason Turner
Colorado Basin Roundtable
201 Centennial Street, Suite 200
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

RE: Letter of Support for Learning By Doing's Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application

Dear Mr. Turner,

On behalf of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), I wish to convey our support for Learning By Doing's (LBD) grant application for the Colorado Water Conservation Board Water Supply Reserve Fund - Grand County Stream Management Plan Update Phase 1 grant application.

The upper Colorado River and Fraser River watersheds serve as critical municipal, agricultural, recreational, and industrial water supply sources for the state of Colorado and are key drivers in the local economy. Given these factors, the upper Colorado River and Fraser River watersheds are not only an integral area to focus on a long-term water management plan, but both require such a plan to ensure sustainability of these watersheds to various sectors.

In partnership with LBD, CPW supports the proposed Phase I update to the Grand County Stream Management Plan. This update will identify common goals and better inform the current conditions which support agricultural production, desired river uses, native species, and essential ecosystem functions. Ultimately, the stream management plan update will identify actions that can lead to improved river conditions.

As a partner on the LBD Management Committee, CPW recognizes that this application is a critical step to ensure diverse stakeholders are involved in long-term management strategies that improve our ability to manage the aquatic resources. This project has strong potential to rehabilitate parts of the watershed for long-term resilience and increased water security for the local communities - both of which are goals of the Colorado Water Plan. Therefore, CPW supports this application and encourages the Colorado Water Conservation Board to fund the grant application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lori M. Martin, CPW NW Region Senior Aquatic Biologist



April 13, 2022

Mr. Jason Turner
Colorado Basin Roundtable
201 Centennial Street, Suite 200
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

RE: Letter of Support for Learning By Doing's Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application

Dear Mr. Turner,

On behalf of Denver Water, I wish to convey our support for Learning By Doing's (LBD) grant application for the Colorado Water Conservation Board Water Supply Reserve Fund. LBD is an important leader and advocate for the Upper Colorado River and Fraser River Watersheds and is seeking grant funding for the Phase 1 update to the Grand County Stream Management Plan.

The Upper Colorado River and Fraser River Watersheds serve as critical municipal, agricultural, recreational, and industrial water supply sources for the state of Colorado. The watershed provides critical aquatic and ecological habitat and is a key driver to the local economy. Given these factors, the Upper Colorado River and Fraser River Watersheds are not only an integral place to maintain a long-term water management plan but also requires such a plan to ensure sustainability of the watershed to these various sectors.

In partnership with LBD, Denver Water supports the proposed Phase I update to the Grand County Stream Management Plan which will identify common community goals and provide an understanding of the current conditions which support agricultural production, desired river uses, native species, and essential ecosystem functions. Ultimately, the project's watershed assessment and stakeholder outreach program in Phase 1 is the necessary, comprehensive foundation that will support the future stream management plan update in a future Phase 2, which will identify actions that lead to improved river conditions.

Denver Water is committed to assisting LBD with the stream management plan update in Phase 1 through dedicating resources and staff time towards coordination with consultants, and by providing support during the design and review process for the watershed assessment report and stakeholder outreach program. In addition, Denver Water staff participate on the LBD Management Committee and LBD Monitoring Subcommittee, which will provide oversight and technical support for this project.

As a partner on the LBD Management Committee, this application is a critical step for our organization and the community to ensure diverse stakeholders are involved in long-term management strategies that improve our ability to manage the aquatic resources. This project has strong potential to rehabilitate parts of the watershed for long-term resilience and increased water security for the local communities, both of which are goals of the Colorado Water Plan. Therefore, Denver Water fully supports this application and encourages the Colorado Water Conservation Board to fully fund the request.

Thank you for your consideration.



Rachel Badger, Planning Manager
Environmental & Watershed Planning Section, Denver Water

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April 10, 2022

Mr. Jason turner
Colorado River Basin roundtable
201 Centennial Street, Ste. 200
Glenwood Springs, CO. 81601

Dear Jason,

On behalf of Trout Unlimited, I want to convey our support for Learning By Doings' (LBD) grant application for the Colorado Water Conservation Board Supply Reserve Fund - Grand County Stream Management Plan (GCSMP) Update Phase 1 grant application.

The GCSMP was written 10 years ago and is the most important tool for LBD when determining which section of the headwaters of the Colorado River need improvements and what those improvements should be. In the 10 years since the plan was written, LBD has done extensive stream monitoring. To be a more effective tool, the plan needs to be updated to include this monitoring.

Having an effective stream management plan is critical to the agricultural, municipal, recreational and environmental interest in Grand County and in the downstream counties on the Colorado River.

In partnership with LBD, Trout Unlimited supports the proposed Phase 1 update to the GCSMP which is an important guideline for LBD in maintaining the health of our watershed. Trout Unlimited is committed to assisting LBD with a stream management plan update through both in kind and matching fund financial assistance.

As a partner on the LBD Management Committee, this application is a critical step for our organization and our community to ensure diverse stakeholders are involved in long term management strategies that improve our ability to manage our aquatic resources. This project ensures that we can improve the long term resilience of our watershed and help insure a water supply for municipalities on both sides of the Divide. Trout Unlimited fully supports this

application and hopes that the Colorado Water Conservation Board will fully fund the request.
Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a long horizontal line.

Kirk Klancke
President, Colorado River Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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April 12, 2022

Mr. Jason Turner
Colorado Basin Roundtable
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Delivered via electronic mail to: jturner@crwcd.org

RE: Letter of Support for Learning By Doing's Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application

Dear Mr. Turner,

The Grand County Board of County Commissioners wishes to convey our support for Learning By Doing's (LBD) grant application to the Colorado Water Conservation Board Water Supply Reserve Fund – Phase 1 of the Grand County Stream Management Plan Update.

The Upper Colorado River and Fraser River Watersheds serve as critical municipal, agricultural, recreational, environmental, and industrial water supply sources for the state of Colorado and are key drivers in the local economy. Given these factors, the Headwaters of the Colorado River are a critical place to maintain a long-term water management plan and require such a plan to ensure the sustainability of the watershed to these various sectors.

In partnership with LBD, Grand County supports Phase 1 of the proposed update to the Grand County Stream Management Plan which will identify common stakeholder goals and facilitate a better understanding of the current stream

conditions to support agricultural production, the desired river uses, native species, and essential ecosystem functions. Ultimately, the stream management plan update will identify actions that lead to improved river conditions, and we feel LBD is an important leader and advocate for the Upper Colorado River and Fraser River Watersheds.

Grand County is committed to assisting LBD with the stream management plan update through dedicating staff time, contributing match funds, helping with coordination, access to maps and imagery, property ownership, local communication and outreach, access within easements, and other means, as appropriate.

As a partner on the LBD Management Committee, the WSRF funding is a critical component for our organization and the community to ensure all stakeholders have the opportunity to participate or are represented in selecting the long-term management strategies that improve our ability to manage the aquatic resources. This project has strong potential to rehabilitate parts of the watershed for long-term resilience and increased water security for the local communities – both of which are goals of the Colorado Water Plan. Therefore, Grand County fully supports this application and encourages the Colorado Water Conservation Board to fully fund the request. Thank you for your consideration.

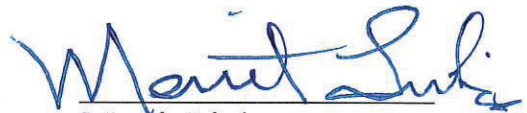
Sincerely,



Kristen Manguso
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Richard Cimino
Commissioner



Merrit Linke
Commissioner