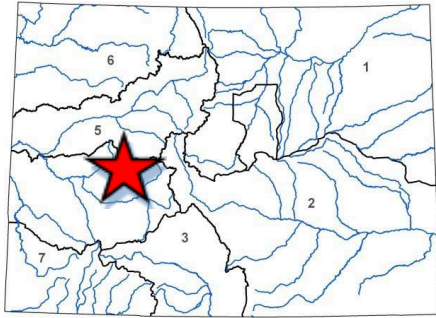




## Water Plan Grant Program



LOCATION	
County:	Ouray
Basin:	Gunnison

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$391,544.000
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$195,772.00
Recommended Amount:	\$0.00
Match Commitment:	\$195,722.00
Grant to Match Ratio	50/50
Project Type:	Construction
Primary Project Category:	Watershed Health & Recreation
Measurable Result:	2,450 LF pipe Built, 10,000 Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity

Ouray Ice Park, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that builds, operates, and maintains the Ouray Ice Park, is seeking Colorado Water Plan grant funding to support the "Our Water Our Future" (OWOF) capital campaign.

This project aims to bring a new and reliable non-consumptive water source to the Ouray Ice Park to reduce its reliance on the municipal water supply. The Ice Park currently gets its water from the City of Ouray municipal supply, which is stretched during the winter to provide water to all customers. Ouray Silver Mines donated four of their conditional water rights to the Ice Park and the City of Ouray, to be used during the months of November to March. This project seeks to make use of those rights by diverting the water for winter ice farming.

This project would promote winter ice recreation. The Ouray Ice Park has significant economic benefits, contributing over \$17 million annually to the local economy.

Grant dollars would be used to bring electrical service to the vertical turbine pump, construct an additional vault to integrate the City's existing water supply into the new system, install the wet well in Canyon Creek, and conduct system start-up, testing, and training.

Project supporters include the Ouray Silver Mines, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Colorado Outdoor Industry Recreation Office, Eric Jacobson (land donation), Clearnetworkx, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Gates Family Foundation, Boettcher Foundation, Chicks with Picks, Western Colorado Community Foundation, City of Ouray, El Pomar Foundation, Alpine Bank, San Juan Mountain Guides, Skol Studio and Design, San Miguel Power Association, Moxie Mountain Guides, Osprey, Rab, and many individual donors.

### Funding Recommendation:

Staff does not recommend Ouray Ice Park, Inc be awarded a Water Plan Grant for Our Water Our Future project because it does not align with the water-based recreation uses envisioned by the Watershed Health and Recreation category, and does not adequately demonstrate that the project will not have any negative impacts on ecosystem structure or function.