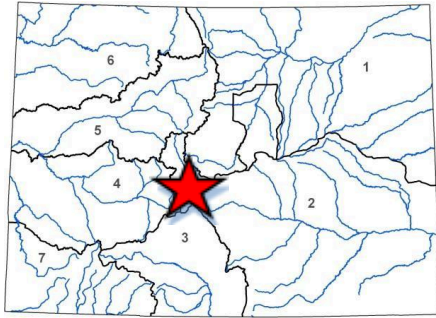




## Water Plan Grant Program



LOCATION	
County:	Chaffee
Basin:	Arkansas

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$127,960.00
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$40,000.00
Recommended Amount:	\$0.00
Match Commitment:	\$87,960.00
Grant to Match Ratio:	31/69
Project Type:	Construction
Primary Project Category:	Agriculture
Measurable Result:	3,200 linear feet of pipe built

TNBar Cattle Company is seeking Colorado Water Plan grant funding to support the Sunnyside Ditch Pipeline project in Chaffee County.

This project involves piping 3,200 feet of the Sunnyside Ditch to ensure continued water delivery to irrigated farmland. The goal is to preserve off-ditch agricultural land, including wildlife habitat and open space. The project will install 3,200 linear feet of pipe. The project would support the preservation of 800 acres of land associated with the Sunnyside Park Ditch in which the county has invested to maintain scenic views, open space, and return flows through the Chaffee County Community Conservation Connection Program. The Sunnyside Park Ditch Company was incorporated in 1884 and provides direct flow irrigation water to 17 shareholders 5 miles northwest of Salida. The water is used year round for stock water, and from April through October for irrigation of about 1,000 acres.

The project addresses the challenges of erosion and debris from Highway 291, which make the ditch difficult to maintain and hinders water deliveries. It advances the Colorado Water Plan by supporting robust agriculture through conveyance efficiency improvements that increase water delivery and predictability. Further, the project advances the Colorado Water Plan and the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan by sustaining and improving agricultural irrigation infrastructure. It aligns with the Water Plan's goals for Resilient Planning and Robust Agriculture by offering more responsive control of irrigation water. The project serves as a functional example of intake modernization that can be replicated across other ditch systems.

Grant dollars would be used for the materials and construction of the pipeline.

### Funding Recommendation:

Staff does not recommend TNBar Cattle Company be awarded a Water Plan Grant for Sunnyside Ditch Pipeline because their application materials indicate this project would be better suited to alternative CWCB funding programs.