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Water Supply Reserve Fund - Basin

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	Eagle River Watershed Council dba Eagle River Coalition	
Name of Water Project	Homestake Valley Stream Crossings Project	
Basin Account Request Subtotal		$35,000.00
Applicant Cash Match		$0.00
Applicant In-Kind Match		$0.00
Basin Requests		
Colorado		$35,000.00
Sources of Funding		
Aurora Water		$33,000.00

Grant Details

Water Project Justification

This project will develop two resilient, low-maintenance stream crossing designs that accommodates high-flow events and restores connectivity for aquatic species. The new designs will align with U.S. Forest Service (USFS) goals by reducing long-term maintenance needs and improving infrastructure reliability.

Applicant & Grantee Information

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Agency Information

Agency Type	Other
Current Assessment	
Number of Shareholders or Customers	

Number of Shares
Number of Taps
Average Monthly Water Bill
Annual Water Delivery (acre-feet)

Description of Grantee/Applicant

No description provided

Location of Water Project

Latitude	39.397874
Longitude	-106.444507
Lat Long Flag	Precise coordinates: Project coordinates are readily definable and precisely define the location of the project
Water Source	Missouri Lakes, Missouri Creek (Watershed)
Basins	Colorado
Counties	Eagle
Districts	37-Eagle River Basin

Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type	
Type of Water Project	Design / Engineering
Scheduled Start Date - Design	6/5/2025
Scheduled Start Date - Construction	

Description

The Homestake Valley Stream Crossings Project has been in progress over the past few years and has already resulted in two successful infrastructure replacements. Previously this project was known as the East Fork AOP Project, but has since been scaled up to include other failing stream crossing culverts in the Homestake Valley. This project has been funded by Aurora Water, Colorado Springs Utilities, and the US Forest Service contributing staff time for design and implementation with the Eagle River Watershed Council (now Eagle River Coalition) securing additional grants to purchase equipment and supplies for implementation. With changes in funding and support due to Forest Service staff capacity, the Eagle River Coalition has hired Wright Water Engineers to develop designs for the Missouri Creek small bridge structure and will need contractor support for implementation/installation.

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 is a multi-benefit project. Missouri Creek runs beneath a road that provides access to popular hiking trails, off-highway vehicle routes, and drinking water transportation infrastructure. By investing in a modern, ecologically sensitive design, we can enhance public access, protect important transportation assets, and restore stream health for fish and aquatic species. This project represents an opportunity to integrate infrastructure resilience, ecological restoration, and recreational access into a single, forward-looking solution.