



Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Supply Reserve Fund - Basin

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	Town of De Beque	
Name of Water Project	De Beque River Park Engineering Project	
Basin Account Request Subtotal		\$50,000.00
Applicant Cash Match		\$265,935.00
Applicant In-Kind Match		\$0.00
Basin Requests		
<i>Colorado</i>		\$50,000.00
Sources of Funding		
<i>Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District</i>		\$157,800.00

Grant Details

Water Project Justification

The De Beque River Park Engineering Project supports Colorado's Water Plan (CWP), the Colorado Basin Implementation Plan (BIP), and the Statewide Water Education Action Plan (SWEAP/PEPO) by restoring riparian and wetland systems, conserving water through native landscaping and efficient design, and expanding equitable community access along the Colorado River. The project advances CWP Action Areas of Thriving Watersheds, Vibrant Communities, and Resilient Planning (CWP 2023, Ch. 6), emphasizing multi-purpose, multi-benefit projects that improve ecosystem health, conserve water, and strengthen communities. It also fulfills Basin goals identified in the Colorado BIP by protecting and restoring rivers and riparian areas and addressing environment and recreation needs under climate stress (BIP 2022, Basin at a Glance & Sec. 2, p. 8), as well as by promoting water-conscious land use strategies through native landscaping and efficient infrastructure (BIP 2022, Sec. 4, p. 18). Additionally, interpretive signage, school partnerships, and volunteer programs support SWEAP and Basin Education & Outreach priorities for water literacy and stewardship (SWEAP 2020–25, p. 3; BIP 2022, Sec. 8, pp. 45–46). Overall, the project delivers ecological restoration, water savings, and community resilience, fully aligning with statewide and basin priorities.

Applicant & Grantee Information

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Agency Information

Agency Type	Municipality
Current Assessment	
Number of Shareholders or Customers	374
Number of Shares	
Number of Taps	374
Average Monthly Water Bill	\$61
Annual Water Delivery (acre-feet)	82

Description of Grantee/Applicant

Secondary Water Source

Location of Water Project

Latitude	39.330454
Longitude	-108.210770
Lat Long Flag	Precise coordinates: Project coordinates are readily definable and precisely define the location of the project
Water Source	Colorado River
Basins	Colorado
Counties	Mesa
Districts	

Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type	Environmental
Type of Water Project	Design / Engineering
Scheduled Start Date - Design	1/5/2026
Scheduled Start Date - Construction	1/4/2027

Description

The Town of De Beque is advancing its 24.4-acre River Park from concept to construction through detailed engineering and design. Community-supported conceptual plans were developed through the University Technical Assistance Program (UTAP), but professional engineering is now essential to ensure safety, regulatory compliance, and buildability. This phase will finalize key features, including the entrance, amphitheater, pavilion, parking areas, boat ramp, arboretum, and riverbank stabilization. These improvements will enhance recreational access to the Colorado River, support ecosystem health, and promote economic diversification in a rural community.

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)
1,545	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)
12	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
160,000	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity
Other	
Clarification on the Coloradans Impacted by engagement. This estimate includes about 500 residents of De Beque and up to 160,000 Mesa County residents regionally, due to the park's location along the I-70 corridor that serves the broader Western Slope.	