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**AGENDA ITEM:** Agenda Item #22, Water Supply Reserve Fund, Grant Funding  
Recommendations

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### **Staff Recommendation - Action Items: WSRF Grant Requests:**

A summary of staff's recommendation for each WSRF application are provided in the first component of the attached table.

Favorable recommendations may be contingent on providing the CWCB with additional information, clarifications, or modifications in the scope of work. Please refer to the Water Activity Summary Sheets contained within this agenda item to find a summary of staff's review and any conditions associated with each recommendation.

### **Background:**

For this agenda item, the Board is provided with a brief overview of applications to the Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF). Attachments to this memo include:

- Summary spreadsheet detailing funding requests for the basin and statewide accounts.
- Summary spreadsheet displaying current WSRF Balance Summary of Fund Appropriations and Receipts by Fiscal Year, and Fund Distribution by Basin and Statewide Account.
- Water Activity Summary Sheets, which provide an overview, discussion, issues/additional needs, and staff recommendation regarding funding, partial funding, or not funding the applications.

Staff's review of the applications involves the following steps:

- 1) Applications are reviewed for completeness based on the information requirements, verify that the water activity meets the eligibility requirements and also verifies that the applicant was an eligible entity to receive funding which are primarily outlined in the Grant Guidelines.
- 2) Staff then prepares the Water Activity Summary Sheet which documents the outcome of the review process and contains staff's recommendations.



**Water Supply Reserve Fund Balance Summary and Project Status Report:**

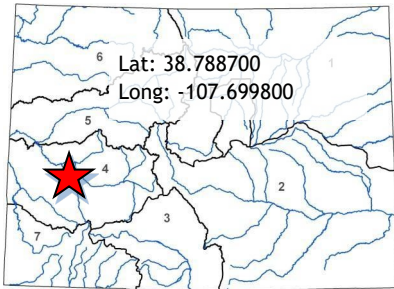
To provide the Board updates on the status of specific Water Supply Reserve Fund grant applications and projects, staff can provide a status report of the following information upon request:

- List of completed WSRF projects;
- List of WSRF projects in progress; and
- List of WSRF projects in the contracting and procurement process.





## Water Supply Reserve Grant Application



LOCATION
<b>County:</b> Delta
<b>Drainage Basin:</b> Gunnison

The proposed project is a collaboration between the applicant, Delta County, Short Ditch Extension Company, the Town of Hotchkiss, Delta County School District and private landholders.

Miner’s Trail has been a priority for the applicant and the North Fork communities for years and was an “integral part” of the 2018 GOCO Sponsored Delta County Trail Master Plan. The applicant and project partners have serious concerns with the safety and traffic for pedestrians and bicyclists on Highway 92. To access the North Fork High School, Recreation District and Pool for summer and school activities, Miner’s Trail is the only route available. Trail improvements will allow students and the public to safely access the recreation opportunities and summer youth programs at Crossroads Park without having to bike or walk on the shoulder of the heavily traveled State Highway 92.



funds are paying for piping materials and installation. The overall total project cost is over \$2.7 million.

The current Short Ditch proposal is highlighted in red in the map above. The CWCB Board awarded a grant in September 2023 for the northern section of the ditch. WSRF grant assistance has helped the first improvements to the ditch since it was first dug in the 1890s.

Issues/Additional Needs: No issues or additional needs have been identified.

Funding Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$35,000 from Gunnison Basin Account & up to \$105,000 from the Statewide Account. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants’ abilities to resolve issues and additional needs identified by staff.

DETAILS	
<b>WSRF Total Project Cost:</b>	\$302,400
<b>Total WSRF Grant Request:</b>	\$140,000
<b>Gunnison Basin Account Request:</b>	\$35,000
<b>Statewide Account Request:</b>	\$105,000
<b>Recommended Amount:</b>	\$140,000
<b>Other CWCB Funding:</b>	\$0
<b>Other Funding Amount:</b>	\$100,000
<b>Applicant Match:</b>	\$62,400
<b>Project Type:</b> Construction/Implementation	
<b>Water Use Type:</b> Agricultural	
<b>Statewide Category:</b> Aging Infrastructure	
<b>Measurable Result:</b> 2,100 ft of pipe built; 32 Coloradans impacted by incorporating water saving actions into land use planning; 31,000 Coloradans impacted by engagement activity; 95 tons/year of salt saved from entering the CO River system.	