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Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Plan Grant Application

Instructions

To receive funding for a Water Plan Grant, applicant must demonstrate how the project, activity, or process (collectively referred to as “project”) funded by the CWCB will help meet the measurable objectives and critical actions in the Water Plan. Grant guidelines are available on the CWCB website.

If you have questions, please contact CWCB at (303) 866-3441 or email the following staff to assist you with applications in the following areas:

Supply and Demand Gap Projects: Rebecca.Mitchell@state.co.us

Water Storage Projects: Anna.Mauss@state.co.us

Conservation, Land Use Planning: Kevin.Reidy@state.co.us

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Applicants interested in submitting an ‘Intent to Apply’ in the future are encouraged to check here and fill in all sections with the best information available at the time. Exhibits excluded.

This “Intent to Apply” will help CWCB prioritize Projects that are not ready for fully completed Water Plan Grant Application due to the initial timeframe and deadlines required.

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	City of Walsenburg	
Name of Water Project	Walsenburg City Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Enlargement	
CWP Grant Request Amount	\$804,000	
Other Funding Sources <u>CWCB Construction Loan Program</u>	\$6,017,000	
Other Funding Sources _____	\$	
Applicant Funding Contribution	\$	
Total Project Cost	\$6,821,000	



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Applicant & Grantee Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	City of Walsenburg
Mailing Address	525 S. Albert Avenue, Walsenburg, CO 81089
FEIN	84-6000-627
Organization Contact	James P. Eccher
Position/Title	Mayor
Email	jimmere@hotmail.com
Phone	(719) 569-5816
Grant Management Contact	Mark Ellis
Position/Title	Finance Director
Email	mellis@cityofwalsenburg.com
Phone	(719) 695-1036
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	
Mailing Address	
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	



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Description of Grantee/Applicant

Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less).

Walsenburg is a full service statutory city that is the county seat and the most populous city of Huerfano County. The city population was 3,068 at the 2010 census, down from 4,182 in 2000. Walsenburg is located in east-central Huerfano County, on the north side of the Cucharas River at the eastern edge of the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Interstate 25 runs along the eastern edge of the city with Pueblo 48 miles to the north Pueblo and Trinidad 36 miles to the south. Walsenburg has a total area of 3.2 square miles, all of it land.



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
X	Public (Government): Municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities. Federal agencies are eligible, but only if they can make a compelling case for why a local partner cannot be the grant recipient.
	Public (Districts): Authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises.
	Private Incorporated: Mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations.
	Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors: Private parties may be eligible for funding.
	Non-governmental organizations (NGO): Organization that is not part of the government and is non-profit in nature.
	Covered Entity: As defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes .

Type of Water Project (check all that apply)	
	Study
X	Construction
	Identified Process or Program
	Other

Category of Water Project (check all that apply)	
X	Supply and Demand Gap Projects - Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) <i>see attached</i>)
X	Water Storage Projects - Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial recharge into aquifers, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed storage capacity. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) <i>see attached</i>)
	Conservation and Land Use Planning Projects - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) _____)
	Engagement & Innovation Projects - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application available on the website. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) _____)
	Agricultural Projects - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) _____)
	Environmental & Recreation Projects – Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation. (Applicable Exhibit A Task(s) _____)
Other	Explain:



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Location of Water Project	
Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed project below in decimal degrees . The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable.	
County/Countries	Huerfano
Latitude	N 37 ⁰ -35'-45"
Longitude	W 105 ⁰ -51"-11"

Water Project Overview
<p>Please provide a summary of the proposed water project (200 words or less). Include a description of the project and what the CWP Grant funding will be used for specifically (e.g., studies, permitting process, construction). Provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized or the water body affected by the project, where applicable. Include details such as acres under irrigation, types of crops irrigated, number of residential and commercial taps, length of ditch improvements, length of pipe installed, and area of habitat improvements, where applicable. If this project addresses multiple purposes or spans multiple basins, please explain.</p> <p>The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, Other Funding Sources/Amounts and Schedule.</p>
<p>The Walsenburg City Lake Dam is currently under a reservoir storage restriction and a mandatory dam safety compliance plan imposed by the State Engineers Office for identified dam safety deficiencies. RJH Consultants, Inc, an engineering firm specializing in the rehabilitation, design and construction of dams has determined, through a number of previously completed investigations and analyses, that the most cost-effective rehabilitation option is to completely remove the existing dam and build a new state-of-the-art dam, that meets all current dam safety design criteria, in the same location as the existing dam. The City, in conjunction with other local water users and entities who will have shared access to the new storage, has the desire to raise the existing dam height by three (3) vertical feet and create approximately 120 acre-feet of new and additional storage in the reservoir. The CWP grant funding will be used for the design, permitting and construction of the three (3) foot dam height raise and the resulting new reservoir storage will be approximately 120 acre-feet.</p>



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Measurable Results	
To catalog measurable results achieved with the CWP Grant funds, please provide any of the following values as applicable:	
120-140	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive
460	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)
	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)
	Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year)
	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)
	Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms
	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning
	Other Explain:

Water Project Justification
<p>Provide a description of how this water project supports the goals of Colorado's Water Plan, the most recent Statewide Water Supply Initiative, and the applicable Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan and Education Action Plan. The Applicant is required to reference specific needs, goals, themes, or Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs), including citations (e.g. document, chapters, sections, or page numbers).</p> <p>The proposed water project shall be evaluated based upon how well the proposal conforms to Colorado's Water Plan Framework for State of Colorado Support for a Water Project (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44;)</p> <p>Commitment to collaboration – Project is endorsed by the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District (see attached) which has conditioned its support on a portion of the enlarged capacity being made available to the members of the Cucharas Storage Collaborative, as well as others, which is currently being negotiated at this time.</p> <p>Does the project proponent address an identified water gap – The project is included in the Master Needs List of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan (#2015-0011) which states that this project provides an important component to meeting the statewide storage gap of 400,000 acre-feet. Additionally, the project is also included in the Master Needs List for the Cucharas Storage Collaborative Study (#2015-0007) with approximately 120 acre-feet potential new storage being made available for the region.</p> <p>Does the project proponent demonstrate local investment or contribution – The City has just recently (July 2017) secured a loan of up to \$6.8 from CWCB for purposes of completing the project. Project is ready to proceed upon the notice of the award of grant funds.</p>



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Related Studies

Please provide a list of any related studies, including if the water project is complementary to or assists in the implementation of other CWCB programs.

Walsenburg's project is included in the Master Needs List of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan (#2015-0011) and the Master Needs List of the Cucharas Storage Collaborative Study (#2015-0007).

Previous CWCB Grants, Loans or Other Funding

List all previous or current CWCB grants (including WSRF) awarded to both the Applicant and Grantee. Include: 1) Applicant name; 2) Water activity name; 3) Approving RT(s); 4) CWCB board meeting date; 5) Contract number or purchase order; 6) Percentage of other CWCB funding for your overall project.

City of Walsenburg
POGG1PDAA 201700000736
PDAA6000 grant funds for feasibility study
\$49,900.00
Less than 1%

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect your application.

The City can accept the full value of the grant request in 2018 without effecting its annual revenue limit calculation since it is fully de-Bruced. Any award in excess of \$220k+ will result in the loss of enterprise status of the Water Fund in 2019, meaning that the City will need to establish a one-year 3% TABOR reserve in that Fund and must refrain from entering into any multi-fiscal debt arrangements in that year without prior approval from the citizens. All grant dollars awarded to this project will need to be spent, to the extent possible, in 2018 with any carry-over grant expenditures in subsequent years being held to under \$220k+ in order to assure that enterprise status is not jeopardized over multiple years.



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Submittal Checklist	
X	I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract .
Exhibit A	
X	Statement of Work ⁽¹⁾
X	Budget & Schedule ⁽¹⁾
	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽¹⁾
Exhibit C	
X	Map ⁽¹⁾
X	Photos/Drawings/Reports
X	Letter of Support
	Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.)
	Certificate of Good Standing with Colorado Secretary of State ⁽²⁾
	W-9 ⁽²⁾
	Independent Contractor Form ⁽²⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
Engagement & Innovation Grant Applicants ONLY	
	Engagement & Innovation Supplemental Application ⁽¹⁾

(1) Required with application.

(2) Required for contracting. While optional at the time of this application, submission can expedite contracting upon CWCB Board approval.