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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: Gregory.Johnson@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	Colorado Cattlemen’s Association	
Name of Water Project	Agriculture Water Collaborative	
CWP Grant Request Amount		\$ 76,200
Other Funding Sources: <u>CAWA</u>		\$ 38,100
Other Funding Sources _____		\$
Applicant Funding Contribution		\$38,100
Total Project Cost		\$152,400



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Applicant & Grantee Information	
Name of Grantee(s)	Colorado Cattlemen's Association
Mailing Address	8833 Ralston Road, Arvada, CO 80002
FEIN	84-0174480
Organization Contact	Terry Fankhauser
Position/Title	CCA Executive Vice President
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Grant Management Contact	Erin Karney
Position/Title	CCA Industry Advancement Director
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Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	Same as Grantee
Mailing Address	NA
Position/Title	NA
Email	NA
Phone	NA

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Description of Grantee/Applicant

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

The mission of Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) Agricultural Water NetWORK is to help "keep ag water connected with ag land." Through outreach, education and technical assistance, the Ag Water NetWORK helps equip ag water right holders statewide with contextual, in-depth knowledge about their water rights and ag water-related challenges and opportunities in Colorado.

The Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) is an association of agricultural organizations that have aligned to disseminate information to producers so they can make informed choices about their water rights. We also help educate non-producers about how water is used in agriculture through farm tours, which demonstrate irrigation methods and agricultural water use and administration.



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Type of Eligible Entity (check one)	
	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.
X	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
	Construction
X	Identified Projects and Processes (IPP)
	Other

Category of Water Project (check all that apply and include relevant tasks)	
	Supply and Demand Gap Projects - Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
	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. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
	Conservation and Land Use Planning Projects - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
X	Engagement & Innovation Projects - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application available on the website. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
X	Agricultural Projects - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
	Environmental & Recreation Projects – Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>



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	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	All Counties in Colorado
Latitude	37° N to 41° N Latitude
Longitude	102°03' W to 109°03' W Longitude

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>This project will utilize multiple proven outreach methods to engage and inform ag water right holders and non-ag water interests about contemporary ag water issues, including the direct and indirect benefits of irrigated agriculture and how agriculture and other water interests can benefit from mutual collaboration. The project will dispel confusion around ag water leasing-related issues and raise the level and depth of understanding about ATMs among the irrigated ag and non-ag water communities. The educational tools – webinars, workshops, presentations, tours, videos, publications, and media outreach will be strategically utilized to synthesize a factual, comprehensive body of resources that will be presented both in live venues around the state and also accessible on demand for all Colorado citizens to access at any time.</p> <p>The project will influence ag water decision-makers in all river basin, with particular focus on the Colorado (mainstem and tributaries), Rio Grande, and South Platte River Basins. The locations of workshops, tours and meetings will be identified with the goal of reaching as many individual ag water right holders and ditch company members as practicable. We will engage with non-ag water interests through these efforts to facilitate sharing of perspectives and needs among the disparate water groups.</p> <p>CWCB funding will be used to help support the planning, implementation and follow-up work related to the workshops, tours, presentations, webinars, videos, lease screening tool use analysis and refinement, and other statewide outreach efforts that will be accomplished through this project.</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:	
	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive
	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
10 workshops, webinars, 4 videos, 3 ag water tours, 6 publications, 1 screen tool refinement	Other Inform and engage ag and non-ag producers statewide

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>



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Water Project Justification

Through continuing to engage producers and non-producers about agricultural water use, the proposed joint CCA Ag Water NetWORK / Colorado Ag Water Alliance project will advance the goals of the Colorado Water Plan and the Basin Roundtables. The Colorado Water Plan calls for maintaining Colorado's agricultural productivity (Section 6.5) and elevating the awareness of Colorado's citizens when it comes to water issues affecting the state (Section 9.5). CCA's Ag Water NetWORK and CAWA specifically focus on providing information to producers on water conservation, irrigation efficiency, water rights and ATMs in order to help the agricultural industry become more efficient, resilient, and able to sustainably share water with other water interests using a market-driven approach.

The Water Plan references this type of support, focusing on ditch-wide and regional conservation and efficiency opportunities and tradeoffs, long-term infrastructure maintenance needs, and the potential benefits of water sharing agreements (Sections 6.3.4, 6.4 6.5).

The Education and Outreach section of the Water Plan also calls for "education for farmers on available incentives for on-farm implementation of agricultural conservation measures, water sharing opportunities, and other tools available to growers" (Section 9.5). The Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) 2010 also call for efforts to educate and promote stewardship of water resources that recognizes water's critical role in supporting the quality of life and economic prosperity of all Coloradoans (SWSI, 8-2). The Colorado Water Education Task Force (2008) also emphasizes the need for education programs "beyond information transfer through printed or other media informational campaigns" (Final Report, 3).

Education toward and support for the agricultural community is emphasized in the majority of Basin Implementation Plans (BIPs) and Education Action Plans. The South Platte Basin Roundtable and Metro Roundtable Education Action Plan 2016-2018 calls for the long-term goal of hosting events focused on agriculture (page 1) and the South Platte BIP calls for "Improving public understanding about the goals, needs, and plans of the state and the South Platte Basin will help to improve public acceptance of the need for innovative water rate structures, energetic conservation measures, and more integrated land use and water supply planning (S-15). The Arkansas Basin Roundtable PEPO Workgroup Education Action Plan Scope of Work Years 2016-2019 emphasizes partnership in Arkansas Basin specific education, including agriculture (1). The Yampa/White/Green BIP calls for protecting and encouraging "encourage agricultural uses of water in the YWG Basin within the context of private property rights" (1.2.4). Sustaining, protecting, and promoting agriculture is major theme of the Colorado BIP (16). The Gunnison BIP also emphasizes the goal to "discourage the conversion of productive agricultural land to all other uses within the context of private property rights" (2). The Southwest Basin Roundtable Public Education, Outreach, and Participation Education Action Plan calls to "coordinate and implement workshop(s) focused on on-farm efficiencies and improvement" (6). The Rio Grande BIP also cites the need for "outreach events designed for agricultural water users [emphasis added], public officials, and community members" (160).

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.



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Related Studies

NA

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.

\$5,000 Colorado River Water Conservation District; \$3,000 Community Agricultural Alliance; \$1,000 Arkansas Basin Roundtable. ** More details available through Colorado Ag Water Alliance.

CCA has not previously received funding from CWCB.

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.

No TABOR related-constraints are known or anticipated.



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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⁾ (<i>Spreadsheet</i>)
X	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽¹⁾
Exhibit C	
NA	Map (if applicable) ⁽¹⁾
NA	Photos/Drawings/Reports
X	Letters of Support (Support letter from Basin Roundtable encouraged)
	Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.) ⁽²⁾
	Certificate of Good Standing with Colorado Secretary of State ⁽²⁾
	W-9 ⁽²⁾
NA	Independent Contractor Form ⁽²⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization)
Engagement & Innovation Grant Applicants ONLY	
X	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.