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Colorado Water Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

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Water Plan

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	City of Salida	
Name of Water Project	Salida Boat Ramp Relocation	
Grant Request Amount		\$35,395.00
Primary Category		\$35,395.00
<i>Watershed Health & Recreation</i>		
Total Applicant Match		\$11,800.00
<i>Applicant Cash Match</i>		\$11,800.00
<i>Applicant In-Kind Match</i>		\$0.00
Total Other Sources of Funding		\$0.00
Total Project Cost		\$47,195.00

Applicant & Grantee Information

Name of Grantee: City of Salida
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Description of Grantee/Applicant

No description provided

Type of Eligible Entity

- Public (Government)
- Public (District)
- Public (Municipality)
- Ditch Company

- Private Incorporated
- Private Individual, Partnership, or Sole Proprietor
- Non-governmental Organization
- Covered Entity
- Other

Category of Water Project

- Agricultural Projects
Developing communications materials that specifically work with and educate the agricultural community on headwater restoration, identifying the state of the science of this type of work to assist agricultural users among others.
- Conservation & Land Use Planning
Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning.
- Engagement & Innovation Activities
Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application on the website.
- Watershed Restoration & Recreation
Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation.
- Water Storage & Supply
Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial aquifer recharge, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed capacity and Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap.

Location of Water Project

Latitude	38.542549
Longitude	-105.996623
Lat Long Flag	Precise coordinates: Project coordinates are readily definable and precisely define the location of the project
Water Source	Arkansas River
Basins	Arkansas
Counties	Chaffee
Districts	11-Arkansas: Headwaters to Salida

Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type	Municipal
Type of Water Project	Design / Engineering
Scheduled Start Date - Design	1/1/2024
Scheduled Start Date - Construction	

Description

The long-term plan for improving Salida's recreational boat access to the Arkansas River involves removing the existing boat ramp from downtown Salida, and installing a new boat ramp at the future location of Marvin Park. We currently have planning, engineering, and budgeting completed for removal and amendment of the downtown boat ramp. In order to maintain progress, we are currently seeking funding from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to complete the design phase for the installation of the new boat ramp at Marvin Park. As cited in the Water Project Justification section of our application, this project clearly aligns with the Partner Actions suggested in the 2022 Colorado Water Plan, the goals of the 2019 Arkansas River Management Plan, and the 2022 Arkansas River Basin Roundtable Implementation Plan.

By completing engineering and budgeting for the Marvin Park boat ramp, we will be able to pursue funding for the implementation and construction of both projects in 2025, concurrently.

Measurable Results

- 730
- 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

- Improve traffic and pedestrian risk in downtown Salida, and enhance safety and easy access for boaters and hand-launch vessel users, by relocating boat ramp from downtown Salida.
- Finalize design and engineering phases for construction of a new boat ramp at Marvin Park.
- Create a designated area for recreational activities on the river while minimizing environmental impact on the Arkansas River and riparian ecosystems.

Water Project Justification

The City of Salida Department of Parks and Recreation is actively working on key projects to improve the recreational experience along the Arkansas River for residents and tourists. The present focus is on relocating a well-used boat ramp site from downtown Salida to Marvin Park, while minimizing potential impacts on the river and riparian ecosystems. Not only will this project result in an improved site for river access, but it will also address current traffic and pedestrian safety issues in downtown Salida. Removal and redesign of the downtown boat ramp site have already been completed (see “Boathouse Beach Cost Estimate,” Attachment 3). By supporting the design of a new boat ramp at Marvin Park, the Colorado Water Conservation Board would enable Salida to progress in 2025 with fundraising for the coordinated removal and redesign of the downtown boat ramp site, and construction of the Marvin Park boat ramp.

The addition of river access for boats to Marvin Park was identified as a subproject within the Marvin Park master plan, as outlined in the comprehensive 2020 Salida Parks and Recreation Master Plan (pp. 60-65). The development of the 2020 Master Plan involved extensive engagement with community stakeholders, drawing input from 350 in-person attendees, 12 staff and community/customer focus group meetings, and an online community survey that gathered over 400 responses (p. 6). Notably, in the Marvin Park focus group, river access emerged as the second-highest priority, earning 45 votes out of 322, with restroom improvement leading at 50 votes (Attachment 4, row 46).

Moreover, this relatively small project clearly furthers larger objectives at the state and county levels:

- Installing a new boat ramp at Marvin Park aligns with the goals of the 2022 Colorado Water Plan in several ways:
 - By providing “access to healthy waterways in urban settings” and “elevating the recreational experience and fostering community engagement” (Section 6, p. 178).
 - "Projects that improve boat access and boat ramps" are cited as examples of "Partner Actions" that increase access to recreational opportunities, and support the Thriving Watersheds initiative (Section 6, p. 206).

- This project would be one of the 'Proposed Actions' listed in Section 2-D of the 2019 Arkansas River Management Plan by reducing congestion at the existing downtown Salida boat ramp, creating safer access for boaters and hand-launch vessel users, and thus minimizing user conflicts (Section 2-D, p. 2-29).

- The project also aligns with Environment and Recreation Goals 3 and 4 in the 2022 Arkansas River Basin Roundtable Implementation Plan (Section 1, pp. 17-18):
 - Safe, designated river access for recreation, specifically non-motorized and motorized boat access.
 - The ramp design will minimally impact and possibly improve the health of aquatic, riparian, and avian habitats.

- Improvement to Marvin Park, and specifically river and riparian access at the park, was cited as a priority by survey respondents while developing the 2021 Chaffee County Outdoor Recreation Management Plan (Section 5, 2021, pp. 14-31).

- Although not explicitly stated as a goal, improved access to valuable Gold Medal trout fishing along the Arkansas River is certainly an economic and recreational benefit ("Colorado Gold Medal Waters." Trout Unlimited). In general, maintaining safe, unhindered access to recreation and fishing on the Arkansas River is undeniably important to the economic vitality of Salida, and Chaffee County as a whole.

Sources:

2020 Salida Parks & Recreation Master Plan:

https://www.cityofsalida.com/sites/default/files/fileattachments/parks_and_recreation/page/15241/city-of-salida-pros

2022 Colorado Water Plan:

https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/219188/Colorado_WaterPlan_2023_Digital.pdf

2019 Arkansas River Management Plan:

<https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/ArkansasHeadwatersRecreationArea/Documents/Admin/Publications/ArkF>

2022 Arkansas River Basin Roundtable Implementation Plan:

https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcbsearch/0/edoc/216706/Arkansas_BIP_Volume2_2022.pdf

2021 Chaffee County Outdoor Recreation Management Plan:

<https://envisionchaffeecounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Chaffee-County-Outdoor-Recreation-Management-F>

"Colorado Gold Medal Waters." Trout Unlimited:

<https://coloradogoldmedalwater.tu.org/gold-medal-waters/>

Related Studies

N/A

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

The City of Salida has no TABOR restrictions for grant funding received. In November 2017, City of Salida voters approved a ballot measure effectively debrucing the City of Salida for revenues received from all sources.