

Guidelines for Gunnison Basin Roundtable Grant Applications

All applications for Basin or State WSRF funds must be submitted to the Gunnison Basin Roundtable Screening Committee by the 1st of the month preceding the Roundtable meeting at which the application will be heard. For example, June 1 for the July RT meeting. Also note, the CWCB requires the same lead time for submission from the Roundtable, so the above example would not be considered by the CWCB until its September meeting. (approved by RT at July meeting submitted to CWCB by Aug 1 for September meeting). The CWCB only considers requests for State funding at its September and March meetings, while Basin only applications can be approved at any of the bi monthly CWCB meetings. Applications should be submitted to Tom Alvey mcf@wic.net. In addition, the Screening Committee encourages applicants to consult with members of the Screening Committee for advice in the development of their grant applications.

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The GBRT evaluates grant applications based upon the Basin Implementation Plan. Priority is given to projects listed as Tier 1 projects in the BIP. Applications are also evaluated on how well they align with the Goals listed in the Implementation Plan.

Primary Goal: 1. Protect existing water uses in the Gunnison Basin Complementary Goals (order does not indicate priority)

2. Discourage the conversion of productive agricultural land to all other uses within the context of private property rights
3. Improve agricultural water supplies to reduce shortages
4. Identify and address municipal and industrial water shortages
5. Quantify and protect environmental and recreational water uses
6. Maintain or, where necessary, improve water quality throughout the Gunnison Basin
7. Describe and encourage the beneficial relationship between agricultural and environmental recreational water uses
8. Restore, maintain, and modernize critical water infrastructure, including hydropower

9. Create and maintain active, relevant and comprehensive public education, outreach and stewardship processes involving water resources in the six sectors of the Gunnison Basin

As well as supporting the Gunnison Basin's Statewide Principles:

- Future supply of Colorado River water is highly variable and uncertain; therefore, any proponent of a new supply project from the Colorado River System must accept the risk of a shortage of supply however the shortage occurs, adhere to the prior appropriation doctrine, and protect existing water uses and communities from adverse impacts resulting from the new supply project.
- It must be explicitly recognized that a new supply development from any location in the Colorado River System affects the entire System.
- Any new supply project from the Colorado River System must have specifically identified sponsors and beneficiaries, and meet certain minimum criteria.
- Local solutions must be utilized to meet Colorado's future water needs without a major state water project or related placeholder water right.
- Water conservation, demand management, and land use planning that incorporates water supply factors should be equitably employed statewide.
- Statewide discussion, outreach, and education concerning the Gunnison Basin Roundtable's vision for water development in Colorado should be continued

And finally, projects should support the aims of Colorado's Water Plan.