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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:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Water Storage Projects | Matthew.Stearns@state.co.us |
| Conservation, Land Use Planning | Kevin.Reidy@state.co.us |
| Engagement & Innovation Activities | Ben.Wade@state.co.us |
| Agricultural Projects | Alexander.Funk@state.co.us |
| Environmental & Recreation Projects | Chris.Sturm@state.co.us |

FINAL SUBMISSION: Submit all application materials in one email to waterplan.grants@state.co.us in the original file formats [Application (word); Statement of Work (word); Budget/Schedule (excel)]. Please do not combine documents. In the subject line, please include the funding category and name of the project.

Water Project Summary	
Name of Applicant	Town of Naturita
Name of Water Project	Naturita Town Park Revitalization Project
CWP Grant Request Amount	\$40,000
Other Funding Sources _____	\$
Applicant Funding Contribution (secured cash and in-kind services)	\$40,000
Total Project Cost	\$80,000



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Applicant & Grantee Information	
Name of Grantee(s): Town of Naturita	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 505, Naturita, Colorado 81422	
FEIN: 84-6006163	
Organization Contact: Kathy Cooper	
Position/Title: Deputy Clerk/Town Treasurer	
Email: thnaturita@nntcwireless.com	
Phone: 970-865-2286	
Grant Management Contact: Sara Bachman	
Position/Title: Parks & Recreation Committee Chair	
Email: sara@bachmanlawll.com	
Phone: 970-865-2440	
Name of Applicant (if different than grantee)	
Mailing Address	
Position/Title	
Email	
Phone	
Description of Grantee/Applicant	
Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less).	
<p>Naturita is located at the base of a canyon along the scenic byway of Highway 141. The town serves residents of western Montrose and San Miguel counties. These communities straddle the San Miguel and Dolores rivers; sharing common demographics, resources, and economic challenges. The town, as part of the West End community, will be severely impacted by the closure of the area's coal mine and powered plant. Quality of life amenities are a primary characteristic of communities who recover more quickly from economic hardships. The town is working adamantly towards implementing projects that boost the local economy through recreation projects.</p>	



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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 Projects and Processes (IPP)
	Other

Category of Water Project (check the primary category that applies and include relevant tasks)	
	Water Storage - 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.. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
	Conservation and Land Use Planning - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
	Engagement & Innovation - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application on the website. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
	Agricultural - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i>
X	Environmental & Recreation - Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): Funding is being requested for Task 3</i>
	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	Montrose County
Latitude	38.22053°
Longitude	-108.57240°

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 Naturita Town Park Revitalization Project (Project) will serve over 4,000 locals and many more nonlocals. Perhaps most exciting is that the project will serve the area’s youth; especially those at or below poverty level. While recreation interests of the West End community are primarily passive, various West End organizations have been working very hard to exploit the abundance of recreational opportunities available in the area and capitalize on the traffic that passes through Naturita to other destinations. The Project will encompass the following tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design of park and facilities 2. Construction of new park features 3. Design and construction of river access and features <p>CWP Funding is requested for Task 3: design and construction of San Miguel River access and riparian enhancement of the riverbank. Other grant funds will be used for the remaining tasks. The overall purpose of this task is foster connectivity of the San Miguel River and the town. This grant will be use construct the following recreational and river features: river access from the park to the river; a shallow entry for wadding area and river put-in; and debris removal, bank reinforcement, and habitat restoration to improve riparian corridor along the river.</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)
750 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
	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity
1	Other Explain: Construction of river access and play features

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>The Project focuses on design and construction of the following recreational and river features: river access from the park to the river; a shallow entry for wading area and river put-in; and debris removal, bank reinforcement, and habitat restoration to improve riparian corridor along the river.</p> <p>The overall purpose of this task is foster connectivity of the San Miguel River and the town. The Project will support the following goals of the Colorado Water Plan and Basin Implementation Plan.</p> <p>The proposed Project addresses the following Colorado Water Plan Environmental and Recreational Goals and Critical Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ "Enhance Environmental and Recreational Economic Values: Protect and enhance river-based environments and recreational opportunities that support local and statewide economics and are important for the enjoyment of current and future generations of Colorado." (p. 10-12) ➤ "Protect Healthy Environments: Understand, protect, maintain, and improve conditions of streams, lakes, wetlands and riparian areas to promote self-sustaining fisheries and functional riparian and wetland habitats to promote long term sustainability and resiliency." (p.10-12)

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- “Develop a plan that compiles and develop near-term projects and methods to support economically important water-based recreation.” (p.10-12)

The proposed Project addresses the following Southwest Basin Roundtable Implementation Plan Goals:

- Goal D1: Maintain, protect and enhance recreation values and economic values to local and statewide economies derived from recreation water uses such as fishing, boating, hunting, wildlife watching, and hiking. (p. 15)
- Goal E2: Protect, maintain, monitor, and improve the condition and natural function of streams, lakes, wetlands, and riparian areas to promote self-sustaining fisheries, and to support native species and functional habitat in the long term, and adapt to changing conditions. (p. 16)

The proposed Project is consistent with the Southwest Basin Identified Project and Process (IPP):

- 2-MB: Where environmental and/or recreational gaps are identified, a collaborative effort will be initiated to develop innovative tools to protect water identified as necessary to address these gaps.

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.

This Project is not assisting in the implementation of other CWCB programs.

In 2018, the town was awarded a GOCO grant for development of a Parks & Recreation Master Plan. During the development of the town’s Master Plan, numerous stakeholders expressed the need to connect the park to the river with safe, family friendly access. The Master Plan states, “improving the parks and trail systems throughout the Town is key in attracting visitors to stop in Naturita as a hub for their outdoor recreation activities.” The plan includes four phases to improve recreational opportunities in and surrounding Naturita. Implementing this Project, which is to create safe river access near the town park, is part of phase one of the Master Plan. Additional river access development opportunities are identified in subsequent phases.

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.

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<p>No previous CWCB grants have been awarded to the applicant and grantee.</p>
<p>Taxpayer Bill of Rights</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Not applicable.</p>

<p>Submittal Checklist</p>	
	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⁾
	Engineer's statement of probable cost (projects over \$100,000)
X	Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽¹⁾
Exhibit C	
X	Map (if applicable) ⁽¹⁾
	Photos/Drawings/Reports
	Letters of Support (Optional)
	Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.) ⁽²⁾
	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.

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Water Plan Grant - Exhibit A

Statement Of Work	
Date:	November 30, 2020
Name of Grantee:	Town of Naturita
Name of Water Project:	Naturita Town Park Revitalization Project
Funding Source:	Colorado Water Plan Grant – Environmental and Recreation Project
Water Project Overview:	
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Project Objectives:	

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<p>The objects of the Project are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construct safe river access near town park; 2. Provide local recreational opportunities in the San Miguel River; 3. Improve riparian corridor along the town park property; and 4. Increase river connectivity to the Town of Naturita and its visitors.
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Tasks
<p>Task 1 - Design and Permitting</p>
<p>Description of Task:</p> <p>The purpose of this task is to complete designs and secure any required permits for construction of river access, features, and riparian improvements.</p>
<p>Method/Procedure:</p> <p>Civil engineering services contracted for the Project will be responsible for completing the surveying, preliminary designs, and final designs for a river access trail, wading area, riverbank reinforcement, and habitat restoration. As part of the design package, a stormwater management plan will be developed that addresses proper drainage of the park and provides an erosion control plan. In addition to final designs, the contractor will be responsible for securing any other required permits for construction.</p>
<p>Deliverable:</p>



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The deliverable for this task will be the final design package for a river access trail, wading area, riverbank reinforcement, and habitat restoration. Copies of the required permits will be provided.

Tasks

Task 2 - Construction of River Access Trail and Wading Area

Description of Task:

The purpose of this task is to construct the river access trail and wading area in an efficient and timely manner.

Method/Procedure:

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Tasks
<p>The Town of Naturita will hire and oversee qualified contractors to construct the river access trail and wadding area. An undeveloped trail currently exists from the park to the river. Based on the final designs, the proposed river access trail will be constructed by scarifying, grading, compacting, forming and road based materials filling the trailway. Work within the river, which is anticipated to consist of moving and placement of large boulders to create a wadding area, will occur as allowed by permits and when favorable river conditions exist.</p> <p>The Town of Naturita is the legal owner of the property which nullifies the need for acquiring easements.</p>
<p>Deliverable:</p>
<p>A new river access trail and wadding area in the San Miguel River adjacent to town park.</p>

Tasks
<p>Task 3 – Habitat Restoration and Construction of Riverbank Reinforcement</p>
<p>Description of Task:</p>
<p>The purpose of this task is to construct the riverbank reinforcement and habitat restoration in an efficient and timely manner.</p>
<p>Method/Procedure:</p>

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Tasks

The Town of Naturita will hire qualified contractors stabilize the streambank and plant native vegetation. The first task for the contractors will be to clear any debris within the proposed restoration area. Next, a rock terrace will be installed along the embankment to improve bank stability per design standards generated under the first task. New native trees, irrigation system for the trees, and other native vegetation will be planted along the river.

Deliverable:

Increased riverbank stability and riparian vegetation along the river stretch adjacent to the town park.



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Budget and Schedule

This Statement of Work shall be accompanied by a combined Budget and Schedule that reflects the Tasks identified in the Statement of Work and shall be submitted to CWCB in excel format.

Reporting Requirements

Progress Reports: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of issuance of a purchase order, or the execution of a contract. The progress report shall describe the status of the tasks identified in the statement of work, including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues.

Final Report: At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a Final Report on the applicant's letterhead that:

- Summarizes the project and how the project was completed.
- Describes any obstacles encountered, and how these obstacles were overcome.
- Confirms that all matching commitments have been fulfilled.
- Includes photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

The CWCB will pay out the last 10% of the budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

Payment

Payment will be made based on actual expenditures and must include invoices for all work completed. The request for payment must include a description of the work accomplished by task, an estimate of the percent completion for individual tasks and the entire Project in relation to the percentage of budget spent, identification of any major issues, and proposed or implemented corrective actions.

Costs incurred prior to the effective date of this contract are not reimbursable. The last 10% of the entire grant will be paid out when the final deliverable has been received. All products, data and information developed as a result of this contract must be provided to CWCB in hard copy and electronic format as part of the project documentation.

Performance Measures

Performance measures for this contract shall include the following:

(a) Performance standards and evaluation: Grantee will produce detailed deliverables for each task as specified. Grantee shall maintain receipts for all project expenses and documentation of the minimum in-kind contributions (if applicable) per the budget in Exhibit B. Per Water Plan Grant Guidelines, the CWCB will pay out the last 10% of the budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

(b) Accountability: Per Water Plan Grant Guidelines full documentation of project progress must be submitted with each invoice for reimbursement. Grantee must confirm that all grant conditions have been

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Performance Measures

complied with on each invoice. In addition, per Water Plan Grant Guidelines, Progress Reports must be submitted at least once every 6 months. A Final Report must be submitted and approved before final project payment.

(c) Monitoring Requirements: Grantee is responsible for ongoing monitoring of project progress per Exhibit A. Progress shall be detailed in each invoice and in each Progress Report, as detailed above. Additional inspections or field consultations will be arranged as may be necessary.

(d) Noncompliance Resolution: Payment will be withheld if grantee is not current on all grant conditions. Flagrant disregard for grant conditions will result in a stop work order and cancellation of the Grant Agreement.

