

COLORADO BASIN ROUNDTABLE GRANT EVALUATION AND PRIORITIZATION SUPPLEMENT

The following will be used to evaluate a project submitted to the Colorado Basin Roundtable:

Required:

A. Grant Application – All projects must complete the Water Reserve Supply Account (WSRA) application form used by the State IBCC and CWCB. All applicable sections must be completed.

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/LoansGrants/water-supply-reserve-account-grants/Documents/WSRAGrantApplication.pdf>

B. Colorado Basin Priorities - Projects must also address the values encompassed by the Colorado Basin Priorities including, but not limited to:

- Water Supply
 - Meet current and future water needs with structural and/or non-structural methods
 - Address impacts of Compact deliveries on existing and future in-basin water rights
 - Address conflicts between endangered species' needs and in-basin needs
- Benefits
 - Multiple parties
 - Multiple objectives
- Water Rights
 - Protects Pre-1922 water rights
 - Promotes Compact compliance
 - No injury to other water rights holders
- Education
 - Seeks involvement of all interested parties and stakeholders
- Municipal and Industrial Efficiency (supports the development of)
- Non-Consumptive
 - Improves/provides water-based recreation opportunities
 - Supports in-stream and riparian environmental and habitat needs
- Agricultural Benefits
 - Maintains commercial, irrigated agricultural
 - Secures food supply
 - Water conservation or efficiencies that do not threaten or undermine existing water rights holdings
- Water Quality
- Economic
 - Supports a diverse and sustainable Western Slope economy
 - Favorable cost: benefit ratio

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C. Project Cost and Financial Information - Provide the financial details of the plan, including cost sharing/match and other possible funding sources. Please address how funds will be acquired. Give a financial overview and rough timeline for completion of the project. Please also address:

- How does the proposal envision and anticipate support from its beneficiaries or from other sources in addition to the funding requested here
- Would a loan reasonably address the needs of the applicant or, with a grant, should a recommendation be added to assess the future project status for ability to repay a portion of the grant?
- What is the ability of the sponsor to pay for the project?
- What actions have been taken to secure local funding?
- Are there supporting factors which overcome the sponsor's inability to pay? (These could be related to basin water needs and compact considerations).
- Can this project be physically built with this funding? Are further studies needed before actual construction is commenced (if the project anticipates construction)? Will these studies or additional steps delay the completion of the project substantially?

D. Project Sponsor/Accountability/Expectations – Each grant applicant will be assigned a Project Sponsor. The Project Sponsor(s) will be members of the CBRT representing the general geographical location of the project. The Project Sponsor will provide feedback and input to the grant applicant upon initial review of the application by the Grant Review Committee and Project Sponsor, ensuring that the project is aligned to meet the CBRT priorities and goals.

If the grant application is approved, the project representative(s) will be responsible for providing the Project Sponsor with a monthly progress memo one week prior to the CBRT meetings (see schedule below) and/or report to the CBRT at the bimonthly meeting.

To assist the Colorado Basin Roundtable in determining whether and to what extent a proposed project meets the priorities listed above, the following questions should be addressed separately as can reasonably be answered by the applicant.

1. What benefit(s) does the project provide? Are there multiple purposes? What waterbody(ies) will directly benefit from this project?

Note: this does not mean that a single purpose project would be rejected, but for major funding requests, addressing multiple use needs would be an advantage.

2. Outline the steps needed for completion of the project.

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3. What permit issues must be overcome, if any?
4. What alternatives to the proposed project have been considered? ? Are there water rights conflicts involving the source of water for the project? If so, please explain.
5. How has public input been solicited and is there local support for the project? Have the beneficiaries obtained funding, letters or other documentation to demonstrate support?
6. Is there opposition to the project? Is opposition documented in writing? If there is opposition, how have those concerns been addressed?
7. How does the project affect the protection and conservation of the natural environment, including the protection of open space?
8. What is the impact of the proposed action on other non-decreed values of the stream or river? Non-decreed values may include things such as non-decreed water rights or uses, recreational uses, environmental services such as pollution filtration & dilution, and soil/land conservation practices.
9. How does the project relate to **local** land use plans or development standards? If conflicts exist, how will these be addressed?
10. Identify any intrabasin conflicts and how they will be addressed. Will there be any injury to water users as a result of this project?
11. Identify any interbasin impacts and how any conflicts would be addressed.
12. How does the project support agricultural development or protect the existing agricultural economy?

Grant Application Timeline and Schedule - The following table provides the schedule for Colorado Basin Roundtable and Statewide Grant requests.

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Water Supply Reserve Account Funding Timeline (Colorado Basin Roundtable)

Basin Funding Request Due to CBRT	Due to CWCB	Statewide Funding Request CWCB Meeting/Review	Basin Funding Request CWCB Meeting/Review	CWCB Funding Decision (30 days after CWCB Meeting)
September 1	November 1		January	February
November 1	January 1	March	March	April
January 1	March 1		May	June
March 1	May 1		July	August
May 1	July 1	September	September	October
July 1	September 1		November	December