
WSRA Grant Workshop – Water Projects to Benefit Agricultural and Municipal Users

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Purpose

- Link available funds with projects that support basin priorities and goals.
- Grants that offer Projects and Methods to meet our consumptive and nonconsumptive gaps

Goals for Today

- CBRT and GBRT recruiting new projects
- Guidance and direction
 - Basin priorities
 - Grant application process
 - Evaluation criteria
- Feedback and input
- For starters, how did we get here?

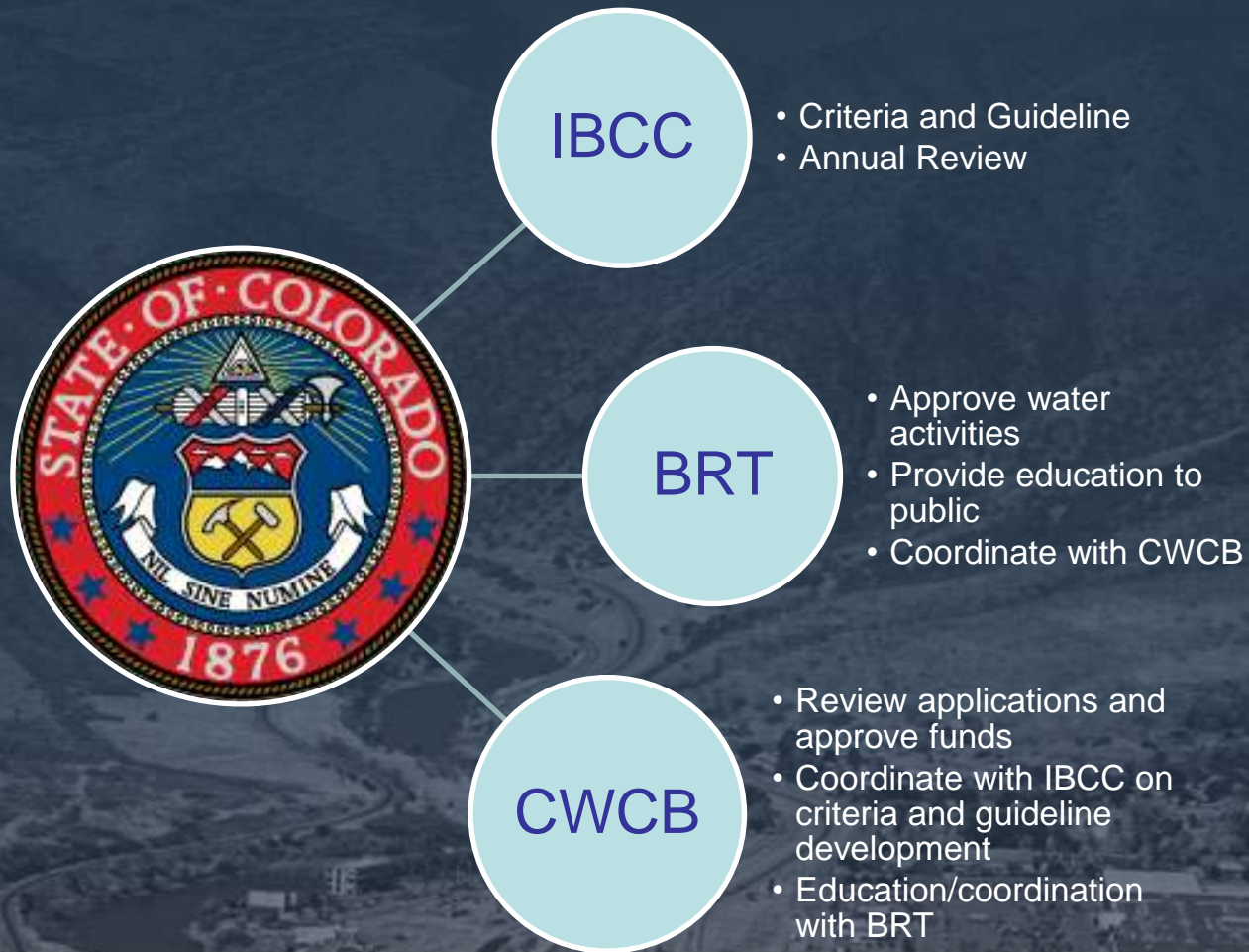
In the Beginning

- 2003 Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI 1)
 - Ensure that Colorado has an adequate water supply for our citizens and the environment (2030).
- 2005 House Bill 05-1177 – established roundtables
- 2006 Senate Bill 06-179 - created the Water Supply Reserve Account (Account)
- 2010 SWSI update resulting in the SWSI 2010 report - water supply and demand by the year 2050

WSRA Grant Program

- Competitive grants for environmental compliance and feasibility studies
- Technical assistance regarding permitting, feasibility studies and environmental compliance
- Studies or analysis of structural, nonstructural, consumptive and non-consumptive water needs, projects or activities
- Structural and nonstructural water projects or activities

Administration of Grant Program



General Grant Approval Process

- Grant application approved by Basin Roundtable
- CWCB makes final funding decision

Types of Grants

- Basin Account
 - CWCB evaluates against Threshold Criteria
- Statewide Account
 - Funds water activities from a basin roundtable on a competitive basis.
 - CWCB evaluates applications against
 - Threshold Criteria
 - Evaluation Criteria

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

Eligible Entities

- Public (Government)
- Public (Districts)
- Private Incorporated
- Private
- Non-governmental organizations
- Covered Entities* if a water conservation plan has been adopted.

Allocation of Funds

Statewide Account

- March and September CWCB Board meetings
 - Applications received 60 days prior
- Application
 - <http://cwcb.state.co.us/LoansGrants/water-supply-reserve-account-grants/Pages/BasinWaterSupplyReserveAccountGrants.aspx>
- Matching
 - 20% or greater match of total grant request from other sources, including but not limited to Basin funds
 - Minimum 5% match of total grant request from Basin funds required
 - In-kind services are eligible to meet this match requirement
 - Past expenditures within 9 months of the application date are eligible

Allocation of Funds

Basin Account

- Bimonthly CWCB Board meetings
 - Applications received 60 days prior
- Same application as Statewide grant requests
- Matching expectations vary among BRTs

Summary of Colorado Basin Grants and Balances

- Approved Basin Grants - \$1,428,830
- Total Basin Funds - \$1,891,559
- Basin Account Balance – \$462,729
- Approved State Grants - \$3,741,036

- Statewide Balance - \$4.6 million

Colorado Basin Roundtable Priorities

- Water Supply
- Multiple Benefits
- Water Rights
- Education
- Municipal and Industrial Efficiency
- Non-consumptive
- Agricultural
- Water Quality
- Economic

Projects and Methods
to meet our consumptive
and nonconsumptive gaps

Process

- Submit application (address information contained in the Supplement)
- Committee screens application
 - Roundtable Guidelines for Priorities
 - Supplement
 - Weighted Criteria Matrix
 - Recommendations to CBRT
- Project Sponsor
- Progress Updates/Final project presentation

Additional Project Funding Sources

- Water Project Loan Program
- Water Efficiency Grants
- Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund Grants
- Severance Tax Trust Fund Operational Account Grants
- Colorado Watershed Restoration Grants
- Agricultural Emergency Drought Response Program
- Alternative Agricultural Water Transfer Methods Grants
- Fish and Wildlife Resources Fund Grants
- Non-reimbursable Project Investment Grants

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/LoansGrants/Pages/LoansGrantsHome.aspx>