AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:
Funding Request; Western State Colorado University; Colorado Water Workshop

Action Requested: Discussion

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:
Please see the attached request for funding from WSCU. Also attached is a funding history for your reference.

Fiscal Impact: Varies

Submitted by: Katherine Haase for Matthew Birnie **Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ◉ Required ○ Not Required

Comments:

$4,000 is in 2014 budget for Sponshorships, Cultural & Recreational contributions. Historically have used about 2,000 for the 4-H Forever match from this line item. 2013 contribution to Water Workshop came from Discretionary Spending line item (3,000 in 2014 budget, 107 spent).

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 4/22/2014

County Attorney Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 4/22/2014

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 3

Agenda Date: 5/6/2014 Follow Up Agenda Date:

Revised April 2013

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOBBIE LUCERO

FROM: SALLY WILCOX, STAFF ACCOUNTANT SW

SUBJECT: WATER WORKSHOP FUNDING

DATE: APRIL 15, 2014

1996 – 1999	$1,000 CONTRIBUTION	REGISTRATION FEES WERE SHOWN IN 2 OF THE 4 YEARS
2001 – 2002	$1,000 CONTRIBUTION	
2003	$500 CONTRIBUTION	
2005	$1,250 CONTRIBUTION	
2007	$2,000 CONTRIBUTION	
2008-2009	$1000 CONTRIBUTION	
2013	$500 FROM DISCRETIONARY SPENDING	

Received
County Adminstration
4/7/14
cc: BOCC
M. Birnie

Colorado Water Workshop

Western State Colorado University

Mr. Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Gunnison County
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Dear Matt:

I am writing today to request your support for this year's Colorado Water Workshop at Western State Colorado University. Over the past 38 years, the Water Workshop has grown to be a trusted forum, where, in the words of Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregg Hobbs, "the whole water community shows up" for two days of thoughtful and forward-looking presentations on the most pressing issues of the day. This year's theme is ***"The People's Water"***. The theme was motivated by two significant events in the Colorado water community: 1) The state water plan, for which the Basin Roundtables have been preparing their individual plans. This bottom-up, "people's water" approach to the plan reflects an increasing democratization of water planning in the state. 2) The ongoing efforts to replace the Prior Appropriation Doctrine with the Public Trust Doctrine (as well as the ongoing efforts to resist that change).

The Workshop will be held ***June 18-20*** on the Western State Colorado University campus in Gunnison. (Note that this is a month earlier than in recent years.) Topics for this year's workshop include:

- The Colorado State Water Plan: Resolving Differences
- Prior Appropriation and the Public Trust
- Creative Water Arrangements: Preserving Colorado Agriculture
- Sharing the Colorado River
- Water Rights: Adjudication and Administration

In addition to our regular program, there will be a number of additional activities. Attorney Aaron Clay will present his popular ***Water Law in a Nutshell*** seminar on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning prior to the workshop. There will be a ***POND Networking*** reception at the ***Gunnison Arts Center*** to celebrate the Center's "Our River, Our Valley" project. At recent workshops, a large percentage of the participants were there for the first time. We hope that networking events like this, as well as a stimulating agenda, will further extend our reach. On Thursday morning, participants will choose one of the following excursions: Boat Tour into the Black Canyon, Rafting on the Lower Taylor, and a Ranch Tour. We moved the workshop to June to take advantage of the ***Gunnison River Festival***, which will be held over the weekend following the workshop. We hope that many attendees will stay over to take advantage of the fun and enjoy the valley's many superb recreational opportunities.

The Colorado Water Workshop is a not for profit enterprise, and would not exist without your generous support. There is widespread enthusiasm for the Water Workshop this year, and your sponsorship will reflect the value you place on education and balanced dialog on pressing water issues. Sponsorship will also demonstrate your leadership in the "water world," and your organization will benefit from prominent listing on the conference program, website, and other conference materials. Your pledge of support also comes with complimentary registrations according to the following contribution schedule:

Partners	$5,000 and up: 6 complimentary conference registration plus free display space
Grantors	$3,000 to $4999: 4 complimentary registrations plus free display space
Donors	$2,000 to $2,999: 3 complimentary registrations plus free display space
Benefactors	$1,000 to $1,999: 2 complimentary registrations plus free display space
Sponsors	$500 to $999:1 complimentary registration plus free display space

I offer my sincere gratitude for your consideration of sponsorship of this year's Colorado Water Workshop and for your generous support for past workshops. Checks may be made out to Colorado Water Workshop, Western State Colorado University, and sent to the ***Colorado Water Workshop, Western State Colorado University, 600 North Adams Street, Gunnison, CO 81231***. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

We look forward to hosting you this June.

Jeff Sellen, Director
(970) 943-3162; jsellen@western.edu; www.western.edu/water