AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Ratification of Grant Application; Upper Gunnison

Action Requested:

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Please see the attached grant application for ratification

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Josh Ost **Submitter's Email Address:** jost@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
No concerns. ln

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 3/2/2018

County Attorney Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
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Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\dBaumgarten Discharge Date: 3/2/2018 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ( ) No (●)

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\jost Discharge Date: 3/2/2018

(●) Consent Agenda ( ) Regular Agenda ( ) Worksession Time Allotted: 0

Agenda Date: 3/6/2018

Revised April 2015

UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

2018 GRANT APPLICATION

Date Received (for UGRWCD use only): _____

Project Title: Shady Island River Park

Applicant: Gunnison County

Contact Information:

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Phone: 970-641-0248 Fax: 970-641-3061 Email: jmessner@gunnisoncounty.org

Estimated Start Date: 4/2018 Estimated Completion Date: 12/2018

Amount of Funding Request: $20,000

Match Amount provided (all sources): $49,000

Total Project Cost: $69,000

Project Description: Please see attached for project summary and implementation plan

Project Summary:

The citizens of Gunnison County have consistently stated through the National Citizens Survey that quality of life and access to and participation in outdoor recreation is one of the primary reasons they choose to live and raise their families here. Information provided by the Gunnison/ Crested Butte Tourism Association has indicated it is also the very reason that visitors come here. River activities, whether it be for fishing, whitewater, SUP, wildlife watching are important part of these outdoor recreation opportunities. Currently public river access on the Gunnison River north of the City of Gunnison is very limited due to the amount of private land that borders the river. While there are a couple of walk in options for fishing short reaches of the Gunnison, riverboat access is limited to a dirtpatch on a CDOT right of way that is that is constantly overflowing with vehicles and trailers in an unsafe way onto the highway and does not offer room for important boat ramp infrastructure such as restrooms. The topography of the existing site also creates unsafe situations as it is very steep for parking and river access and does not offer acceleration or deceleration lanes onto State Hwy 135. In addition to being undersized and lacking appropriate infrastructure it also does not offer riverside recreation access for those on foot.

In an attempt to alleviate the current situation as well as improve overall river access for the citizens and visitors to Gunnison County, the county has secured a 12 acre parcel to the east of the existing boat tramp to create a new river boat access and riverside recreational amenities and infrastructure. This parcel was once a RV and fishing cabin development which in turn was purchased by a developer who subdivided it into 16 housing lots. Through a partnership with the developer the county was able to secure ownership of the parcel and is working with the Bureau of Reclamation and Colorado Parks and Wildlife to develop final funding and management plans. The county has developed a strong group of partners, which include the City of Gunnison, Western State Colorado University, Gunnison/ Crested Butte Tourism Association, Trout Unlimited, Gunnison Angling Society, local commercial outfitters and the Gunnison River Festival, to move forward with the design of this project. We are hoping to include the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District as on of those partners. A full and thorough public process will be held to allow the public to help in the design and planning for the project and to ensure the final product meets the needs and desires of our residents and visitors. While river access is the primary reason the property was acquired there are many possibilities for

how the whole of the property could be utilized. Nature trail systems, riparian, wildlife and instream habitat improvements, channel stabilization, trailer parking and turn around, restrooms, boat ramp, picnic structures, and easily accessible on foot fishing access are all part of the mix. There is a great opportunity to reclaim what had been a highly developed RV park and return a significant portion of it into its natural state and make it into a signature recreational amenity for Gunnison County.

Planning Process:

Scope Of Work:

Objectives:

- Develop and implement a public planning process for design of river park
- Contract with landscape/ recreation design firm to develop design and plan for the project
- Contract with fluvial geomorphology firm to develop plans, in cooperation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, to improve and rehabilitate riparian, wildlife and instream habitat on the property as well as improve channel stabilization
- Contract with engineering firm who in consultation with Gunnison County Public works will do the engineering plans for the infrastructure of the project
- Enter into and complete land use change process

Task 1

Description of Task:

Develop and implement a public planning process for design of river park.

Method/ Procedure:

Utilizing the Gunnison County Community Development Department staff develop and implement a public design process to determine design and utilization of the Shady Acres River Park property. This process will include multiple public meetings, charrettes, site visits and social media surveys to determine aspects the public would like to see incorporated into the design and planning of the project. Information will be provided to the public utilizing ads in local newspapers, county website and social media.

Deliverable:

Information gathered will be provided to landscape/ recreation design form to be included in the design and planning for the project.

Task 2

Description of Task:

Contract with landscape/ recreation design firm to develop design and plan for the project

Method/ Procedure:

Gunnison County in cooperation with the partners in the project will develop an RFP and go out to bid to choose a landscape/ recreation design firm who will develop design and plans for the project, incorporating input received from the public as to the amenities designed. The firm will work in cooperation with Gunnison Counties Community Development, Public Works and GIS departments.

Deliverable:

Design plans for the Shady Island River Park including construction and implementation costs

Task 3

Description of Task:

Contract with fluvial geomorphology firm to develop plans, in cooperation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, to improve and rehabilitate riparian, wildlife and instream habitat on the property as well as improve channel stabilization

Method/ Procedure:

Gunnison County in cooperation with the partners in the project will develop an RFP and go out to bid to choose a fluvial geomorphology firm to develop plans for the site. Plans should include analysis of existing site features in regards to riparian, wildlife and instream fish habitat and design for improvements of those habitats. Channel stabilization will be included in this design. The firm will work in cooperation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Deliverable:

Plans for riparian, wildlife, channel stabilization and instream fish habitat improvements including implementation costs.

Task 4

Description of Task:

Contract with engineering firm who in consultation with Gunnison County Public works will do the engineering plans for the infrastructure of the project

Method/ Procedure:

Gunnison County in cooperation with the partners in the project will develop an RFP and go out to bid to choose an engineering firm to develop plans for the site based upon the design plans and standards developed by the landscape/ recreation design firm as well as any engineering necessary for the fluvial geomorphology plans. Plans should include engineering for

infrastructure, traffic, water, sewer, utility, facility and amenity improvements and firm will work in coordination with Gunnison County Public Works.

Deliverable:

Plans for engineering of improvements to the site including implementation costs.

Task 5

Description of Task:

Enter into and complete Gunnison County land use change process

Method/ Procedure:

Gunnison County in cooperation with the partners in the project will create and submit a land use change application to be reviewed by the Gunnison County Planning commission. The land use change process will re-designate the property to open space/ park from residential and will allow review and input of the final plans from the public.

Deliverable:

Successful land use change permit

Needs/ Challenges:

In many ways the Gunnison River and its tributaries are the lifeblood of Gunnison County. Whether it is domestic, agricultural or recreational use, the river is a part of our everyday lives. Preserving the access and use of the Gunnison River has long been a priority of Gunnison County and the county has had the opportunity to work on numerous projects over the years with partners throughout the county on river and water projects. Some highlights include:

-Working with the City of Gunnison, GOCO, Western State Colorado University and the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District on the development of an instream whitewater recreational amenity, instream fish habitat improvement, a permanent irrigation diversion improvement as well as an instream recreational water right at the Gunnison Whitewater Park.

-Working in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and a private landowner to develop the Tomichi Creek State Wildlife Area.

-Working with the Federal Highway Administration and the US Forest Service to make improvements to river access on the Taylor River as part of the Taylor River Road paving project.

Staffing for the design and planning of the Shady Island River Park will primarily from the Gunnison County Community Development Department aided in part by both the Gunnison County Public Works Department as well as the GIS office. Currently Community Development is involved in a number of projects that include facilitating community discussions on land use projects. It would be anticipated that the Director would take the lead role in this process supported by staff within the

department. Most land use planning efforts require approx. 200 hours of staff time to implement the public process, land use change and aid in the design of a project. In addition to Community Development, staff and expertise from both Public Works (40 hours) and GIS (25 hours) will be utilized for this project. Colorado Parks and Wildlife would provide consulting in both wildlife and instream habitat improvement. Professionals from outside of the county offices would be contracted to aid in the design, engineering and planning for much of the project. These professionals would include expertise in landscape and recreation riverside amenity design, fluvial geomorphology and infrastructure engineering. Team members to date include:

John Messner: Gunnison County Commissioner
Cathie Pagano: Gunnison County Director of Community Development
Rachael Sabbato: Gunnison County Community Planner
Marlene Crosby: Gunnison County Director of Public Works
Michael Pelletier: Gunnison County GIS
J Wenum: Colorado Parks and Wildlife Area Wildlife Manager
Russ Forrest: Manager City of Gunnison
Landscape Design Firm: TBD through RFP process
Fluvial Geomorphologist: TBD through RFP process
Engineering Firm: TBD through RFP process
John Norton: Director Gunnison/ Crested Butte Tourism Association

Implementation:

After the public input process the county would develop an RFP and go out to bid to contract with a landscape/ Recreation architectural firm and a fluvial geomorphologist who in consultation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife would begin the design and planning process for the project. Once the initial plans are complete there will be an additional public process to garner feedback on the designs and final plans created. A RFP would then be developed for infrastructure engineering on the project in preparation for developing construction and implementation costs. Concurrent to this process the land would go through the county land use change process to allow for its use to be changed from residential to open space/ recreation and to analyze and mitigate for transportation, traffic and residential impacts. After the full planning and design process has been completed, funding for construction and implementation for the project would be sought for and secured with the goal of completing the overall project by Spring/ Summer of 2019. Designed implementation of this plan would be developed in a partnership with Gunnison County, the Bureau of Reclamation and Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

River access and the recreation that occurs around it is an essential part of the quality of life and the economy of Gunnison County and the State of Colorado. To date much of the river boat

access on the Gunnison River has been primitive and inadequate for the amount of use and in many ways has been an embarrassment to the river users both local and visitors. This project takes what once was a dilapidated brownfield eyesore and re-imagines it into a signature park and river amenity for both Gunnison County as well as the State of Colorado, creating new river access, recreational amenities and improved riparian, wildlife and instream habitat. In addition the property is connected to the North Gunnison trail system to add to the overall connectivity of outdoor recreation amenities throughout Gunnison County.

SHADY ISLAND RIVER PARK PRELIMINARY TIMELINE ESTIMATE:

TASK	Feb '18	Mar '18	Apr '18	May '18	June '18	JUL '18	Aug '18	Sep '18	Oct '18	No '18	Dec '18
Grant Notification GOCO		X									
Grant Notification UGRWCD		X									
Public Input Process		X	X								
RFP Design/ Planning			X								
RFP Fluvial Geomorphology			X								
Design/ Planning				X	X	X					
RFP Engineer						X					
Engineering Plans						X	X	X			
Land Use Change								X	X	X	
Close out										X	
Final Report											X

Shady Island River Park Planning Project Budget

	Source of Funds	Date Secured		GOCO Grant Request	Applicant Match ($)	Partner Match ($)	Total Funding ($)
CASH							
	GOCO Grant	*3/1/2018*		30,000.00			$30,000.00
	Gunnison County	*11/14/2017*			10,000.00		$10,000.00
	Upper Gunnison Water Conservancy District	*TBD*				20,000.00	$20,000.00
	Western State Colorado University	*12/15/2017*				1,500.00	$1,500.00
	City of Gunnison	*TBD*				2,500.00	$2,500.00
	Trout Unlimited	*1/5/2018*				1,000.00	$1,000.00
	Gunnison Angling Society	*11/15/2017*				500.00	$500.00
	Gunnison River Festival	*11/1/2017*				500.00	$500.00
	Gunnison/ Crested Butte Tourism Association	*11/14/2017*				1,000.00	$1,000.00
IN-KIND							
	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	*11/1/2017*				2,000.00	$2,000.00
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS				**$30,000.00**	**$10,000.00**	**$29,000.00**	**$69,000.00**

CASH	Use of Funds	Number of Units	Cost Per Unit	UGRWCD Funds	Applicant Funds	Partner Funds	Total Funding ($)
CATEGORY 1							$0.00
							$0.00
Gunnison County	Public planning process for design of river park			1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	$3,000.00
							$0.00
							$0.00
CATEGORY 2							$0.00
							$0.00
Landscape Design Firm TBD	Recreation/ Landscape design plans for river park to include construction and implementation costs			10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	$30,000.00
							$0.00
							$0.00
CATEGORY 3							$0.00
							$0.00
Fluvial Geomorphology Firm TBD	Plan for riparian, wildlife, channel stabilization and instream fish habitat improvements including implementation costs			9,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00	$16,000.00
							$0.00
							$0.00
CATEGORY 4							$0.00
							$0.00
Engineering Firm TBD	Plans for engineering for infrastructure			-	3,000.00	15,000.00	$18,000.00
							$0.00
							$0.00

USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL				**$20,000.00**	**$10,000.00**	**$37,000.00**	**$67,000.00**
IN-KIND	**Use of Funds**	**No. of Units / Hours / Acres**	**Cost Per Unit / Hour / Acre**	**GOCO Funds**	**Applicant Funds**	**Partner Funds**	**Total Funding ($)**
Professional Services							$0.00
Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Consultation with Fluvial Geomorphologist in developing riparian, wildlife and instream fish habitat plans	50.00	40.00			2,000.00	$2,000.00
							$0.00
Materials							$0.00
							$0.00
vendor/service provider							$0.00
Equipment							$0.00
							$0.00
vendor/service provider							$0.00
Land							$0.00
contributor							$0.00
							$0.00
	USE OF FUNDS - IN-KIND SUBTOTAL			**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$2,000.00**	**$2,000.00**
					$0	**$0**	**$0**
	TOTAL PROJECT COST			**$30,000.00**	**$10,000.00**	**$39,000.00**	**$69,000.00**

Maps and Photos:

Maps are of previous subdivision plan (not completed) and Google Map

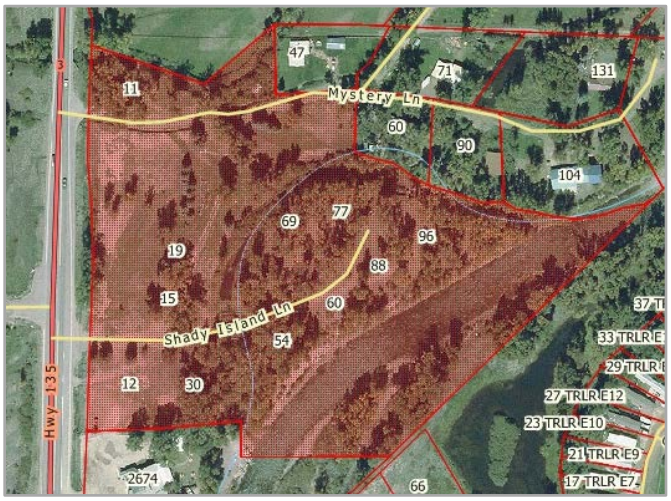
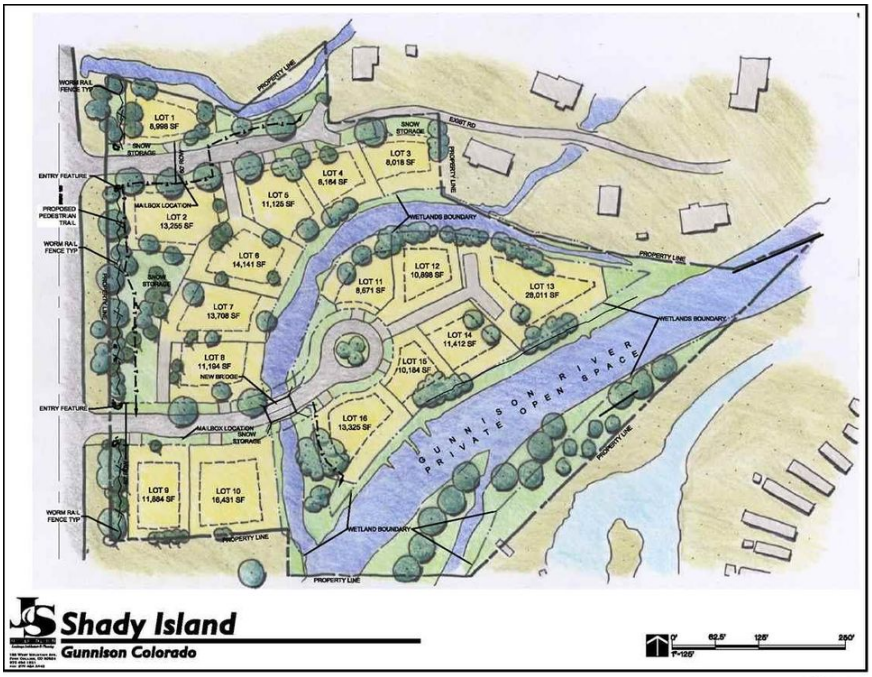


Figure 1: Property located at 2714 State Highway 135, Gunnison, CO 81230, formerly known as Shady Island Subdivision (shaded red).



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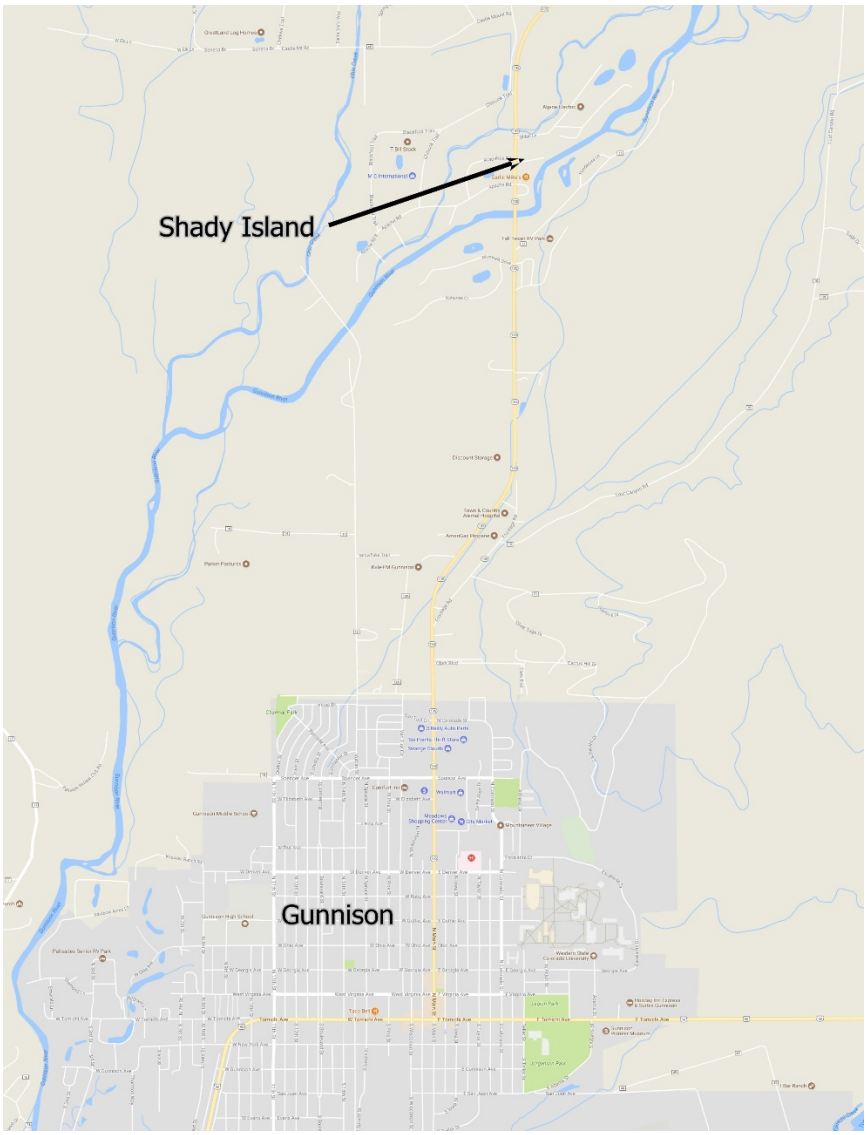

Locational Map