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2026 Grant Program Guidelines

GENERAL

The Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District (CCWCD) is a Title 37 special district primarily funded by a tax mill levy on Park County property taxes. CCWCD's Board of Directors retains the right, in its sole discretion, to approve, reduce or deny any grant request.

Projects must meet the mission of CCWCD to preserve, protect and defend the waters of Park County and contained within the boundaries of the district. Examples of projects include those that enhance water supply or water quality, improve stream conditions and habitat, or provide education on water quality and resources.

One-time funding is open to any organization or property owner that meets the criteria and is subject to review and approval of the CCWCD Board of Directors. This is an open competitive award for the calendar year 2026 and a minimum 1:1 ratio of matching funds is expected. Amounts available are subject to Board appropriation annually.

Application window: **EXTENDED!** – January 15, 2026 to close – ~~March 31, 2026~~ **Now-** May 1, 2026

The Application Form, reporting, budget, and funds request templates can be found on our website: www.centerofcoloradowater.com. The application must be complete (preferably typed but legibly printed is acceptable) in order for CCWCD to consider funding. All submitted application materials are considered public documents and become the property of CCWCD.

Submit application packet to Operations Manager Lisa Barden Brown at lisabccwcd@outlook.com, or mail to CCWCD, PO Box 1747, Fairplay, CO 80440.

Deadline to submit proposals is 5:00 pm Mountain Time, May 1, 2026. Proposals submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Eligible applications may be invited for a project presentation to the Board on May 13, 2026. Final decisions will be provided to applicants no later than June 10, 2026. Award and contract will be completed no later than July 1, 2026.

FUNDING/AWARD REQUIREMENTS

An approved application and subsequent funding will require:

- A signed agreement with CCWCD defining the grant, scope, timeline, budget, and any other funding requirements to be met.
- Meeting the goals/objectives of the project. Should a significant change in scope or budget arise, CCWCD will be notified as soon as possible for review and approval of the change.
- Submit any 'progress' or 'final' reports according to the agreed timeline.