AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Ratification of Grant Submission; Colorado Dept. o

Action Requested: Discussion

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: 4/15/2017 **Term Ends:** 9/30/2017 **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

Approve grant application to Colorado Dept of Agriculture for a summer seasonal position for the Weed Management Program

Fiscal Impact: $21,480 to County

Submitted by: Marlene D. Crosby **Submitter's Email Address:** mcrosby@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
Will request a budget amendment, County match is included in the 2017 adopted budget. Amount of requuest will fund up to 36 hours per week for 24 weeks. No concerns. ln

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 4/12/2017

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

Comments:
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Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\gstuhr Discharge Date: 4/13/2017 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ( ) No (●)

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 4/13/2017

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

Agenda Date: 4/18/2017

Revised April 2015

Gunnison County Weed District
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Phone: 970-641-4393 Fax: 970-641-0653
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December 31, 2016

The Gunnison County Weed Management Program is writing to express the full support for the creation of the Upper East River Valley Collaborative Project (UERVC). The UERVC will greatly contribute to the reduction of noxious weed species through education and awareness raising, and from “on the ground” treatments. The Gunnison County Weed Management Program has worked closely with the Crested Butte Land Trust, the town of Mt. Crested Butte, and the town of Crested Butte for several years, and is confident expressing that the collaboration of these entities will greatly increase and maintain the health of our ecosystems, economy, and quality of life in Gunnison County.

Each of these organizations are actively involved in the collaboration and planning of noxious weed management efforts throughout the valley. The creation of the UERVC would allow for all involved parties to collaborate beyond jurisdictions and land boundaries. This creation will permit the establishment of the most efficient approach to limiting the spread of noxious weed species, mitigation of noxious species, and a valley wide educational forum.

With the hire of a seasonal employee, Gunnison County owned right of ways will be part of the scope of work within the Upper East River Valley. The additional staff will contribute to an estimated 28 acres of weeds treated on County-owned and maintained properties and rights of way, and 51 acres in state highway rights of way in the Upper East River Valley throughout the 2017 growing season.

The Gunnison County Weed Management Program is pleased to offer: 1) Provide CDA-required technician training for seasonal employee from mid-April to early May. By the time the weed management efforts of the Towns and CB are underway in early to mid-May, all state-required training for an "Applicator Technician" will be completed and the seasonal employee will have the skills necessary to be a valuable contributor to the weed management efforts of the 4 partnering organizations. Estimated value: $2000. 2) Field and office equipment and materials for the seasonal employee's use while working under the direction and supervision of the Gunnison County Weed Management Program. Estimated value: $2000. 3) Staff oversight and management of seasonal employee for one day every other week for 24 weeks. Estimated value: $1200. Total Gunnison County in-kind and cash contribution: $5200.

The Gunnison County Weed Management program eagerly anticipates collaborating on the UERVC project, and is looking forward to the opportunity to increase our cross- boundary management efforts.

The Gunnison County Weed Management Program
Co-Coordinators: Jon Mugglestone & Bradley Wigginton

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State Noxious Weed Fund Grant Application

Important: Before completing this application form, please read the instructions in the RFP.
Form Must Be Opened In Adobe Reader or Pro In Order To Save Responses

Project Name	Upper East River Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area Seasonal Employee				
Project Manager/ Contact, and Title	Jon Mugglestone & Bradley Wigginton, Co-Coordinators, Gunnison County Weed Management Program				
Organization	Gunnison County				
Address	200 E. Virginia Ave.				
City	Gunnison	State	CO	Zip Code	81230
Phone Number	9706414393	Fax Number	9706410653		
Email	jmugglestone@gunnisoncounty.org; bwigginton@gunnisoncounty.org				

Project Overview

Proposed Start Date (*click in box to use drop down calendar*)	Apr 15, 2017	Proposed End Date (*click in box to use drop down calendar*)	Sep 30, 2017	Grant Request Amount (*no $ or, e.g. 12345*)	**$21,280**

Brief Description of Project

The Towns of Crested Butte, Mt. Crested Butte, the Crested Butte Land Trust and the Gunnison County Weed Management Program are all actively working to implement noxious weed management efforts in the Upper East River Valley. Each of these organizations is actively involved in collaboration and planning of noxious weed management efforts through their participation in and contributions to the Gunnison Basin Weed Commission. However, each has primarily planned and implemented field-based noxious weed management, education and enforcement efforts independent of one another in their respective jurisdictions and land holdings in recent years. We propose to collectively hire and manage a seasonal employee during the 2017 growing season that will be shared among these four organizations, not only to assist each in better meeting their individual weed management objectives on the lands that each manages, but also to more effectively collaborate in ensuring that we are meeting shared goals for weed management in the Upper East River Valley. A shared seasonal employee will greatly contribute to meeting all involved organizations weed goals and allow for timely weed mitigation efforts that will keep noxious weeds at a manageable level throughout the East River Valley. Knowing that noxious weeds do not honor jurisdictional or property boundaries, and recognizing the different objectives, goals and approaches to managing weeds that our organizations have taken in recent years, we are aware of the need to more effectively coordinate our efforts. A seasonal employee shared among our four organizations will allow each of us to better collaborate and communicate with our neighbors in a cost-effective way in order to ensure that we are all helping each other meet our goals for noxious weed management. We are requesting $17,280 for salary for the seasonal employee ($18/hour x 40 hours/week x 24 weeks) and $4000 for the rental of a vehicle from Gunnison County's fleet for the seasonal employee to use during the term of employment.

In the table below, please enter the species and total acres proposed for treatment in this grant. Don't worry about density, gross acres is fine. You can add as many rows as you need.

Species (common name)	List	Private Land	Local Gov't	State (CPW)	State (SLB)	National Forest	BLM	NPS	Other Federal	Tribal
scentless chamomile	Other List B	10	30		15					
Canada thistle	Other List B	10	20		10					
oxeye daisy	Other List B	5	10		5					
yellow toadflax	Other List B	5	10		5					
houndstongue	Other List B	2	5		1					
absinth wornwood	Other List B	2	5		1					
leafy spurge	List B eradicate				1					
cypress spurge	List A				0.25					
musk thistle	Other List B	3	1		2					
yellow sweetclover		2	5		10					
	ACRE TOTALS	39	86		50.25					

Project Evaluation Criteria

The fields below will expand to fit the amount of text entered. However you must tab (or click) out of the box for it to expand and fully display the text entered.

Compliance with Noxious Weed Act:

For local governing entity applicants, are you currently in compliance with the Act, or do you plan to be in compliance with the Act by the end of the grant period?

Compliance With Noxious Weed Act

Now	By End Of Grant Process	
☒	☐	Adopt and administer noxious weed management plan covering entire jurisdiction.
☒	☐	Appointed local advisory board.
☒	☐	Actively working on eradicating List A and selected List B species.
☒	☐	Directly or indirectly managing public ROWs.

Please summarize the specific, measurable project objectives/activities that will be funded by this grant. These should be measurable objectives that can be used to evaluate your project's effectiveness at the end of the grant. (Example: We will complete two rounds of herbicide treatment (spring and fall) on all targeted weed species between June and September.)

The four participating organizations will plan to employ a shared seasonal employee in the following ways in order to meet weed management objectives:

The Town of Mt. Crested Butte will manage a seasonal employee for 2 days each week, and will expect this person to:

1. Inspect private land for violations and formally contact the property owners of these violations on behalf the Town.
2. Help manage weeds on Town property by pulling and spraying. A goal of 28 acres of weeds treated on Mt. Crested Butte properties and rights of way will be set.

The Town of Crested Butte will manage a seasonal employee for 2 days each week, and will expect this person to:
1. Help manage weeds on Town property by pulling and spraying. A goal of 28 acres of weeds treated on Town of Crested Butte properties and rights of way will be set.
2. Develop educational materials to raise awareness of noxious weeds among residents.
3. Organize and implement a community weed-pull and education event to raise awareness of noxious weeds within the Town of Crested Butte.

The Crested Butte Land Trust will manage a seasonal employee for 1 day every other week, and will expect this person to:
1. Hand pull and spot spray small to medium weed populations on several of its conserved lands in the Slate River Valley, as well as the recently conserved Snodgrass parcel.
2. Hand pull and spot spray trail corridors (all within the Slate River Valley and adjacent to the Mt. CB Recreational Path). A goal of 39 acres of weeds treated on CB Land Trust properties will be set.
3. Land Trust seeks to reduce outlying populations of five targeted List B species (Houndstongue, Canada thistle, Musk thistle, Scentless Chamomile, and Oxeye daisy) throughout 711 conserved acres by 50% come 2018, and to completely eradicate all five species by 2020.

The Gunnison County Weed Management Program will manage a seasonal employee for 1 day every other week, and will expect this person to:
1. Assist us in increasing our staff's noxious weed management efforts in the Upper East River Valley. Recognizing the prevalence of infestations of numerous state-listed noxious weed species on County-managed lands and rights-of way in the Upper East River Valley, a shared seasonal employee will allow us to increase staff time in order to more effectively manage noxious weeds on lands bordering those of our partners. A goal of 28 acres of weeds treated on County-owned and maintained properties and rights of way and 51 acres in state highway rights of way in the Upper East River Valley will be set.
2. Assist the Gunnison County Weed Management Program in beginning to establish a 2-mile yellow sweetclover-free "buffer" on County-managed lands around the Towns and CBLT properties. In order to protect ecological, economic and aesthetic resources, the Towns of Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte have included management of yellow sweetclover in their weed management plans. Though this plant is not included in Gunnison County's Weed Management Plan, we recognize the need to honor the decisions of our neighboring jurisdictions to manage this plant and to take steps to prevent it from spreading from County-managed lands into the jurisdictions of the Towns, or onto CBLT-managed lands.

Describe the importance of the project (locally, regionally, state-wide), the selected species, and why it should be considered a high priority for funding.

The Upper East River Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area:Seasonal Employee, Is a high priority for weed mitigation and educational awareness raising efforts. Federal, state, county and municipal and non-profit agencies are implementing comprehensive invasive plant management plans across the region, but in order to successfully mitigate infested areas and to control the spread of noxious plant species, these agencies would greatly benefit from the help of a seasonal employee for their efforts to better aid in cross boundary management.

Preventing noxious plant species from reaching new areas and becoming established can be the most effective means of control. If the Upper East River Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area were to successfully manage a seasonal employee, the potential of greatly reducing infested areas, keeping noxious species at a manageable level, and increase the resiliency of our landscapes would grow exponentially.

Describe management goals for List A species in this project. Please include the targeted eradication year. Please also include your short- and long-term plans, timeline for elimination based on past and potential results,measurable milestones used to evaluate your progress towards elimination (for example, 25% population reduction by next year, 50% in the following year, and elimination 3 years from now), and future efforts beyond the scope of this grant period. *(If not-applicable type N/A.)*

The only known occurrence of a List A weed species in the project area is small population (approximately 20'x20') of cypress spurge in the Colorado Highway 135 right of way approximately 1 mile south of Crested Butte. This population is being treated on an annual basis by the Gunnison County Weed Management Program, and is targeted for elimination by 2020. Our goal for 2017 will be to reduce this occurrence of cypress spurge by 50%.

Describe management goals for proposed List B species subject to elimination in the county/counties affected by this project. *Please include your short- and long-term plans, timeline for elimination based on past and potential results, measurable milestones used to evaluate your progress towards elimination (for example, 25% population reduction by next year, 50% in the following, and elimination 3 years from now), and future efforts beyond the scope of this grant period.*
(If not-applicable type N/A.)

With the addition of a staff member that is shared among the Cooperative, treatments made on the list B species bull thistle, will

be a high priority. The Upper East River Valley Cooperative will aim at reducing bull thistle by 35% during the 2017 growing season and 50% the following season. Total elimination of bull thistle is set for 2020.

Describe management goals for other List B species, and any List C species. Please include your long-term plans, timeline for elimination based on past and potential results,measurable milestones used to evaluate your progress towards elimination (for example, 25% population reduction by next year, 50% in the following, and elimination 3 years from now), and future efforts beyond the scope of this grant period. (If not-applicable type N/A.)

Species included in the table below are all common in the East River Valley corridor:

Species	Management Status	2017 Goal
Absinth Wormwood	Contain	50% reduction
Bull Thistle	Eliminate 2020	35% reduction
Canada Thistle	Suppress	10% reduction
Oxeye Daisy	Contain	35% reduction
Scentless Chamomile	Contain	10% reduction
Yellow Toad flax	Contain	10% reduction
Houndstongue	Contain	25% reduction
Yellow sweetclover	Eliminate per Weed Management Plans of Towns of CB, Mt. CB, suppress in surrounding areas	

All treatments made on above species are aimed at effectively shrinking containment and suppress areas within the Upper East River Valley. Any and all outlying populations will be a priority for control for protecting our unique habitats within the Upper East River Valley.

Does your project employ an integrated weed management strategy? If so, please describe the various management tools that you will use and how you decided that this strategy will be the most effective. If grazing will be used, please specify the timing and frequency, and describe its expected effectiveness. (*If you are not using an IWM strategy type N/A.*)

Yes. Each of the partners has implemented an IWM strategy on the lands and rights of way they manage, and will expect the seasonal employee to adhere to those plans. Spraying, pulling, mowing, and re-seeding are all aspects of the IWM approches that may be used to manage weeds.

If your project has a prevention (EDRR) or education function or component, please describe what it entails, and what outcomes you expect to achieve. *(If not-applicable type N/A.)*

EDRR: Continued progress toward eradication of the List A plant cypress spurge along Highway 135 south of Crested Butte. Education: The seasonal employee will be tasked with developing and implementing and educational, community-based weed pulling day. This person will also work closely with the Towns of CB and Mt. CB to increase awareness raising and enforcement efforts.

Describe any partnership/s that exist for this project, including the responsibilities and contributions of each partner. Please include how long the partnership/s have existed, and describe their value to you in terms of achieving your management goals. (*If this is a single-applicant project type N/A.*)

Partnerships between the Town of Crested Butte, Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Crested Butte Land Trust and the Gunnison County Weed Management Program have been ongoing for many years through participation in quarterly meetings of the Gunnison Basin Weed Commission, which was established in 1991. The Gunnison County Weed Management program has provided weed management services on a contract basis for the Town of CB and Mt. CB since that time. These partnerships have been mutually beneficial to each of these organizations in achieving our management goals. While the Gunnison County Weed Management Program has enjoyed the opportunity to assist the Towns in meeting their noxious weed management goals through the years, funding provided by the Towns for weed management services has allowed the Gunnison County Weed Management Program to therefore fund weed management efforts in other areas of the Gunnison Basin.

Through this proposal, we hope to take our partnership to a higher level of cooperation in order to more effectively meet our individual and shared objectives. We also recognize the high value of the partnership of the Crested Butte Land Trust in this partnership. The proximity of CBLT's conserved lands to those managed by the County and municipalities, as well as the critical ecological, recreational, economic and aesthetic value of those lands makes the CB Land Trust a critical partner in this proposal.

This project will require the four participating organizations to work in close partnership with one another. While each

organization will be solely responsible for managing the work of a shared seasonal employee when that person is working within their jurisdiction, we all recognize the need to cooperate in scheduling work and setting goals in a manner that allows us all to better meet individual weed management objectives while also meeting shared goals. We recognize that in order to efficiently and effectively employ a shared seasonal staff person, while also ensuring that person has a positive working and learning experience, will require each of our organizations to effectively coordinate and communicate throughout the term of his or her employment.

The contributions of each organization in meeting matching requirements will be as follows:

Gunnison County Weed Management Program:
1. Provide CDA-required technician training for seasonal employee from mid-April to early May. By the time the weed management efforts of the Towns and CB are underway in early to mid-May, all state-required training for an "Applicator Technician" will be completed and the seasonal employee will have the skills necessary to be a valuable contributor to the weed management efforts of the 4 partnering organizations. Estimated value: $2000
2. Field and office equipment and materials for the seasonal employee's use while working under the direction and supervision of the Gunnison County Weed Management Program. Estimated value: $2000.
3. Staff oversight and management of seasonal employee for one day every other week for 24 weeks. Estimated value: $1200.

Total Gunnison County in-kind and cash contribution: $5200

Town of Mt. Crested Butte:
1. $3360 in cash matching funds
2. Field and office equipment and materials for the seasonal employee's use while working under the direction and supervision of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte. Estimated value: $2000.
3. Staff oversight and management of seasonal employee for two days each week for 24 weeks. Estimated value: $4800.

Total Town of Mt. CB in-kind and cash contribution: $10160

Crested Butte Land Trust:
1. Field and office equipment and materials for the seasonal employee's use while working under the direction and supervision of the Crested Butte Land Trust. Estimated value: $2000.
2. Staff oversight and management of seasonal employee for one day every other week. Estimated value: $2000.

Total Crested Butte Land trust in-kind and cash contribution: $3200

Town of Crested Butte:
1. $8000 in cash matching funds
2. Field and office equipment and materials for the seasonal employee's use while working under the direction and supervision of the Town of Crested Butte. Estimated value: $2000.
3. Staff oversight and management of seasonal employee for two days each week. Estimated value: $4800.

Total Town of Crested Butte in-kind and cash contribution:

Do you have assurances from project participants that they are committed, formally or informally, to sustaining noxious weed control efforts on the lands they own or manage? This includes cost-share recipients and/or local, state or federal land managers? Please describe the types of agreements, if any, that are in place (including informal "handshakes" to MOUs, MOAs, to contracts). ***(If you have no formal or informal agreements type N/A.)***

If this proposal is funded, an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Crested Butte, Mt. Crested Butte, Crested Butte Land Trust and Gunnison County will be established in order to ensure clear communication and coordination in managing a shared seasonal employee. This MOU will elucidate the responsibilities of each organization in managing a shared seasonal employee, list each organization's commitment of cash and in-kind matching resources to ensure the equitable contributions of each organization, include an overall Plan of Work (please see included draft Plan of Work) for the employee during the 2017 growing season, and ensure open lines of communication in making sure that individual organizations' goals, as well as collective objectives, are effectively accomplished.

Is this the first time you've applied for state weed funds as an organization, or for your county or jurisdiction? Please describe your start-up goals and funding needs (short-term, including this grant application, and longer-term needs as well). (*If this is an established program or partnership, type N/A.)*

Gunnison County, the Town of Mt. Crested Butte and the Crested Butte Land Trust have each applied for and received state weed funds in recent years.

Please include any other information you wish us to consider in reviewing your grant application. (*optional*)

ATTESTATION

ALL APPLICANTS PLEASE SIGN:
Your electronic signature below indicates your agreement with the following statements.

By typing my name in the following box I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements and data in this application are complete, true, and correct. In addition, I have thoroughly read the instructions and guidelines described in the RFP.

Printed Name and position title	
Signature (*type /s/ your name*)	
Date	

Deadline for receipt of applications is January 11, 2016 @ 5 p.m.

Please email all forms to:

steve.ryder@state.co.us

2016 BUDGET FORM FOR NWF PROPOSALS

PROJECT NAME: Upper East River Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area Seasonal Employee

Enter grant-paid expenses in left column, and all matching contributions in the remaining columns. Grey-out and summary cells cannot be edited.

		MATCHING FUNDS						
DESCRIPTION	**NWF FUNDS REQUESTED**	APPLICANT CASH	APPLICANT IN-KIND	PARTNER CASH	PARTNER IN-KIND	OTHER CASH	OTHER IN-KIND	**MATCH TOTAL**
CASH EXPENSES								
Seasonal hourly wage: $18/hour x 40 hours/week x 24 weeks	$17,280			$11,360				$11,360
Rental of Gunnison County Fleet Vehicle	$4,000							$0
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IN-KIND ITEMIZATION								
Gunnison County Equipment Use & Materials			$2,000					$2,000
Gunnison County Staff - Training, management & adminsistration			$3,200					$3,200
Town of Mt. CB - Equipment Use & Materials			$2,000					$2,000
Town of Mt. CB Staff - Management and oversight			$4,800					$4,800
Town of CB - Equipment Use & Materials			$2,000					$2,000
Town of CB - Management & oversight			$4,800					$4,800
CB Land Trust - Equipment Use & materials			$2,000					$2,000
CB Land Trust - Management & oversight			$2,000					$2,000
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								$0
TOTALS (BY COLUMN)	**$21,280**	**$0**	**$22,800**	**$11,360**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$34,160**
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AMOUNT OF NWF GRANT REQUEST:	**$21,280**							
REQUIRED MINIMUM MATCH:	**$21,280**							
PROPOSED MATCH:	**$34,160**							