

CWCB Flood Recovery Grant Program

The Colorado Water Conservation Board has approved a \$1.65-million grant for flood recovery purposes, with Northern Water acting as the fiscal agent to administer the Program under the purview of the CWCB.

Grant awards can fund up to 75 percent of project costs that are not reimbursed from other funding sources, up to \$25,000 per project for technical services, or up to \$20,000 per project for shovel-ready projects. Water users may be awarded a maximum of \$100,000 for any combination of up to five projects.

Eligible applicants

Eligible applicants include agricultural, domestic, municipal, and/or industrial water users in the South Platte River basin impacted by the September 2013 floods. Neighboring water users are encouraged to work collaboratively to minimize costs and cooperatively address river re-channelization or relocation.

Eligible projects

The purpose of this grant is to provide “seed money” for restoration and rehabilitation projects by facilitating document preparation required for CWCB or other loan applications that are necessary to fund the full cost of needed repairs, and to fund initial construction to assist efforts to get back online temporarily or permanently. Grants could be used to further determine the best course for restoring the river channel.

Examples of allowable projects for this short-term assistance may include, but are not limited to, technical assistance for and/or construction of:

- Stream re-channelization
- Diversion structures
- Headgates
- Conveyance structures
- Pipelines
- Ditch repair or cleanup

Timing: Application review and award cycle

Northern Water will begin accepting applications on October 14, 2013. Applications, whether hard copy or electronic, must be received by Northern Water before 4:30 PM on the deadline date. The application and review process will repeat every two weeks until grant funds are exhausted. The table below shows these dates, with an example of four cycles.

Example Grant Application Cycle Schedule*

Application cycle	Applications received by:	Reviewed beginning the week of:
1	4:30 PM, October 25, 2013	October 28, 2013
2	4:30 PM, November 8, 2013	November 11, 2013
3	4:30 PM, November 22, 2013	November 25, 2013
4	4:30 PM, December 6, 2013	December 9, 2013

****Because cycles are to continue until funds are exhausted, the actual number of cycles could be less or more based on availability of funds.***

Contact information and forms

Find more information about the grant program, including the application form and instructions, by:

- Visiting Northern Water’s website, www.northernwater.org
- E-mailing FloodRecoveryGrantProgram@northernwater.org
- Calling Jerry Gibbens or Amy Johnson at Northern Water, 800-369-7246