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### **Colorado River District's Annual Grant Program Open for Applications**

*District-funded grants assist projects that protect, enhance or develop Western Slope water resources*

**Glenwood Springs, Colo.** The Colorado River District announced the opening of its annual grant program tomorrow, December 1, and is inviting constituents within the 15-county District to apply for funding to assist with projects that protect, enhance or develop water resources on the Western Slope.

Since the creation of the grant program in 1998, the River District has awarded more than \$3.7 million to Western Slope water projects. The program provides financial assistance for proposed and even recently completed water projects through a competitive application and review process. Awards are made on a cost-sharing basis with River District funding typically providing about 25% of total project costs.

“This program is an important part of our commitment to protecting the Western Slope’s water resources for our constituents,” said **Hunter Causey, Water Resources Engineer and Grant Program coordinator at the Colorado River District**. “We’re excited to open the 2018 application process and encourage folks to review the application forms and guidelines as soon as possible. We are available to help.”

Past projects funded by the District have included the construction of new or enlarged water storage projects, rehabilitation of water resource structures, such as diversion and conveyance facilities, implementation of water efficiency measures, and other related watershed improvements within the River District.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. on January 31, 2018. Interested applicants can review the application, guidelines and policies at [www.ColoradoRiverDistrict.org/grant-program](http://www.ColoradoRiverDistrict.org/grant-program). For additional information, please call 970-945-8522 to reach Hunter Causey or Alesha Frederick or email [grantinfo@crwcd.org](mailto:grantinfo@crwcd.org).

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