



Date: May 28th, 2024

To: Mayor Kudron and the Trustees

From: Kim White, Community Development Director

RE: Request to Permit the Town Staff to Apply to the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Grant for Environmental Water Resources Projects

Purpose:

To permit Town Staff to pursue an application to request funding to implement the Storm Water Management Plan in progress. To apply for the [this funding](#) Town Staff requires letter of support from the Board of Trustees.

Background:

In February of 2023, the Town of Grand Lake, in cooperation with Three Lakes Watershed Association “TLWA team”, having received a grant from the Grand Foundation to complete a multi-phased stormwater management plan to improve stormwater runoff in the northern region of Town before it enters Shadow Mountain Reservoir and Grand Lake, wishes to apply for the upcoming grant cycle to fund phase two of this project. The goal of the 2022-2023 grant was for the analysis and development of a stormwater management plan and creation of supporting construction documents. These plans were reviewed during the workshop session of today’s meeting.

Staff would like direction to apply for the WaterSmart grant which, if awarded, would cover the cost of to construct the proposed stormwater solutions with 25% match from the non-Federal funds. Staff would work with Three Lakes Watershed Association to write the application, and apply for any matching funding to reduce out of pocket costs to the Town.

Suggested Action:

1. I move to direct staff to prepare a letter of support for Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Grant for Environmental Water Resources Projects from the Board of Trustees to be signed by the Mayor.
2. I move to deny the request.