

Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative - Water Development Funding FY20 (7/1/2019-6/30/2020)

Introduction:

Here in Utah, the country's second driest state, available water for both livestock and wildlife often represents a critical and limiting factor in securing the maximum and proper use of Utah's range lands, forests, and woodlands. This WRI funding opportunity has been developed to help fund range, forest and woodland water developments that can enhance grazing management principles (e.g. livestock distribution, time, timing and intensity of grazing) as well as to help wildlife.

Purpose:

Provide funding for water development projects in Utah on Federal, State and private lands. Projects must demonstrate a benefit to one or more of the following:

Watershed Health and Biological Diversity

Water Quality and Yield for all Uses

Opportunities for Sustainable Uses of Natural Resources

General Requirements:

Eligible Applicants: State/Federal natural resource managers, State/Federal grazing permit holders; Private landowners with associated public land grazing permits; wildlife, agriculture, or natural resource oriented non-profit groups.

Public Benefit: All projects proposed must demonstrate a benefit to public resources such as wildlife, water quality/quantity, watershed health, etc.

Project Type: Funding can be used for range, forest and woodland water developments including: spring developments, guzzlers, pipelines, water troughs, solar/wind water wells, water catchments/ponds, etc. Funds can be used for new water development as well as repair/improvement of existing under-performing and non-functioning water developments. General maintenance needs of existing water developments will not be considered for funding at this time.

Project Preference:

Preference will be given to projects that assist permittees who are currently hauling water to make use of their allotments or that have had no use in portions of their allotment because of the lack of water. Projects that improve livestock distribution to alleviate pressure on sensitive areas such as riparian resources, culturally sensitive areas or other important habitat needs will also be given a higher preference. See full project prioritization score sheet for further details.

NEPA and Cultural Resource Compliance: Projects on Federal lands must comply with all National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements prior to funding and project completion.

All projects on both State and Federal lands must comply with applicable cultural resource laws prior to funding and project completion.

Water Rights: Projects must show the required water rights have been secured for each water development location and that coordination with the proper State and Federal land management agencies has been completed prior to project funding and completion. Water right numbers to be utilized must be listed in the project proposal.

Match Requirement: 25 percent match requirement on private lands and 10 percent match requirement on State and Federal land. Match may be a combination of in-kind and landowner/permittee/partner funding.

Maintenance Plan: Projects must identify long term maintenance needs and responsibilities following project completion. Preference will be given to proposals with adequate/workable maintenance plans.

Application/Funding Period:

Application will be accepted from March 20th, 2019 to April 30th, 2019

Funding will be available July 1, 2019 and must be expended by June 30, 2020

Application Basics:

Project proposals can be submitted through Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative's project tracking site at: <https://wri.utah.gov/wri/>

Applications will include 14 multi-point narrative section questions; project budget details; species and habitat benefiting section and a detailed project location map. Please select "UWRI-Water Development Fund" as the funding source for all applications. Assistance with proposal development and entry is available if needed.

Funding available:

Total available for FY20 = \$2,000,000

Contract/Reporting Requirement:

Funding will be available on a reimbursement basis following completed inspections of progress to date. Up to 75 percent of matched funds may be given before final completion of the project. Final funding contingent upon inspection of completed project.

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