

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 77-24

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CITY SUPPORT FOR THE COLORADO RIVER
CORRIDOR INITIATIVE (RCI) MASTER PLANNING PROCESS AND COMMITTING
CITY GRANT MATCH FOR AND IN SUPPORT OF THE COLORADO WATER
CONSERVATION BOARD WATER PLAN GRANT**

RECITALS.

The Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative (RCI) is a community-driven initiative focused on supporting and maintaining a healthy river corridor and the associated needs, uses, and values for generations to come.

The RCI was formed in 2020 to address the acute need for enhanced coordination, planning, and collaboration on river corridor-related activities.

A Core Team leads it with representatives from RiversEdge West, Colorado Mesa University, and American Rivers. Representatives from all four local jurisdictions (Grand Junction, Fruita, Palisade and Mesa County) agreed that a letter of support from each to serve as an agreement to plan collaboratively along the Grand Valley River Corridor and to move forward with a multi-jurisdictional River Master Plan. The City Council approved this letter of support July 3, 2024.

The RCI is requesting a Letter of Support supporting the Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative (RCI) in applying for a grant to accomplish the next phase of the River Corridor Initiative (RCI) master planning process.

The grant is through the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Water Plan grant program, and a local match is required and is being requested.

The grant application is due December 1, 2024. If awarded, these funds will be used to accomplish a master plan of the Colorado River and Gunnison River corridors running through the Grand Valley.

The local matching funds requested from the City of Grand Junction for the grant is 40% with the remainder split among Mesa County, the City of Fruita and the Town of Palisade. The City of Grand Junction match requested includes a cash match of \$36,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO that:

- By and with this Resolution the City Council expresses its support for the Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative (RCI) in applying for a grant to accomplish the next phase of the River Corridor Initiative (RCI) master planning process.

- The City will provide the cash match of \$36,500 representing 40% of the overall match required for the project.

Passed and adopted this 6th day of November 2024.



Abram Herman
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk

