RESOLUTION NO. 104-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COLORADO WATER PLAN GRANT APPLICATION FOR DESIGN OF THE JUNIATA RESERVOIR STORAGE ENLARGEMENT, COMMITTING CITY MATCHING FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING A MATCHING-FUNDS COMMITMENT LETTER

RECITALS:

A. The City of Grand Junction owns and operates Juniata Reservoir as part of its municipal raw-water supply system, providing storage essential to reliable water service.

B. A March 27, 2026, draft conceptual design memorandum prepared by AECOM evaluates an enlargement of approximately 1,000 acre-feet and identifies a technically feasible configuration for advancement through further investigations, engineering design, and regulatory review.

C. The proposed grant-funded design phase includes geotechnical and dam-safety investigations; engineering of the dam, spillway, saddle dam, and appurtenant facilities; water-rights and supply-reliability evaluations; regulatory coordination; and design documents and updated construction cost estimates. Enlargement construction is not part of this grant request.

D. The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) administers Colorado Water Plan Grants, including the Water Storage and Supply category, which can support planning and engineering design for additional water storage.

E. The City proposes a preliminary design-phase budget of $850,000, comprising a grant request of up to $600,000 and a City cash matching contribution of $250,000 (approximately 29.4 percent of total estimated design costs).

F. The City will obtain professional engineering services through its applicable procurement process after grant award; the future design fee and tasks will be subject to that process and an approved CWCB grant agreement.

G. The City Council finds that advancing engineering design for a potential Juniata Reservoir storage enlargement serves a public purpose and wishes to formally commit the City matching funds and authorize documentation of the commitment to CWCB.

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

1. **Grant Application.** The City Council authorizes the City Manager or designee to apply to CWCB for up to $600,000 under the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program, Water Storage and Supply category, for engineering design of the Juniata Reservoir Storage Enlargement Project.

2. **City Cash Match.** The City Council commits $250,000 in City cash matching funds from the Water Fund for eligible design-phase project expenditures associated with a preliminary $850,000 project budget, if the CWCB grant is awarded and an acceptable grant agreement is executed.

3. **Matching-Funds Commitment Letter.** The City Manager is authorized to sign and submit to CWCB a City matching-funds commitment letter confirming the $250,000 cash contribution, its funding source, and the design-phase purpose, consistent with this Resolution. This Resolution and the executed letter may be provided with the grant application as evidence of the City's commitment.

4. **Grant Administration and Procurement.** If the grant is awarded, the City Manager is authorized to execute the grant agreement and related administrative documents. Professional engineering services shall be procured under applicable City purchasing procedures. Grant-funded work shall not commence before the grant agreement is effective and required authorizations have been obtained. This Resolution does not authorize enlargement construction.

5. **Changes in Funding or Scope.** If a reduced grant award, procurement results, or a material scope change would increase the City's $250,000 commitment or otherwise require additional approval under applicable City requirements, the matter shall be returned for the necessary authorization.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 18th day of November 2026.

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Laurel Lutz
President of the City Council

ATTEST:

Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk