

## RESOLUTION NO. 42-18

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A BUREAU OF RECLAMATION GRANT FOR WATER MARKETING, DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION STUDIES

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado that:

The City of Grand Junction by, with and through this Resolution of the City Council supports the WaterSMART Water Marketing Strategy Grant application that the City of Grand Junction has made to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR.) The application will assist the City in studying marketing, development and utilization of the City's water resources.

The BOR provides assistance to states, tribes and local governments to conduct planning activities to develop water marketing strategies that establish or expand water markets or water marketing activities between willing participants, in compliance with state and Federal laws.

In accordance with the grant purposes, the City Utilities Department proposes to develop a water marketing strategy for its water rights portfolio. The water rights to be evaluated include but are not limited to conditional and absolute rights in the Kannah Creek basin as well as water rights in the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers.

Study and planning activities which will be supported by the grant will include review of all of the City's existing water rights and quantification of the firm yield of the City's primary municipal water supply in comparison to projected water demands. Engineering studies will be conducted to evaluate options for supplying water during peak demand and emergency conditions and the infrastructure needed to improve the reliability of the system.

Once the future needs of the municipal water system are fully evaluated and determined, the City will identify water rights that may be available for other uses. The water marketing strategy, as a component of the overall development and utilization strategy, will help ensure drought resiliency for municipalities in the Grand Valley as well as facilitating possible support of agriculture in the Kannah Creek and Lower Gunnison basin, where there is a projected shortage of 116,000 acre feet per year by 2050, through temporary leases or other mechanisms.

The City staff is seeking Bureau of Reclamation grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 over a period of 2 years. The City Council of the City of Grand Junction authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations, including established deadlines, of any Grant awarded.

If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement with Bureau of Reclamation for the Water Marketing Strategy grant program.

The City staff has recommended that the City Council support the grant application and if awarded that the grant be utilized for the important purposes of continuing to carefully manage the water resources.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018



Barbara Traylor Smith  
President of the Council

ATTEST:



Wanda Winkelmann  
City Clerk

