**2024 WATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**Small Water Project Program**

The purpose of the Small Water Project Program (SWPP) is to participate with land management agencies and sponsoring entities in providing incentives for improving watershed condition and function. Projects eligible for grant funding assistance include the construction or rehabilitation of small reservoirs, wells, pipelines and conveyance facilities, springs, solar platforms, irrigation works, windmills, wetland developments, environmental (as defined in the Criteria), rural community fire suppression, and recreational. Projects should improve watershed condition and function, and provide benefit for wildlife, livestock and the environment. Projects must also benefit the public. Public benefits may be provided from improved:

* Water quality
* Riparian habitat
* Water supplies to support plant and animal species
* Habitat for fish and wildlife
* Natural resource conditions

Refer to the operating criteria of the SWPP which provides the Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) and the Wyoming Water Development Office (WWDO) with general standards for evaluating and prioritizing applications for funding from the SWPP:

http://wwdc.state.wy.us/small\_water\_projects/SWPPopCriteria.html

Applications to this program must be received by November 15 of each calendar year. Applications meeting criteria requirements will be considered during the regularly scheduled WWDC and Select Water Committee meetings in March.

# APPLICATION

1. Project Name

2. Applicant – Name of Entity 3. Phone 4. Date

5. Physical Address (Street Address)

6. City 7. County 8. State 9. Zip Code

10. Mailing Address (If Different From Above)

11. Primary Contact Person (Type or Print Name) 12. Phone 13. Email

14. Authorized Official (Type or Print Name) 15. Signature of Authorized Official 16. Date

*\*By signing the above the sponsor understands and agrees with the conditions set forth in the operating criteria of the Small Water Project Program.*

*If the application was prepared by someone other than the contact person, please provide the following:*

17. Name 18. Affiliation 19. Phone 20. Email

## 21. Project Components *(Please identify all applicable components.)*

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| **Type1** | **Quantity** | **New Development** | **Rehabilitation** | **Latitude**  ***(Required)*** | **Longitude**  ***(Required)*** |
| Small Reservoir |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Well |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Solar Platforms |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Pipeline |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Tank |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Spring Development |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Wetland |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Environmental |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Irrigation |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Windmill |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Rural Community Fire Suppression |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |
| Recreational |  | 🞎 | 🞎 |  |  |

1. The project types listed in the above table will be considered eligible as defined by the Small Water Projects Program Criteria. Environmental projects are defined as those that provide for stream bank stability, water quality improvements, or erosion protection.

## 22. Legal Description *(Optional)*

Township Range Section Quarter Section

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## 23. Project Description

Planning for Small Water Projects may be generated by a WWDC watershed study. Provide all information necessary to accurately describe the proposed project and its eligibility per operating criteria. Additional information may be attached to this application as necessary.

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## 24. Public Benefit

Wyoming statute 99-3-1903(k)(viii)(c) and 99-3-1904(m)(viii)(c) requires all Small Water Project Sponsors to substantiate the public benefit that is to be derived from the proposed project. Please provide all information necessary to accurately document public benefit from the proposed project. Additional information may be attached as necessary.

## 25. Project Participants

Please list all project participants (e. g.: District, NRCS, WWNRT, BLM, Landowner, etc.), and their type of participation (e.g.: technical, financial, project oversight, etc.).

**26.** Who is the owner of the project?

**27.** Who owns the land on which the project is to be built?

**28.** How many acres will benefit from this project?

**29.** What is the total estimated project cost?

**30.** Was the project specifically identified in a WWDC Watershed Study? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

If yes, what was the name of the study? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## 31. Project Readiness

Projects that have completed the following requirements prior to application may request a “Shovel-Ready” designation and may be considered as a funding priority at the Commission’s discretion:

* Project designs and specifications
* Permit procurement
* State and federal agency notifications
* Land procurement, right of way, or easement acquisition
* Have finalized all other financial agreements

**31a.** Is the project seeking “Shovel-Ready” Status? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

If No, then please continue to question # 32. The Project Sponsor Checklists described in question #31b are not required at this time if you are not seeking a shovel ready designation.

**31b.** If yes, please complete and attach the Project Sponsor Checklist, Well Evaluation, and Hydrologic Evaluation forms that are available at the following website:

http://wwdc.state.wy.us/small\_water\_projects/small\_water\_project.html

Additionally, please list all supporting documentation for a Shovel-Ready designation that is being attached. (If the Sponsor is not seeking a Shovel-Ready designation, this section may be left blank.)

## 32. Sage Grouse

Is the project located in a Sage Grouse Core Area or within ¼ mile from an active lek? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

**33. Project Location Map**

A project site map is required for application consideration. Please attach a project site map to this application and submit both documents on or before November 15th.