

## UGRWCD MAKES 2022 FUNDING ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARDS



Pass Creek - Ohio Creek Modernization Project (*Photo by Jesse Kruthaupt*)

The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD) voted Monday night to award over **\$306,001** to organizations and individuals in the Upper Gunnison Basin for projects that will enhance water supply or improve stream conditions. Projects awarded included efforts to improve water system supply and efficiency, delivery structure or system improvements, restoring or enhancing riparian habitat, and addressing water quality. These were a diverse group of projects throughout the Upper Gunnison Basin. Here is a breakdown of project amounts awarded by sub-basin:

- Tomichi Creek       \$80,000
- Gunnison River     \$34,000
- Lake Fork           \$7,500
- Quartz Creek       \$12,000
- Slate River          \$40,000
- East River           \$26,071
- Ohio Creek           \$43,500
- Municipal           \$25,000
- Basinwide Projects \$37,930

All recipients were required to provide a 50 percent cost match and their projects had to be consistent with the District's purpose, mission, and objectives.

This year's funding distribution the largest since the program originated in 2009.

“The Grant Committee was very impressed with the number and quality of the grant applications that we received this year,” said Sonja Chavez, general manager. “The District Grant program is a prime example of the District’s allocation of tax revenues as a direct benefit to water users in the District. Plus, I am delighted to report that these grant funds are being leveraged 3:1 from other sources through the required match.”

The UGRWCD Funding Assistance Program follows an annual cycle with applications due in February each year. If you have a water project in mind, please call the District at (970) 641-6065 to schedule a consultation.