



The District provided a Mini-Grant for interpretive signage at the Gunnison Elementary School.

UGRWCD ACCEPTING MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR \$500

Are you a 4-H leader taking your club to the river to teach them more about stream flows? Are you a pre-school instructor leading a coloring project about shutting off the water while brushing teeth? Are you an author writing a poetry book about the psychological benefits streams and lakes can provide? Or maybe you are a home-school teacher instructing your students about weather and its impact on the watershed. Did you know that all these scenarios could potentially qualify for funding through the District's Mini-Grant program?

The Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District has hosted a Mini-Grant program since 2014 to support educational projects designed to expand awareness of water-related issues in the Upper Gunnison Valley. Grant requests may be up to \$500. The application process consists of submitting a simple two-page application which includes a description of the program; the dollar amount of funding requested and any other sources of funding; a short, simple budget; the number of participants in the program; and, how the program will meet the goal of expanding water awareness. At the completion of the program, the District requests a short paragraph of the outcome of the program, copies of photos or video taken during the program and copies of receipts

of expenditures for the program. The whole application and reporting process should take applicants less than an hour to complete.

Anyone currently engaged in education and outreach activities within the Upper Gunnison River watershed (upstream of Blue Mesa Dam) is eligible to apply for a Mini-Grant. Individuals and private groups may apply, as applicants are not required to be a non-profit entity. This includes school or university faculty, homeschools, preschools, art centers, watershed groups, clubs, or other resource organizations with a strong water connection or message. RE1J Watershed School District and Western State Colorado University students developing and teaching water curriculum as part of a class may also apply.

"I'm delighted to report that we have seen the Mini-Grant program continue to grow these past nine years," said Sue Uerling, the District's administrator of the Mini-Grant program. "The District has now funded a wide variety of programs and projects ranging from a recent art show at the Gunnison Arts Center, to signage for the Whitewater Park, to a workshop on soil health. We encourage applicants to be creative and think outside the box seeking to expand awareness of water issues and our watershed."

There are no deadlines for submitting applications. The District accepts applications year-round. For complete details and the application, please click on the following link: <https://ugrwcd.org/mini-grants/>



*Artist Colt Maule explains his art exhibit
Funded in part by a Mini-Grant.*



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