

## **BRCC Grant Application Summary**

### **Billy Justus, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)**

USGS is seeking \$132,000 to complete a study to determine why filamentous algae is increasing in the Buffalo River. USGS is contributing \$88,000, and the estimated completion date is September 30, 2022.

### **Janice Larson, Mayor of Jasper**

The City of Jasper is seeking \$120,000 (or any portion possible) to purchase a historic building, the Old Buffalo Theater, in Jasper to serve as an information center and provide ADA accessible restrooms for the public. A portion of the building may be rented to vendors to help offset maintenance and utilities. The City of Jasper will apply for an Arkansas Historic Preservation Grant and seek private donations to pay for renovation costs. May 31, 2021 is the estimated completion date.

### **Robert Byrd, USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services (WS)**

APHIS is requesting \$100,000 for feral hog eradication efforts across the Buffalo River Watershed. Funds would be used to implement a coordinated feral swine damage management plan, conduct aerial and ground eradication operations, and collect samples to monitor the prevalence of pathogens and parasites. USDA APHIS WS will contribute \$150,000, and the project completion date is June 30, 2022.

### **Darryl Treat, Greater Searcy County Chamber of Commerce**

Requesting \$5,000 to purchase 250 trees. A majority of the trees would be given to Searcy County residents, and the Chamber would plant some in public areas around the county. The Chamber will be responsible for the distribution to the public and will supply the labor for planting on public sites.

### **Amit Kumar Sinha, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB)**

Seeking \$75,000 to conduct a study to identify strategies to control algal blooms in the Buffalo River. No other funds are being contributed, project completion date is estimated to be November 30, 2021.

### **Courtney Smith, Judsonia**

Project Description: "We'll see."

Requested Amount: \$5,000

### **Larry Bowers, Jonesboro**

Project Description: "Food, water, and rent."

Requested Amount: \$5,000

### **Raymond Subik, Jasper**

Project Description: "The Buffalo River is a National River...considered high quality water resources and to help monitor water quality."

Requested Amount: \$3,000

### **Juwana Stewart, North Little Rock**

Project Description:

Requested Amount: \$150

### **Denzel Stevenson, Hot Springs**

Project Description:

Requested Amount: 01