

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

IF EITHER REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES EXCEED \$100,000, USE THE LONG FORM.

Under the Local Government Audit Law (Section 29-1-601, et seq., C.R.S.) any local government may apply for an exemption from audit if neither revenues nor expenditures exceed \$750,000 in the year.

EXEMPTIONS FROM AUDIT ARE NOT AUTOMATIC

To qualify for exemption from audit, a local government must complete an Application for Exemption from Audit EACH YEAR and submit it to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA).

Any preparer of an Application for Exemption from Audit-SHORT FORM must be a person skilled in governmental accounting.

Approval for an exemption from audit is granted only upon the review by the OSA.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THIS FORM

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE OSA WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE ACCOUNTING YEAR-END.

FOR EXAMPLE, APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OSA ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31 FOR GOVERNMENTS WITH A DECEMBER 31 YEAR-END. APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY SHOULD BE REPORTED ON THE MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS
PROPRIETARY ACTIVITY SHOULD BE REPORTED ON A BUDGETARY BASIS

POSTMARK DATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF SUBMISSION ON OR BEFORE THE STATUTORY DEADLINE

PRIOR YEAR FORMS ARE OBSOLETE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ON FORMS OTHER THAN THOSE PRESCRIBED BY THE OSA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

FOR YOUR REFERENCE, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES CAN BE FOUND AT:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/Colorado/>

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FULLY AND ACCURATELY COMPLETED.

CHECKLIST



Has the preparer signed the application?

Checkout our web portal. Register your account

FILING METHODS

Register and submit your Applications at our web portal! For faster processing the web portal is the preferred method for submission

WEB PORTAL: <https://apps.leg.co.gov/osa/lg>

**MAIL: Office of the State Auditor
Local Government Audit Division
1525 Sherman St., 7th Floor
Denver, CO 80203**

Please Note: The OSA's email addresses have changed as of December 1, 2023. Please ensure you are using the email address noted below.

QUESTIONS? Email: osa.lg@coleg.gov OR Phone: 303-869-3000

IMPORTANT!

All Applications for Exemption from Audit are subject to review and approval by the Office of the State Auditor.

Governmental Activity should be reported on the Modified Accrual Basis

Proprietary Activity should be reported on the Cash or Budgetary Basis

Failure to file an application or denial of the request could cause the local government to lose its exemption from audit for that year and the ensuing year.

In that event, AN AUDIT SHALL BE REQUIRED.

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS

BennT Creek Regional Water Authority
10450 E 159th Court
Brighton, CO 80602

For the Year Ended
12/31/23
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL

Jimmy Oge
(303) 882-7529
jimmy@wspcos.com

PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am skilled in governmental accounting and that the information in the application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

NAME:
TITLE
FIRM NAME (if applicable)
ADDRESS
PHONE

Jimmy Oge
District Accountant

10450 E 159th Court, Brighton, CO 80602
(303) 882-7529

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

DATE PREPARED

DocuSigned by:
Jimmy Oge
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4/5/2024

Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types

GOVERNMENTAL
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)



PROPRIETARY
(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)



PART 2 - REVENUE

REVENUE: All revenues for all funds must be reflected in this section, including proceeds from the sale of the government's land, building, and equipment, and proceeds from debt or lease transactions. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar
2-1	Taxes: Property (report mills levied in Question 10-6)	\$ -
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ -
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ -
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -
2-10	Charges for services	\$ -
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -
2-13	Investment income	\$ -
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ -
2-15	Debt proceeds (should agree with line 4-4, column 2)	\$ -
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -
2-20	Donations	\$ -
2-21	Other (specify): Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 70
2-22	Contribution - Town of Bennett	\$ 24,000
2-23	Contribution - Todd Creek Village Metropolitan District	\$ 24,000
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 48,070

Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

EXPENDITURES: All expenditures for all funds must be reflected in this section, including the purchase of capital assets and principal and interest payments on long-term debt. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar
3-1	Administrative	\$ 1,418
3-2	Salaries	\$ -
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -
3-4	Contract services	\$ -

Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations

PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

- | | | Yes | No |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4-1 | Does the entity have outstanding debt?
If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4-2 | Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain below:
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;">The Authority currently has no Debt</div> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4-3 | Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain below:
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive numbers)	Outstanding at end of prior year*	Issued during year	Retired during year	Outstanding at year-end
General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lease & SBITA** Liabilities [GASB 87 & 96]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements

*Must agree to prior year-end balance

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

- | | | Yes | No |
|---------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4-5 | Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | How much?
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%;">\$ -</div> | | |
| | Date the debt was authorized:
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> | | |
| 4-6 | Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | How much?
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%;">\$ -</div> | | |
| 4-7 | Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | What is the amount outstanding?
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%;">\$ -</div> | | |
| 4-8 | Does the entity have any lease agreements? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | What is being leased?
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> | | |
| | What is the original date of the lease?
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> | | |
| | Number of years of lease?
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> | | |
| | Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | What are the annual lease payments?
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%;">\$ -</div> | | |

Part 4 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/comments or attach separate documentation, if needed

PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes

No

6-1 Does the entity have capital assets? Yes No

6-2 Has the entity performed an annual inventory of capital assets in accordance with Section 29-1-506, C.R.S.,? If no, **MUST** explain: Yes No

The Authority does not have any capital assets

6-3

Complete the following capital & right-to-use assets table:

	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions (Must be included in Part 3)	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*must tie to prior year ending balance

Part 6 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/comments or attach documentation, if needed:

PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes

No

7-1 Does the entity have an "old hire" firefighters' pension plan? Yes No

7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan? Yes No

If yes: Who administers the plan?

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	\$ -
State contribution amount:	\$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -

What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan

PART 9 - TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

- | | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9-1 | Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?
Note: An election to exempt the government from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the government from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All governments should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If no, MUST explain:

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

- | | | Yes | No |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10-1 | Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?
If yes: Date of formation: <input style="width: 450px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10-2 | Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?
If yes: Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name: <input style="width: 600px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10-3 | Is the entity a metropolitan district?
Please indicate what services the entity provides: <input style="width: 600px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10-4 | Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?
If yes: List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided: <input style="width: 600px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10-5 | Has the district filed a <i>Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status</i> during
If yes: Date Filed: <input style="width: 450px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10-6 | Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?
If yes: Please provide the following <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts): | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Bond Redemption mills	-
General/Other mills	-
Total mills	-

Yes	No	N/A
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NEW 2023! If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed on or after 7/1/2000, has Yes No N/A

PART 11 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

YES

NO

12-1 If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy?

Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures Policy and Procedure

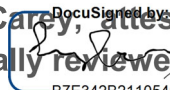

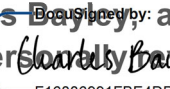
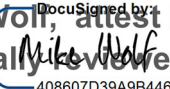
Policy - Requirements

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as DocuSign or Echosign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

- The preparer of the application is responsible for obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 29-1-604 (3), C.R.S., that states the application shall be personally reviewed, approved, and signed by a majority of the members of the governing body.
- The application must be accompanied by the signature history document created by the electronic signature software. The signature history document must show when the document was created and when the document was emailed to the various parties, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.
- Office of the State Auditor staff will not coordinate obtaining signatures.

The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards note their approval and submit the application through one of the following three methods:

- 1) Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.
- 2) Submit the application electronically via email and either,
 - a. Include a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, **or**
 - b. Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as DocuSign or Echosign in accordance with the requirements noted above.

Print the names of ALL members of current governing body below.		A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must sign below.
Board Member 1	<p style="text-align: center;">Print Board Member's Name</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tony Carey</p>	<p>I <u>Tony Carey</u>, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.</p> <p>Signed <u></u> <small>DocuSigned by: B7E342B21105497...</small></p> <p>Date: <u>4/5/2024</u></p> <p>My term Expires: <u>May 2027</u></p>
Board Member 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Print Board Member's Name</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Martin Metsker</p>	<p>I <u>Martin Metsker</u>, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.</p> <p>Signed <u></u> <small>DocuSigned by: 43EB4A13E4AD471...</small></p> <p>Date: <u>4/5/2024</u></p> <p>My term Expires: <u>May 2027</u></p>
Board Member 3	<p style="text-align: center;">Print Board Member's Name</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Charles Bayley</p>	<p>I <u>Charles Bayley</u>, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.</p> <p>Signed <u></u> <small>DocuSigned by: F16886991FBE4DD...</small></p> <p>Date: <u>4/5/2024</u></p> <p>My term Expires: <u>May 2025</u></p>
Board Member 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Print Board Member's Name</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mike Wolf</p>	<p>I <u>Mike Wolf</u>, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.</p> <p>Signed <u></u> <small>DocuSigned by: 408607D39A9B446...</small></p> <p>Date: <u>4/8/2024</u></p> <p>My term Expires: <u>May 2025</u></p>
Board Member 5	<p style="text-align: center;">Print Board Member's Name</p>	<p>I _____, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit.</p> <p>Signed _____</p>

EXAMPLE - DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PAGE

This sample resolution/ordinance for exemption from audit is provided as an example of the documentation that is required. The wording may be used as a basis for your own local government document, if needed; however you MUST draft your own ordinance or resolution making any changes where applicable. Legal counsel should be consulted regarding any questions.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 20XX FOR THE **(name of government)**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **(governing body)** of **(name of government)** wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provision of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

[Choose 1 or 2 below, whichever is applicable]

(1) WHEREAS, neither revenue nor expenditures for **(name of government)** exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 20XX; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **(name of government)** has been prepared by **(name of individual)**, a person skilled in governmental accounting, and

OR

(2) WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for **(name of government)** exceeded \$750,000 for Fiscal Year 20XX; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **(name of government)** has been prepared by **(name of**

EXAMPLE - DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PAGE

Mayor/President/Chairman, etc.

ATTEST:

Town Clerk, Secretary, etc.

Type or Print Names of
Members of Governing Body

Date
Term
Expires

Signature

