

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT - *SHORT FORM* - FOR GOVERNMENTS WITH REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF \$100,000 OR LESS

Name of Government:	Sweetgrass Metropolitan District No. 1	For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011 or fiscal year ended:
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**PLEASE READ THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS
BEFORE SUBMITTING THE COMPLETED
APPLICATION**

Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., outlines the provisions for an exemption from audit. Generally, any local government for which neither revenues nor expenditures exceed \$500,000 in any fiscal year may qualify for an exemption. **If either revenues or expenditures are \$100,000 or greater, but not more than \$500,000, you may NOT use this form. Please use the LONG FORM of this application. If both revenues and expenditures are less than \$100,000 individually, use this short form application for exemption from audit.**

Please review ALL instructions prior to the completion of this form.

Instructions:

1. Prepare this form completely and accurately. Please note that there are 11 parts to this form, and all questions must be answered for the application to be considered complete.
2. File this form with the Office of the State Auditor within **3 months** after the end of the fiscal year. For years ended December 31, the form **must** be received by the Office of the State Auditor by **March 31**.
3. The form **must** be completed by an independent accountant (separate from the entity) with knowledge of governmental accounting.
4. The application must be personally reviewed and approved by a majority of the governing body as evidenced by one of the following methods:
 - a. Resolution of the governing body - application may be emailed, faxed, or mailed.
 - b. Original signatures - application must be mailed. Email or fax will NOT be accepted.
5. The **preparer must sign** the application that is submitted in order for it to be accepted.
6. Additional information may be attached to the exemption at the preparer's discretion.

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:	Kevin Collins
Title:	Independent Accountant
Firm Name (if applicable):	CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
Address:	8390 E Crescent Parkway, Suite 600, Greenwood Village, CO 80111
Telephone Number:	303-779-5710
Date Prepared:	February 15, 2012

Preparer Signature (Required): The application will be rejected if not signed by the preparer.
SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

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	(Omit cents)
2-1	Taxes: Property	\$ -
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	\$ -
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -
2-17	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -
2-18	Fire and police pension	\$ -
2-19	Donations	\$ -
2-20	Other (specify): Transfer from Sweetgrass Metropolitan District No. 2	\$ 36,440
2-21	Transfer from Sweetgrass Metropolitan District No. 3	\$ 36,000
2-22		\$ -
2-23	TOTAL REVENUE all sources	\$ 72,440

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES		
	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	(Omit cents)
3-1	Administrative	\$ 501
3-2	Salaries	\$ -
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -
3-4	Contract services	\$ -
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -
3-6	Insurance	\$ 1,858
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 35,103
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -
3-9	Supplies	\$ -
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ -
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -
3-13	Public health	\$ -
3-14	Culture and recreation	\$ -
3-15	Utility operations	\$ -
3-16	Capital outlay	\$ 7,489
3-17	Debt service principal	\$ -
3-18	Debt service interest	\$ -
3-19	Contribution to pension plan	\$ -
3-20	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -
3-21	Other (specify): Transfer to Sweetgrass Metropolitan District No. 2	\$ 15,493
3-22	Transfer to Sweetgrass Metropolitan District No. 3	\$ 3,771
3-23		\$ -
3-24		\$ -
3-25	TOTAL EXPENDITURES all categories	\$ 64,215

Note: If *Total Revenue* (Line 2-23) or *Total Expenditures* (Line 3-25) are greater than \$100,000 - **STOP**. You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Audit - Long Form".

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?	X	
If yes:	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, please explain: Developer advances will be paid as funds become available. Current year's developer advances consist of unpaid accrued interest converted to principal.		X
	Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable:		
	General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -
	Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -
	Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -
	Leases	\$ -	\$ -
	Developer Advances	\$ 1,716,467	\$ 1,862,608
	Other (specify): Accrued interest	\$ 153,950	\$ 150,733

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.		Yes	No
4-2	Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt?	X	
If yes:	How much?	\$ 161,250,000	
	Date the debt was authorized:	2005	
4-3	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year (2012)?		X
If yes:	How much?	\$ -	

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.		Yes	No
4-4	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?		X
If yes:	What is the amount outstanding?	\$ -	

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.		Yes	No
4-5	Does the entity have any lease agreements?		X
If yes:	What is being leased?		
	What is the original date of the lease?		
	Number of years of lease?		
	Is the lease subject to annual appropriation?		
	What are the annual lease payments?	\$ -	

PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.		Amount	Total
5-1	Checking accounts	\$ 17,152	
5-2	Savings accounts	\$ -	
5-3	Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
	Total Cash Deposits		\$ 17,152
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
5-4		\$ -	
5-5		\$ -	
5-6		\$ -	
5-7		\$ -	
	Total Investments		\$ -
	Total Cash and Investments		\$ 17,152

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box.		Yes	No
5-8	Are the entity's deposits in an eligible (Public Deposit Protection Act) public depository (Section 11-10.5-101, et seq. C.R.S.)? If no, please explain:	X	

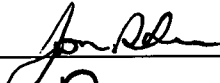

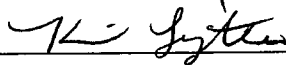
PART 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS					
Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.		Yes	No		
6-1	Does the entity have land, buildings, and/or equipment?		X		
If yes:	Has the entity performed an annual inventory of property and equipment (capital assets) in accordance with Section 29-1-506, C.R.S.? If no, please explain:				
Complete the following table:		Balance - Beginning of the year	Additions	Deletions	Year-End Balance
	Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other (explain): Construction in progress	\$ -	\$ 7,489	\$ 7,489	\$ -

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" firemen's pension plan?		X	
7-2	Does the entity have a volunteer firemen's pension plan?		X	
If yes:	Who administers the plan?			
	Indicate the contributions from:			
	Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	\$ -		
	State contribution amount:	\$ -		
	Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -		
	What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 1?	\$ -		

PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION				
Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.		Yes	No	
8-1	Did the entity file a 2011 budget with the Department of Local Affairs? If no, please explain:	X		
If yes:	Please indicate the amount appropriated for each fund for 2011:			
	Fund Name	Budgeted 2011 Expenditures		
	Amended General Fund	\$ 80,000		
	Debt Service Fund	\$ 15,000		
	Capital Projects Fund	\$ 6,000		

PART 9 - TAX PAYER'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)]? If no, please explain:	X		
	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.			

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION			
Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes:		Yes	No
10-1	Is the entity a newly formed governmental entity?		X
If yes:	Date of formation:		
10-2	Is the entity a metropolitan district?	X	
10-3	Please indicate what services the entity provides: Water, streets, traffic and safety controls, parks and recreation, and sewer.		
10-4	Does the entity have an agreement with another governmental to provide services?	X	
If yes:	List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided: Facility Connection & Services Agreement with Sweetgrass Metropolitan District Nos. 2 and 3; District covenants with City of Dacono, Colorado.		
10-5	Has the district filed a Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status during the year? [Applicable to Title 32 special districts only, pursuant to Sections 32-1-103 (9.3) and 32-1-104 (3), C.R.S.]	Yes	No - N/A
If yes:	Date Filed:		X

PART 11 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL			
<p>We, the undersigned, certify that this Application for Exemption from Audit has been: Prepared consistently with Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., which states that a governmental agency with revenue and expenditures of \$100,000 or less must have an application prepared by a person skilled in governmental accounting Completed to the best of our knowledge and is accurate and true; and Personally reviewed and approved by a MAJORITY of the governing body.</p> <p>Note: Please list all current members of the governing body. Original signatures must be provided for a majority of the governing body if the application is mailed, or a resolution may be provided in lieu of original signatures. (Please sign using blue ink.)</p>			
	Name (print names of all current members of the governing body)	Date Term Expires	Signatures of a majority of the governing body MUST BE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE IF NO RESOLUTION IS INCLUDED
1	Jon R. Lee	May 2014	
2	David G. Rhodes	May 2012	
3	Kim Lytle	May 2012	
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Accountant's Compilation Report

Board of Directors
Sweetgrass Metropolitan District No. 1
Weld County, Colorado

We have compiled the Application for Exemption from Audit of Sweetgrass Metropolitan District No. 1 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, included in the accompanying prescribed form. Our compilation is limited to presenting, in the form prescribed by the Colorado State Auditor's Office, information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying Application for Exemption from Audit and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the Application for Exemption from Audit is in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Application for Exemption from Audit in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Application for Exemption from Audit.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation of the Application for Exemption from Audit in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information within the Application for Exemption from Audit without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the Application for Exemption from Audit.

The Application for Exemption from Audit is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado State Auditor's Office, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Colorado State Auditor's Office and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Greenwood Village, Colorado
February 15, 2012