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AGENDA ITEM: Consent Agenda No. 4 -Stream Restoration Grant Funding Recommendations

Background: The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) received a total of 24 applications for the Stream Restoration Grant Program, established by Senate Bill 14-179 (SB-179) by the July 1, 2014 deadline. A review panel consisting of staff members from CWCB, Water Quality Control Division (WQCD), and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reviewed and evaluated the applications according to the program guidance approved by the Board at its May 2014 meeting. The review panel met on July 9, 2014, and jointly ranked the applications.

The total funding request for all applications is \$4,034,399 compared to the \$2,500,000 that was made available for the program. The panel concluded that a set-aside amount of \$200,000 (8%) should be reserved for program and grant management and to implement CWCB-sponsored demonstration projects. Staff anticipates a strong need to work closely with applicants to design projects that are philosophically aligned with the CWCB Watershed Restoration Program and the legislative intent of SB-179.

The attached table lists the applicants, project titles, funding requests, funding recommendations, rankings, and comments. The grand total recommendation for funding by the review panel is \$2,293,655. All reasonable applications that met or exceeded the minimum program guidance are recommended for funding. Twenty applications are recommended for funding, with twelve for full funding and eight for partial funding (see attached table for comments). Two separate applications were submitted for restoration in an overlapping reach of the Poudre River. Staff believes that collaboration between those applicants will result in greater efficiency with a reduced funding amount. Staff will contact all applicants for follow-up purposes pending board action. Additional coordination will take place with partially funded applicants to ensure that meaningful phases of their proposed projects can be completed based on proposed funding levels.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve project funding related to SB-179 as indicated by the review panel and summarized in the attached spreadsheet.



ATTACHMENT - APPLICATION RANKING AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Rank	Applicant	Project Title	Funds Requested	Funding Recommendation	Comments
1	Wildland Restoration Volunteers	North Fork of the Big Thompson River Restoration	\$196,500	\$196,500	Applicant to work with CPW, Federal Highways Administration, and local landowners
2	City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Department	Boulder Creek Confluence Restoration	\$200,000	\$200,000	Contingent on concurrence of CWCB field engineers recommendations (design oversight).
3	Rocky Mountain Flycasters	Multi-basin Riparian Restoration and Plant Propagation Program	\$320,184	\$200,000	Project is not specific to restoration implementation, focus is plant propagation, project design and youth corps training.
4	Boulder County Parks and Open Space	Left Hand Creek Restoration	\$569,400	\$200,000	Contingent on concurrence of CWCB field engineers recommendations (design oversight). Project can be completed with more natural channel design and less hard engineering for reduced cost.
5	Town of Estes Park	Fish Creek Restoration Project: Brook Drive to Country Club Reach	\$200,000	\$200,000	Contingent upon Master Plan being substantially complete.
6	Boulder County Land Use Department	Fourmile Creek Restoration Project	\$80,000	\$80,000	Contingent on concurrence of CWCB field engineers recommendations (design oversight).
7	City of Longmont	Peschel- St. Vrain Creek Restoration	\$193,000	\$193,000	
8	Boulder County Parks and Open Space	South St. Vrain Creek Restoration at Hall Ranch	\$200,000	\$110,000	Contingent upon Master Plan being substantially complete. Insufficient match for full funding.
9	City of Greeley	Lions Open Space Eastern Bank Restoration Project	\$148,150	Combined with Larimer County request.	Larimer County and City of Greeley project combined (also see #11)
10	The Environmental Group	Coal Creek Canyon Restoration Project: Twin Spruce Junction	\$94,400	\$94,400	CDOT to provide in kind match in the form of land, materials, and heavy equipment operation.
11	Larimer County	Lions Open Space Eastern Bank Restoration Project	\$52,000	\$150,000	Larimer County and City of Greeley combined (also see #9)
12	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Big Thompson River Restoration	\$755,000	\$300,000	Substantially damaged popular public fishing access reach to be restored.
13	Sylvan Dale Ranch	Fish Habitat Design and Debris Removal, Sylvan Dale Reach, Big Thompson River	\$15,000	\$15,000	Combined requests for Dale and Riverview Reach
14	Sylvan Dale Ranch	Fish Passage and River Corridor Improvements, Riverview Reach, Big Thompson River	\$59,850	\$59,850	Combined requests for Dale and Riverview Reach. Fish passage and habitat design to be completed concurrently.
15	Big Thompson Conservation District	Little Thompson River Urgent Needs	\$341,250	\$170,625	Insufficient match for full funding. Contingent on concurrence of CWCB field engineers recommendations (design oversight).

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16	Boslough, Mark	Riparian Habitation Restoration, Stream Bank Revegetation, and Beaver Reintroduction on Highland Placer, South St. Vrain Watershed, Boulder County	\$18,000	\$14,000	Contingent on concurrence of CWCB field engineers recommendations (design oversight).Funding for riparian restoration, but not beaver introduction.
17	Strand, Stephen	8398 Lefthand Creek Streambed and Bank Stabilization, Riparian Corridor Restoration	\$20,000	\$20,000	Contingent on concurrence of CWCB field engineers recommendations (design oversight).
18	Logan Mill Ranch Tree Farm and Properties	Sunbeam Gulch Stream Restoration Project	\$25,000	\$25,000	Contingent on concurrence of CWCB field engineers recommendations (design oversight).
19	Town of Lyons	Lower McConnell Hazard Mitigation Project	\$56,250	\$56,250	Contingent on concurrence of CWCB field engineers recommendations (design oversight).
20	Left Hand Water District	Debris Removal from Left Hand Creek Water Intake	\$9,030	\$9,030	Contingent on concurrence of CWCB field engineers recommendations (design oversight).
21	Perry, Earl	597 Wagonwheel Gap Road Channel Enhancement Project	\$25,000	\$0	Not eligible - Requesting reimbursement for work already performed.
22	Jokinen, David	Restore the Center of Glen Haven	\$100,000	\$0	Applicant will be referred to watershed coalition. Recommend a restoration plan for the entire community reach.
23	Eastwood Village, LLC	Eastwood Village Mobile Home Park Cleanup	\$356,385	\$0	Applicant submitted a bill and no completed application
24	Unincorporated Boulder County- Private Citizens	Riverside Jewel Stream Stabilization	undetermined	\$0	Ineligible due to undetermined match
			\$4,034,399	\$2,293,655	