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AGENDA ITEM: 10. Water Plan Grants Overview

Introduction

This agenda item will provide the Board with an overview of the Water Plan Grant approval process and timeline. The Water Plan Grant (WPGrant) applications reviewed at this Board meeting were received by the August 1, 2018 deadline and will be considered for final Board approval. Staff will make a brief presentation on each grant application and funding recommendation to the Board. The Board will be asked to take action on each grant individually.

Background

The 2018 Projects Bill (SB18-218) included \$7 million for projects or activities that aim to make progress on the measurable objectives identified in Colorado’s Water Plan. The funds were divided into six categories.

This is the program’s second year of funding, which includes two grant rounds this fiscal year. Staff reviewed the applications and recommendations as a committee with the intent of preserving approximately half of the available funds for the second round. The next application deadline is February 1, 2019. These grants will be reviewed and approved at the May 2019 Board meeting.

Grants that receive final approval will begin the contracting process. Applicants are expected to enter into a contract within six months of approval.

Table 1 is a summary of the WPGrant categories, including the appropriated funding, the total demand on each of the categories, and the unreserved balance including any carryover funds from FY 2017-2018.

Table 1. Funding Summary of WPGrant Categories*

WPGrant Category	SB18-218	Carry Over	FY 18/19 Beginning Balance	Total Request	Total Recommended	Remaining Balance
Agriculture	\$1,000,000	\$116,000	\$1,116,000	\$1,240,900	\$514,300	\$601,800
Conservation & Land Use	\$ 1,000,000	\$2,200	\$1,002,200	\$476,700	\$476,700	\$525,500
Engagement & Innovation	\$ 500,000	\$200	\$500,200	\$188,500	\$188,500	\$311,700
Environment & Recreation	\$ 1,500,000	\$1,000	\$1,501,000	\$1,805,400	\$754,700	\$746,300
Storage & Supply	\$ 3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$445,000	\$445,000	\$2,555,000
Totals				\$4,156,500	\$2,379,200	\$4,740,300

*Rounded to the nearest hundred

