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AGENDA ITEM: 29r - w Water Plan Grants - Engagement and Innovation

Introduction

For fiscal year 2018-2019, the Engagement and Innovation category was appropriated \$500,000 in funding. After the first round of grant funding, the unreserved balance in the Engagement and Innovation category is \$318,619. In the second round of fiscal year 2018-2019 applications, the CWCB received six applications for the Engagement and Innovation category totaling \$213,080. Two applications were received with other Water Plan categories listed as the primary category and Engagement & Innovation listed as the secondary category totaling \$91,000. Staff is recommending approval of the six Engagement and Innovation grants and the two other requests totaling \$304,080. If all grants are approved, \$14,539 would be the remaining balance available for future rounds of grant funding.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board Approve the projects/activities listed in the following table for Water Plan Grant funding.

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
r. Adams State University	Water Education Initiative at Adams State University	\$73,003	Approve \$73,003
s. Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance	Innovative Water Education Workshops	\$10,200	Approve \$10,200
t. Fourmile Watershed Coalition	Boulder County Forest Collaborative Education & Outreach	\$40,380	Approve \$40,380
u. Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group	Watershed Days: A Community Based Assessment of Front Range Watershed Recovery	\$42,500	Approve \$42,500
v. Middle South Platte Alliance	Agriculture Producers Outreach & Education	\$34,997	Approve \$34,997



w. Tri-County Health Department	Water Conservation Outreach	\$12,000	Approve \$12,000
Total Recommended for Approval			*\$304,080

*The total amount includes two grants requesting Eng/Innov grant funding (\$91,000) not included in the table.