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AGENDA ITEM: Consent Agenda 3p-u Water Plan Grants - Water Conservation and Land Use

Introduction

Staff is recommending approval of five grants totaling \$619,345. The grant review committee consisted of Colorado Water Conservation Board staff in consultation with Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The review committee evaluates water conservation and land use grants on several criteria including whether the project furthers critical action items identified in the Colorado Water Plan, whether the project promotes collaboration, and whether the project provides an innovative, multi-benefit approach to solving water resource challenges affecting Colorado. See attached Data Sheets for locations and project summaries.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve the projects/activities marked as “Approve” and listed in the following table for Water Plan Grant funding. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the project consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation.

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
p. City of Thornton	Thornton Northern Properties Stewardship Plan (NPSP): Land Use & Water Optimization Study	\$100,000	Approve \$100,000
q. City of Westminster	Reclaimed Water Feasibility Evaluation & Implementation Plan	\$237,075	Not Recommended
r. Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)	Regional Land Cover Project	\$101,103	Approve \$101,103
s. Urban Land Institute-Colorado	Advancing Water Smart Development	\$20,000	Approve \$20,000
t. WaterNow Alliance, a program of Multiplier	Advancing High Impact Water Efficiency Solutions in Colorado Communities	\$138,355	Approve \$138,355
u. Western Resource Advocates	Enabling Large-Scale Replacement of Non-Essential Turf	\$259,887	Approve \$259,887
Total Recommended for Approval		\$856,420	\$619,345

