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AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Item 13 a-n, Colorado Watershed Restoration Program Grants

Introduction:

On November 4, 2021, the CWCB received fourteen Colorado Watershed Restoration Program (CWRP) grant applications with requests more than \$50,000, totaling \$3,589,176 in requests. A committee of four people reviewed these requests and staff is recommending at least partial funding for all applications, totaling \$2,315,783. See the attached data sheets for locations and project summaries.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the following Board actions for activities regarding the CWRP grant funding. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs discussed below.

Applicant	Project	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
Rocky Mountain Field Institute	Enhancing Watershed Resiliency in the Pike National Forest through the Implementation of Multi-Year and Multi-Faceted Watershed Health Improvement Projects	\$250,000	\$100,000
River Science	Big Cottonwood Long-term Recovery & Restoration	\$99,344	\$99,344
Boulder Watershed Collective	Resilient Headwaters Planning Project	\$375,264	\$145,000
Left Hand Watershed Center	Multi-Benefit Projects and Tools for Increasing Watershed Resilience in the St. Vrain	\$490,000	\$75,000
RiversEdge West	Grand Valley Fluvial Hazard Mapping and Riparian Coordination	\$157,434	\$80,000
City of Glenwood Springs	Three Mile Creek Confluence Restoration Project	\$158,000	\$130,000
Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project	Rio Grande Corridor Restoration Project at Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge	\$288,000	\$250,000



Conservation Legacy	Dolores Restoration Project Implementation and Support	\$188,695	\$150,000
Colorado Watershed Assembly	Development of High Resolution Wetland Maps for Colorado Using Machine Learning Techniques	\$177,200	\$177,200
River Network	Stream Management Plan Peer Learning Network 2022-24	\$228,727	\$228,727
Purgatoire Watershed Partnership	Purgatoire River Integrated Water Management Planning Phase 2	\$152,000	\$152,000
Learning By Doing	Grand County Stream Management Plan Update Phase 1	\$207,725	\$207,725
River Network	West Plum Creek Stream Management Plan Phase 1	\$220,787	\$220,787
Mancos Conservation District	Mancos Watershed Stream Management Plan Phase 2	\$596,000	\$300,000

Staff Review and Comments:

Staff reviewed the applications as a committee, taking into consideration comments from both GOCO and CPW. Due to the number of applications received and the limited amount of funds available, over half of the applications received a recommendation for partial funding.

Project Issues/Additional Needs:

- All funding awards are contingent upon the applicants' ability to secure match funding.
- Grantees should adequately address CWCB staff comments to scope of work and engineering designs (when applicable). Staff contact each successful applicant to discuss comments and contracting procedures.
- All grantees should adhere to their organizational procurement policies when hiring contractors and consultants. CWCB recommends that State procurement policies be used as a guide if an organization does not have procurement policies.
- Projects should comply with the CWCB's Rules and Regulations for Regulatory Floodplains in Colorado, when applicable.

