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AGENDA ITEM: 26 e-k Water Plan Grants - Water Conservation and Land Use Category

Introduction

On December 1, 2021, the CWCB received 9 applications requesting funding of \$100,000 or greater for the Water Conservation and Land Use category totaling \$1,575,378. Staff is recommending approval of 7 grants totaling \$1,325,618. Staff did not recommend two grants for funding which are in the Consent Agenda. See attached Data Sheets for locations and project summaries.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado's Water Plan Grant Program funding.

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
e. Mile High Flood District	Denver One Water Plan Implementation	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
f. Arapahoe County	Admin I Turf Conversion & Conservation Planning for Additional Existing Sites	\$138,203.00	\$138,203.00
g. Multiplier	Advancing High Impact Water Efficiency Solutions in Colorado Communities	\$139,235.00	\$139,235.00
h. Year One, Inc. DBA Mile High Youth Corps	Single Family Energy & Water Audits and Installs	\$146,809.00	\$146,809.00
i. Colorado Water Wise	Guidebook Update	\$150,192.00	\$150,192.00
j. Denver Dept. of Public Health and Environment	Graywater Education and Outreach Program	\$290,713.00	\$290,713.00



k. Sonoran Institute	Colorado Growing Water Smart	\$360,466.00	\$360,466.00
Total Recommended for Approval			\$1,325,618

Background:

CWCB staff, with assistance from a review committee, review all water conservation and land use applications according to the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program criteria and guidelines and category specific criteria. The grant review committee consists of Colorado Water Conservation Board staff in consultation with Colorado Department of Local Affairs where appropriate. 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 innovating, multi-benefit approach to solving water resource challenges affecting Colorado's municipal sector.

Project Issues/Additional Needs:

- All funding awards are contingent upon the applicants' ability to secure match funding within a reasonable time period; based on applicants continued efforts to secure match funding
- Grantees should adequately address CWCB staff comments to scopes of work and engineering designs (when applicable) prior to contracting. This may result in changes, especially in the case of partial funding awards. Staff will schedule meeting with each successful application to discuss comments and contracting procedures.

