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AGENDA ITEM: Consent Agenda Items 5 f-j, Water Plan Grants - Watershed Health & Recreation

Introduction:

For the first Water Plan Grant cycle of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the CWCB received 11 Watershed Health & Recreation grant applications, totaling \$2,192,136 in requests. Of these requests, four applications submitted requests between \$50,000 and \$100,000, totaling \$283,325, and another application, with a request of \$199,869, is not recommended for funding.

Staff Recommendation:

A committee of four people reviewed these requests and staff recommends the following Board actions for activities regarding the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program funding for the Watershed Health & Recreation category.

	Applicant	Project	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
f	Colorado Youth Corps Association	Rio Grande Beavers, Alamosa Revegetation, John Griffin Fire Mitigation	\$58,950	\$0
g	Conservation Resource Center	Private Lake and Reservoir Protection Initiative	\$78,000	\$0
h	American Rivers	Uncompahgre River Multi-Benefit Project	\$71,446	\$71,446
i	River Science	Collaboration and Outreach for Strategic Macroinvertebrate Data	\$74,929	\$74,929
j	Lyons Ute Hwy LLC	Lyons Water Plant Stream Restoration	\$199,869	\$0

Staff Review and Comments:

The decision not to fund was based on a variety of reasons. The Colorado Youth Corps Association application was not informed through a prioritized planning process, which is an important criterion for all design and construction implementation projects. The Conservation Resource Center recommendation was based on lack of demonstrated collaboration. The



decision not to fund the Lyons Ute Hwy LLC project was driven by a lack of demonstrated collaboration by the applicant. The proposed project was not supported by the local watershed coalition, nor by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, both of whose buy in is critical for any stream restoration project. More details can be found in the application data sheets.

