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AGENDA ITEM: 19 a - y Water Plan

Grants

Introduction

In the second round of fiscal year 2022-2023 applications, overall the CWCB received 42 applications for Water Plan Grants totaling \$8.4 million in funding requests. This fiscal year, \$12.7 million was available for Water Plan Grants. Approximately \$5.44 million was awarded in the first grant cycle, leaving \$7.25 million available for the current applications. In total, staff is recommending approval of 36 projects totaling \$7.2 million.

Grants approved by the CWCB Director up to \$50,000 are included in the Director's Report. Grants that were not recommended for funding or recommended in amounts greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000 are included in Consent Agenda item 3.

Grants recommended for funding totaling \$100,000 or greater are included in this agenda item.

See attached Data Sheets for project summaries and grant applications.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board approve grants as listed in the following table regarding Colorado's Water Plan Grant Program funding.



	Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
Watershed Health & Recreation				
a	Trout Unlimited Denver	Halo Ranch Aquatic Habitat Enhancement	\$149,500.00	\$149,500.00
b	Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed	Lower Cache la Poudre Priority Reach Design Project	\$114,740.50	\$114,740.50
c	Montezuma County	Montezuma County Non-Native Phreatophyte Removal Project	\$295,253.25	\$125,000.00
d	Trout Unlimited Montrose	Middle Colorado AG Collaborative	\$375,000.00	\$375,000.00
e	RiversEdge West	Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative - River Planning Project	\$145,413.50	\$145,413.50
f	RiversEdge West	Uncompahgre and White River Riparian Restoration Project	\$100,502.77	\$100,502.77
g	Coalition for the Upper South Platte	Lake George Diversion Structure Removal and River Restoration	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00
h	Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District	Southmoor Drive Channel and Floodplain Restoration	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00
i	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory dba Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	Conejos River Restoration	\$101,179.00	\$101,179.00
j	Colorado Open Lands	Riparian Reconnect Riverscape Restoration	\$351,120.00	\$351,120.00
k	Chaffee County Community Foundation	Chaffee County Fourmile Creek Multi Benefit Restoration Project	\$114,610.00	\$114,610.00
	Subtotal Watershed Health & Recreation			\$2,627,065.77
Conservation & Land Use Planning				
l	Western Resource Advocates	Reducing Non-Functional Turfgrass in New Development Through Smart Land Use Planning	\$125,462.00	\$125,462.00



m	Multiplier	Advancing High Impact Water Efficiency Solutions in Colorado Communities	\$184,720.00	\$184,720.00
n	Alliance for Water Efficiency	Understanding Water Use in Mobile Homes	\$225,188.00	\$225,188.00
o	University of Colorado Boulder	Modeling and analysis of the effects of centralized rainwater harvesting on streamflow	\$173,326.00	\$173,326.00
p	City of Steamboat Springs	Steamboat Springs Smart Irrigation Central Control System	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
q	The Regents of the University of CA, Univ of CA San Diego	Enhancing Soil Moisture Observations to Support Water Resource Management in the Upper Yampa River Basin	\$560,400.00	\$560,400.00
	Subtotal Conservation & Land Use Planning			\$1,569,096.00
Storage & Supply				
r	Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District	Trout Creek Intra-ditch Exchange Project Well and Pipeline	\$484,154.00	\$484,154.00
s	Eagle River Water and Sanitation District	Bolts Lake Reservoir Preliminary Design	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
t	Handy Ditch Company	Welch Expansion Feasibility Study	\$210,525.00	\$210,525.00
u	South Metro Water Supply Authority	South Platte Regional Opportunities Water Group (SPROWG) - Outreach Phase	\$120,407.50	\$120,407.50
	Subtotal Storage & Supply			\$1,065,086.50
Storage & Supply / Water Sharing				
v	American Whitewater	Quantifying recreational impacts and identifying enhancement opportunities	\$183,437.50	\$183,437.50
w	Colorado Water Trust	Little Cimarron River Fish and Flow Bypass Dam Retrofit	\$203,240.00	\$203,240.00
	Subtotal Storage & Supply / Water Sharing			\$386,677.50



Agriculture				
x	Grand Valley Water Users Association	Government Highline Canal UL-18 Lining Project	\$800,080.00	\$600,000.00
y	Trout Unlimited	Intermountain West Alternative Forages Project - Phase I	\$337,714.00	\$287,885.00
	Subtotal Agriculture			\$887,885.00
	Total Recommended for Approval			\$6,535,810.77

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 scopes of work and engineering designs (when applicable). Staff will contact each successful applicant to discuss comments and contracting procedures prior to contracting.
- 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.

