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AGENDA ITEM: Consent Agenda Item #3a, Water Supply Reserve Fund, Grant Funding
Recommendations

Staff Recommendation - Action Items: WSRF Grant Requests:

A summary of staff's recommendation for each WSRF application are provided in the first component of the attached table.

Favorable recommendations may be contingent on providing the CWCB with additional information, clarifications, or modifications in the scope of work. Please refer to the Water Activity Summary Sheets contained within this agenda item to find a summary of staff's review and any conditions associated with each recommendation.

Background:

For this agenda item, the Board is provided with a brief overview of applications to the Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF). Attachments to this memo include:

- Summary spreadsheet detailing funding requests for the basin and statewide accounts.
- Summary spreadsheet displaying current WSRF Balance Summary of Fund Appropriations and Receipts by Fiscal Year, and Fund Distribution by Basin and Statewide Account.
- Water Activity Summary Sheets, which provide an overview, discussion, issues/additional needs, and staff recommendation regarding funding, partial funding, or not funding the applications.

Staff's review of the applications involves the following steps:

- 1) Applications are reviewed for completeness based on the information requirements, verify that the water activity meets the eligibility requirements and also verifies that the applicant was an eligible entity to receive funding which are primarily outlined in the Grant Guidelines.
- 2) Staff then prepares the Water Activity Summary Sheet which documents the outcome of the review process and contains staff's recommendations.

Water Supply Reserve Fund Balance Summary and Project Status Report:

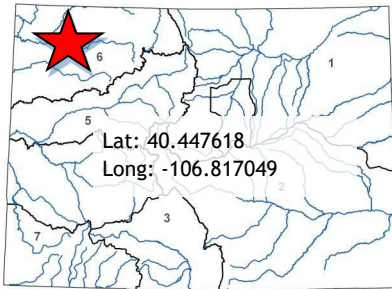
To provide the Board updates on the status of specific Water Supply Reserve Fund grant applications and projects, staff can provide a status report of the following information upon request:

- List of completed WSRF projects;
- List of WSRF projects in progress; and
- List of WSRF projects in the contracting and procurement process.





Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Application



LOCATION
Counties: Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt
Basin: Yampa-White-Green (Y-W-G)

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$267,400
Total WSRF Grant Request:	\$99,724
Y-W-G Basin Account Request:	\$99,724
Recommended Amount:	\$99,724
Other CWCB Funding:	\$0
Other Funding Amount:	\$55,000
Applicant Match:	\$112,676
Project Type:	Education
Major Water Use Type:	Education
Measurable Result:	5,000 Coloradans impacted by engagement activity.

Yampatika is a non-profit organization based in Steamboat Springs that provides environmental education programming throughout Northwest Colorado.

Yampatika's youth and community water education programming seek to increase general water education for both students and adults. The curriculum centers around learning about the water cycle, watershed function, and the competing interests of water users from different sectors in the basin. The programming also focuses on how the region is managing its water resources through the Yampa-White-Green Basin Implementation Plan and the Colorado Water Plan.

WSRF funds will be used for adult and youth education coordinators to update the curriculum and implement their education programs through 2027. The Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District and the Iron Horse Family Foundation, a non-profit organization, are funding partners on the project. Yampatika has been awarded two previous WSRF grants for the same program in November 2019 and March 2023.

The project aligns with the Yampa-White-Green Basin Implementation Plan goals of providing public water education, providing for multiple beneficiaries (agricultural, municipal, recreational users and environmental uses) and objectives, supporting the basin Public Education Participation & Outreach committee goals and supporting Water Plan education goals.

Funding Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of up to \$99,724 from the Yampa-White-Green Basin Account.