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AGENDA ITEM: 8 h-s. Engagement and Innovation

Introduction

For fiscal year 2019-2020, the Engagement and Innovation category was appropriated \$500,000 in funding. The unreserved balance in the Engagement and Innovation category is \$561,940, including carryover funds from previous appropriations. In the first round of fiscal year 2019-2020 applications, the CWCB received twelve applications for the Engagement and Innovation category totaling \$1,019,388.75. Staff is recommending approval of twelve grants totaling \$425,506 leaving \$136,434 available for future rounds of grant funding. See attached Data Sheets for locations and project summaries.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve the projects/activities listed in the following table for Water Plan Grant funding.

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
h. Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (10.10.10)	Tackling Wicked Problems in Water and Climate	\$250,000	Approve \$72,000
i. Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed	Engaging Stakeholders & Communities in the Poudre Through Citizen Science, Collaboration, & Outreach	\$68,375	Approve 49,950
j. Colorado Ag Water Alliance	Outreach and Capacity Building for Ag Water Projects	\$29,093.75	Approve \$12,734
k. Colorado Mesa University	CMU Water Education Needs and Capacity Assessment	\$14,539	Approve \$14,539
l. Colorado Open Lands	Sandhill Crane Water Education and Engagement	\$7,730	Approve \$7,730
m. Colorado School of Mines	Water Engineering Education for the Next Generation (WE2NG), Research Experience for Teachers Programs	\$38,880	Approve \$38,880



n. Keystone Policy Center	For the Love of Colorado Public Education Initiative	\$400,000	Approve \$85,000
o. Lincoln Hills Cares	Replicable Youth-Driven Innovation Engine to Help Make the South Platte River Swimmable and Fishable	\$65,304	Approve \$21, 964
p. National Young Farmers Coalition	Young Farmers and Ranchers Water Leadership Pilot Program	\$35,695	Approve \$10,000
q. Poudre Heritage Alliance	Water Legacy: Documenting Knowledge for Future Generations	\$30,000	Approve \$30,000
r. Rio Grande Watershed Conservation & Education Initiative	Water in the Real World: Youth Education in the Rio Grande Watershed	\$30,000	Approve \$30,000
s. Water Education Colorado	Statewide Water Education Action Plan Launch, Phase 1 Implementation and Essential Groundwork Actions	\$55,709	Approve \$55,709
Total Recommended for Approval			\$425,506

