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AGENDA ITEM: 8. t-v. Water Plan Grants - Environment and Recreation

Introduction

In 2019, the Environment and Recreation category was appropriated \$1.5 million in funding. In this first round of fiscal year 2019-2020 applications, the CWCB received 3 applications totaling \$315,000. Staff is recommending funding for two applications totaling \$190,000. 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 Colorado Water Plan Grant funding contingent upon the applicants' abilities to resolve issues and additional needs discussed below.

Applicant	Project	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
t. Adams County Parks, Open Space, & Cultural Resources	Clear Creek Whitewater Park	\$100,000	Approve \$100,000
u. Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies	Colorado Dust on Snow Project	\$125,000	Not Recommended
v. White River and Douglas Creek Conservation	White River Algae Study	\$90,000	Approve \$90,000

Total	\$315,000	\$190,000
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Staff Review and Comments

Staff reviewed the applications as a committee. Projects that did not receive recommendations for funding scored consistently low by the entire committee.

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 schedule meetings with each successful applicant to discuss comments and contracting procedures



- 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.
- Project should comply with the CWCB's Rules and Regulations for Regulatory Floodplains in Colorado when applicable.