



TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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AGENDA ITEM: 21f-i Water Plan Grants - Water Conservation and Land Use

Introduction

Staff is recommending approval of four grants totaling \$712,721.77. CWCB staff, with assistance from a review committee, review water conservation and land use applications according to the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program criteria and guidelines and category specific criteria. The grant review committee consists of Colorado Water Conservation Board staff in consultation with Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The review committee evaluates water conservation and land use grants on several criteria including whether the project furthers critical action items identified in the Colorado Water Plan, whether the project promotes collaboration, and whether the project provides an innovative, multi-benefit approach to solving water resource challenges affecting Colorado. See attached Data Sheets for locations and project summaries.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve the projects/activities marked as "Approve" and listed in the following table for Water Plan Grant funding. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the project consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation.

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
f. Colorado Springs Utilities	Irrigation Efficiency Improvement Project	\$70,000	Approve \$70,000
g. Peak Spatial	Colorado's H2info Water Provider Tool - Phase 2	\$42,500	Approve \$42,500
h. Sonoran Institute	Colorado Growing Water Smart	\$396,673	Approve \$396,673
i. Year One, inc. Mile High Youth Corps	MHYC's Single Family Energy & Water Audits and Installs	\$203,548.77	Approve \$203,548.77
Total Recommended for Approval		\$712,721.77	\$712,721.77

