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AGENDA ITEM: 21 j-t. Engagement and Innovation

Introduction

In the second round of fiscal year 2019-2020 applications, the CWCB received eleven applications for the Engagement and Innovation category totaling \$738,834.60. Five of the applicants have submitted amended proposals at the Board’s suggestion following partial funding approval at the November 2019 Board meeting. For the second round, staff is recommending approval of nine grants totaling \$273,361. See attached Data Sheets for locations and project summaries.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado’s Water Plan Grant Program 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
j. 10.10.10 A Project of CO Nonprofit Development Center*	Tackling Wicked Problems in Water + Climate	\$82,790	Not Recommended
k. Big Thompson Watershed Coalition	Building the Community - Information Connection for Watershed Health	\$48,871.60	Approve \$30,163.60
l. Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed*	Engaging Stakeholders & Communities in the Poudre through Citizen Science, Collaboration & Outreach	\$18,425	Approve \$13,425
m. Colorado Open Lands	Education for Understanding of Critical Resource Issues	\$43,000	Approve \$43,000
n. Department of Natural Resources - Low Head Dam Steering Committee	Colorado Low Head Dam - Public Safety Initiative 2020	\$35,000	Approve \$31,250



o. Keystone Policy Center*	For the Love of Colorado Public Education Initiative	Withdrawn	Not Recommended
p. Lincoln Hills Cares*	Replicable Youth Driven Innovation Engine to Help the South Platte River Swimmable & Fishable	\$43,340	Approve \$28,893
q. Montezuma Land Conservancy	Montezuma Land Conservancy and Southwest Colorado Research Center	\$77,321	Approve \$63,380.50
r. Mountain Studies Institute	Animas River Community Forum	\$27,586.50	Approve \$26,473.50
s. National Young Farmers Coalition*	Young Farmers and Ranchers Water Leadership Pilot Program	\$25,000	Approve \$21,275
t. Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association	Acequia Community Education & Outreach Program	\$22,500	Approve \$15,500
Total Recommended for Approval			\$273,361

*Amended applications from Round 1 of FY 20

