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**AGENDA ITEM:** 21. u.-kk. Water Plan Grants - Environment and Recreation

**Introduction**

In the second round of fiscal year 2019-2020 Colorado Water Plan Environment and Recreation applications, the CWCB received 17 applications totaling \$4,338,368 in requests. Staff is recommending funding for 12 applications totaling \$1,395,908. See the attached data sheets for locations and project summaries.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the following Board actions for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado’s Water Plan Grant Program funding. Project approval is contingent on awardees implementing the projects consistent with any public health orders and executive orders in effect at the time of implementation.

Applicant	Project	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
u. City of Alamosa	Revitalize the Rio Phase I	\$55,160	Approve \$55,160
v. City of Englewood	Acoma-Tufts Storm Drainage Improvement Project	\$397,000	Not Recommended
w. Costilla County Conservancy District	Upper Culebra Watershed Assessment	\$177,224	Not Recommended
x. Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	Rio Grande Irrigated Meadows	\$400,000	Not Recommended
y. Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	South Platte Wetland Restorations and Planning	\$141,976	Not Recommended
z. Estes Valley Watershed Coalition	Upper Big Thompson Assessment, Re-vegetation, and Biostabilization	\$19,205	Approve \$19,205



aa. Fourmile Watershed Coalition	Tolland Ranch Feasibility Study	\$30,321	Approve \$30,321
bb. High Country Conservation Advocates	Wet Meadows and Riparian Restoration	\$49,000	Approve \$49,000
cc. Montezuma County Noxious Weed Department	Phreatophyte Project	\$125,000	Approve \$62,500
dd. Mountain Studies Institute	Animas River Removal & Replacement of Invasive Phreatophytes, Phase II	\$59,299	Approve \$59,299
ee. National Forest Institute	Taylor Park Erosion Control & Riparian Restoration Project	\$30,000	Approve \$30,000
ff. Poudre Learning Center	Phreatophyte Removal from Riparian Habitat	\$26,814	Approve \$26,814
gg. River Network	Support to Increase Environmental & Recreational Project Proposals	\$98,973	Not Recommended
hh. Trout Unlimited	Canyon Creek Fish Passage Project	\$101,812	Approve \$101,812
ii. Trout Unlimited	Conejos Meadows Resilient Habitat Project	\$108,594	Approve \$108,594
jj. Windy Gap Water Activity Enterprise	Colorado River Connectivity Channel	\$2,400,000	Approve \$735,213
kk. Yampa Valley Stream Improvement Charitable Trust	Yampa River Habitat & Recreation Improvement Project at Pleasant Valley	\$117,990	Approve \$117,990
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,338,368</b>	<b>\$1,395,908</b>

**Staff Review and Comments**

Staff reviewed the applications as a committee. Projects that did not receive recommendations for funding scored lower by the 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.
- Projects should comply with the CWCB's Rules and Regulations for Regulatory Floodplains in Colorado, when applicable.