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AGENDA ITEM: Consent Agenda 5h - Colorado Water Plan Grants - Water Conservation and Land Use

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
h. Regents of the University of Colorado	Urban Agriculture and Soil Health Management as a Water Conservation Strategy in Colorado	\$150,000	No Funding Recommended

Background:

Staff received one application by the July 1, 2021 deadline. Staff initially conduct a red-flag review of each application to determine whether the grant complies with all current CWCB policies and guidelines concerning grant awards. Following the initial red-flag review, CWCB Staff scored applications according to the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program criteria and guidelines and Water Conservation and Land Use category-specific criteria, with input from a grant review committee. The grant review committee consisted of Colorado Water Conservation Board staff. Although the review committee deemed this a good project, the committee came to the consensus that the scope of work needed to be refined and the concept honed into a more manageable project.

