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AGENDA ITEM: 26l-m Water Plan Grants - Engagement & Innovation Category

Introduction

On December 1, 2021, the CWCB received seven applications requesting funding of \$100,000 or greater for the Engagement & Innovation category totaling \$1,419,438. Staff is recommending approval of two grants totaling \$254,000. Please 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.

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
l. The Park People	WATERED: Water Advocacy via Trees and Engagement to Relieve Efforts of Drought	\$261,000	\$104,000
m. Colorado School of Mines	Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Demonstration - Phase 2	\$297,715	\$150,000
Total Recommended for Approval			\$254,000

Background:

CWCB staff, with assistance from a review committee, review all Engagement & Innovation applications according to the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program criteria and guidelines and category specific criteria. The grant review committee consisted of Colorado Water Conservation Board staff. The review committee evaluates engagement & innovation grants on several criteria including whether the project furthers critical education and outreach action items identified in the Colorado Water Plan, whether the project promotes collaboration, and whether the project provides an innovating, multi-benefit approach to engaging Coloradans on the water resource challenges Colorado faces presently and in the future.

Project Issues/Additional Needs:

- All funding awards are contingent upon the applicants’ ability to secure match funding within a reasonable time period; based on applicants continued efforts to secure match funding

