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AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Items 26 r-bb, Water Plan Grants - Environment & Recreation

Introduction:

For the second Water Plan Grant cycle of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the CWCB received 12 Environment & Recreation grant applications that had requests greater than \$100,000, totaling \$3,661,249 in requests. A committee of four people reviewed these requests and staff is recommending funding for eleven of the applications, some at a reduced amount, totaling \$2,684,309. See the attached data sheets for locations and project summaries.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the following Board actions for activities regarding the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program funding for the Environment & Recreation category. Project approval is contingent upon the applicants’ abilities to resolve issues and additional needs discussed below.

	Applicant	Project	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
r	National Forest Foundation	Trail Creek Wetland Restoration Project - Phase 2	\$133,400	\$133,400
s	Trout Unlimited - Denver	Upper Gunnison Stream Restoration	\$137,170	\$137,170
t	Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation	Rio Grande Canal Boater Safety and Accessibility Project	\$148,000	\$148,000
u	Town of Meeker	Meeker River Park	\$150,000	\$150,000
v	Blue River Watershed Group	Blue River Integrated Water Management Plan	\$150,000	\$150,000
w	Trout Unlimited - Denver	Stewart Ditch Diversion Improvement Project	\$170,000	\$169,736
x	Conservation Legacy - Southwest Conservation Corps	Animas River Removal and Replacement of Invasive Phreatophytes, Phase II	\$138,514	\$138,514
y	Town of Pagosa Springs	Recreational and Ecological Enhancement of the San Juan River - Yamaguchi South	\$332,360	\$195,000
z	Colorado Trout Unlimited	Lower South Boulder Creek - Watershed Restoration Phase II	\$250,000	\$250,000



aa	Eagle Vail Metropolitan District	Stone Creek Restoration Phase II	\$413,915	\$413,915
bb	Roaring Fork Conservancy	Crystal River at Riverfront Park Restoration and Efficiency Project	\$798,574	\$798,574

Staff Review and Comments:

The Pagosa Springs project received a partial funding recommendation that, when added to a Water Supply Reserve Fund grant request (Agenda item 25.l.), makes the total proposed CWCB funding 50% of the project cost.

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 contact each successful applicant to discuss comments and contracting procedures prior to contracting.
- 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.

