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AGENDA ITEM: Consent Agenda 4j-p Water Plan Grants - Engagement & Innovation Category

Introduction

Per CWCB Policy #25, the Board will place grants above \$50,000 and less than \$100,000 as well as grants not recommended for funding on the consent agenda for consideration. See attached Data Sheets and grant applications for additional project details.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the following Board action for activities listed in the following table regarding Colorado’s Water Plan Grant Program - Engagement & Innovation funding.

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
j. Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed	Phase 2 - Engaging Stakeholders & Communities in the Poudre Through Citizen Science, Collaboration & Outreach	\$68,880	Not Recommended
k. Boulder Watershed Collective	Forested Watershed Community Education	\$27,081	Not Recommended
l. Water Education Colorado	Advancing a Coordinated and Collaborative Approach to Water Education and Outreach via the Water Educator Network through 2025	\$109,733	\$55,000
m. Lincoln Hills Cares	Replicable Youth Driven Innovation Engine to Help Make the South Platte River Swimmable and Fishable	\$186,120	\$84,480
n. Metro State University of Denver - One World One Water Center	Your Water, Your Life Contest	\$124,020	\$87,000



o. Colorado State University - Stormwater Center	Expanding Residential Rain Garden Installations in Front Range Communities	\$180,600	\$90,300
p. Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance	Ditch and Reservoir Outreach, Education, and Advocacy Programming	\$260,250	\$98,375
Total Recommended for Approval			\$415,155

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

