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AGENDA ITEM: Consent Agenda Items 4s-t, Water Plan Grants - Environment & Recreation

Introduction:

For the second Water Plan Grant cycle of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the CWCB received 15 Environment & Recreation grant applications, totaling \$3,764,452 in requests. A committee of four people reviewed these requests and staff is not recommending funding for two applications.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the following Board actions for activities regarding the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program funding for the Environment & Recreation category.

Applicant	Project	Grant Request Amount	Staff Recommendation
Headwaters Alliance	Lower Willow Creek Stream and Floodplain Restoration	\$838,342	\$0
Trout Unlimited	Portland Uncompahgre Restoration Project	\$21,500	\$0

Staff Review and Comments:

These projects were reviewed by a committee of four and were subsequently reviewed by CWCB Section Chiefs. There are multiple justifications for the recommendation of no funding, including:

- There is reason to believe that the Headwaters Alliance project will not achieve adequate match funding to allow CWCB funds to be used according to CWCB criteria.
- There has been some turnover in the lead organization (Headwaters Alliance) and CWCB staff believes that it will take some time for everyone to get up to speed in order to adequately implement this project.
- Given more time, CWCB staff believes that both applicants can come back to the WPG program for funding once adequate cash match has been secured, those in charge of the project are in a position of more experience to implement the project, and, as in the case of TU, there is time to more thoughtfully think through the specifics of the project.

