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DATE: September 20-21, 2022 Board Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Items 7 q-r, Water Plan Grants - Watershed Health & Recreation

Introduction:

For the first Water Plan Grant cycle of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the CWCB received three Watershed Health & Recreation grant applications that had requests greater than \$100,000, totaling \$1,542,389 in requests. A committee of four people reviewed these requests and staff is recommending funding for two of the applications (see Consent Agenda for the project not being recommended). 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 Watershed Health & 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
q	Colorado Parks and Wildlife - Denver	Kemp Breeze SWA Habitat Restoration	\$870,000	\$870,000
r	Colorado State University	Recovery and Resilience of the Poudre	\$472,520	\$315,171

Staff Review and Comments:

Upon CWCB staff request, the applicant reached out to its stakeholders to request more cash contributions to offset the total need from the CWCB Colorado Water Plan grant program. Colorado Parks and Wildlife acquiesced to the applicant's request, and they will be providing cash match to fully fund the application.

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.

