MEETING DATE: December 10, 2018
AGENDA NUMBER: 11
ITEM: Water Education Grant – Avail Academy 3rd grade field trip

POLICY IMPACT: Policy
FISCAL IMPACT: Budgeted

REQUEST
Review Water Education grant application and award grant of $500 for hiring consultant to provide educational programs to Mrs. Stille’s third graders at Avail Academy, Blaine.

BACKGROUND
In September 2017 the Board budgeted $3500 for Water Education grants. The Board had originally approved the Activity Description for Water Education projects in December 2007.

On 11/23/18 Donna Stille, Avail Academy, applied for a $500 Water Education grant to fund the hiring of Heidi Ferris of Growing Green Hearts, LLC, to provide 1 STEAM-based program on water resources at the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary and the bussing for the field trip.

Expected number of students is 25, plus 3 - 4 chaperones.

ISSUES/CONCERNS:
This is a new school audience for CCWD. Staff members Doering & Dornfeld presented to this class on October 15th at Laddie Lake. The requested program would be a good follow up to their presentation on stormwater, lakes, and related land use.

The consultant was a licensed teacher for 10 years and is well-versed in water resources education and was hired by the City of Blaine to develop specific curriculum for the new Blaine Wetland Sanctuary park that is located just outside the CCWD boundary.

Criteria:

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<th>Available Funds</th>
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<td>$1500</td>
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<td>Balance = $1000</td>
<td>K-12 schools within CCWD</td>
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<td><strong>Eligible Expenses</strong></td>
<td>The project is eligible.</td>
<td>Educating students about water, wetlands, watersheds, water cycle, groundwater through targeted programs</td>
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| **Evaluation Criteria** | Priority will be given to proposals which:  
1. Information to the public and decision-makers regarding water resources  
2. Opportunities for the public to participate or volunteer in water quality activities  
3. Educational opportunities for K-12 children concerning water quality | 1. Yes, to students & their parents  
2. Yes in a participatory field trip setting.  
3. Yes. |

**RECOMMENDATION**  
Approve Water Education grant application for funding of $500 Water Education grant to fund the hiring of Heidi Ferris of Growing Green Hearts, LLC, to provide 1 STEAM-based program on water resources at the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary and the bussing for the field trip.