

Meeting Date: July 14, 2021	Agenda Item No. 5K.
Agenda Item: Commission Community Challenge Grant Announcement	Bureau Chief Approval: JF

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Background: The Fish and Game Commission authorized a Commission Community Challenge Grant (Challenge Grant) composed of 7 regional (\$10,000 each) and 1 statewide grant (\$30,000) to provide partnership opportunity to implement projects broadly supported by the local/statewide sportsman community and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, populations, or associated recreational opportunities.

Attached is the solicitation letter used in 2021 and a copy of the Challenge Grant framework, developed with the Commission, including decision criteria, match requirements, and the structure of the regional and statewide selection committees. The application period was March 1 through April 15, 2021. Grant money is awarded for project expenditure during FY22: July 1, 2021 through June 1, 2022.

The Department received 21 Regional proposals and four statewide project proposals (brief descriptions attached). At the time of the preparation of this Gold Sheet, regional and statewide committees were finalizing recommendations for project funding. Final recommendations will be presented to the Commission for approval and announcement at the business meeting.

Justification: Provide public information about outcome of Challenge Grants

Staff Recommendation: Approve staff to announce outcome of FY2022 Commission Community Challenge Grant process.