Addendum to CCHE Agenda Item II C

Senate Bill 23-005: Forestry and Wildfire Mitigation Workforce Expansion Grant Recommendations

Section 5 of SB 23-005 authorizes the expansion and creation of degree and certificate programs at state institutions of higher education, local district colleges, and area technical colleges through a FY24 appropriation of $1,180,650 and $780,650 in FY25.
Per CRS 23-1-142(3):

> Funds may be used for: "(I) Program design and administrative expenses necessary to expand or create the forestry programs; (II) The acquisition of a simulator for the forestry program once the program is established, which may be shared with forestry programs at other public institutions of higher education; and (III) Any other costs associated with expanding existing forestry programs or creating a new forestry program."

Below are Department staff recommendations for funding for Years 1 and 2. Funding proposals have been reviewed by both the Department of Higher Education and the Colorado State Forestry Service.

Institution	Year 1	Year 2	2-year total
Colorado State University/Front Range Community College (partnership)	$162,977.00	$152,232.00	$315,209.00
Front Range Community College	$389,979.00	$312,951.00	$702,930.00
Northeastern Junior College	$68,000.00	$33,450.00	$101,450.00
Pueblo Community College	$319,320.00	$109,820.00	$429,140.00
Western Colorado University	$63,981.50	$61,230.00	$125,211.50
Colorado Mountain College	$72,248.00	$75,860.00	$148,108.00

Total Appropriation	**$1,180,650.00**	**$780,650.00**	**$1,961,300.00**
Total Requests	$1,076,505.50	$745,543.00	$1,822,048.50
Total Under Appropriation	$104,144.50	$35,107.00	$139,251.50

* Some budget adjustments may be considered during the construction of the interagency agreements, for example, to consider indirect expenses not originally included in proposals. Adjustments will not exceed total appropriated amounts.

** Pueblo Community College submitted the sole request to acquire a simulator that will be shared among institutional programs.