

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
08/05/2024

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO
SUBJECT: Mini Grant program awards FY 24/25 and program future.

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational item only.

BACKGROUND:

The Mini Grant Program began in fiscal year 2014/2015 with the FRAQMD Board approving \$10,000 of AB2766 Vehicle Fee Funds to be used toward the Program. The Mini Grant Program differs from the Blue Sky Program in that the maximum grant amount is \$2,000, projects are awarded first come/first served by the APCO, and the approval period is within 15 business days.

The FRAQMD Board of Directors approved the use of \$16,000 of AB2766 Vehicle Fee Funds to be used toward the Mini Grant Program in fiscal year 2023/2024.

DISCUSSION:

Thirteen applications were received for the 2023/2024 Mini Grant Program. Out of the thirteen applications, The District only had funding to approve and fund eight projects. One project may receive partial funding and no funding was available for the remaining four, otherwise eligible projects.

Over the last 10 years the program has seen an increase in overall funding, but the per project funding has remained the same. As a result, inflation has reduced the buying power of the grants. In addition, the level of interest in the program has continued to increase.

In late 2023 staff had begun internal discussions about revising the program guidance and increasing both the per project and total program funding levels. Staff were expecting to bring these changes to the Board in late 2024. This would include a requested budget amendment to increase the budgeted funding for the program for FY 24/25.

With this in mind and upon approval of the FY 24/25 budget (at this meeting) the APCO will be funding the remaining projects received in FY 23/24 with FY 24/25 funds.

Staff will bring forward the proposed changes to the program and a request for a budget adjustment later in 2024. Applications for new mini-grant projects will be accepted starting in early 2025.

Table 1: Mini Grant Projects Funded 2024/2025

MG2024-09	Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council	Promotional Materials for Fire Season Safety	\$2000.00
MG2024-10	First 5 Yuba	Air Quality Curriculum	\$2,000.00
MG2024-11	Kiwanis Yuba City	Bike Rodeo	\$2,000.00
MG2024-12	Sutter AG	Kill the Jug	\$2,000.00
MG2024-13	City of Marysville	Bike Rack Installation	\$2,000.00
CAP5-1	Camptonville Union Elementary School District	Replace snow blower with electric blower	\$2,000.00
Total Amount Requested:			\$12,000.00

FISCAL IMPACT:

Information item – no fiscal impact. Funds already allocated in FY 24/25 budget.

Any program changes or increased funding levels will be brought to the Board at a later date.