

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
August 1, 2016

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO
SUBJECT: Mini Grant Program Update

RECOMMENDATION:

None, 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. Examples of eligible projects are those that are eligible for the regular Blue Sky Grant Program (AB2766 Funds) and reduce vehicle miles traveled or emissions from on-road motor vehicles. The grants cannot pay for compliance with a regulation and must result in surplus emission reductions. 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. Examples include:

- May is Bike Month Energizer Stations
- The purchase of flags to initiate the School Flag Program
- Publically accessible bicycle racks
- Grants to teachers for air quality related curriculums
- Kickstarter grants for larger bicycle and pedestrian projects
- Publically accessible electric vehicle charging stations

The FRAQMD Board of Directors approved the use of \$10,000 of AB2766 Vehicle Fee Funds to be used toward the Mini Grant Program in fiscal year 2015/2016.

DISCUSSION:

The FRAQMD accepted applications from March 1, 2016, until May 16, 2016. The Mini Grants were advertised by press release to local newspapers and radio stations, on the FRAQMD.org website, through email notices, on the FRAQMD newsletter (mailed to all local jurisdictions), and on FRAQMD social media (Facebook and Twitter).

Two applications were received for the 2015/2016 Mini Grant Program. Both applications required additional information to process and only one followed through with the requested information. The applicant has one year to complete their project.

The overall response has been positive for the Mini Grant Program. The FRAQMD staff would like to begin accepting applications for the next Mini Grant Program earlier in the fiscal year to attract more applicants. If approved as part of the Final Budget at the August 1 Board Meeting, the staff would like to immediately begin work on the program and begin accepting applications in October. The Applications would again be awarded on a first come/first serve basis.

Project #	Applicant	Company/Organization	Type	Amount Requested	Amount Paid
			Electric Vehicle		
MG2015-01	Michael Geiger	Yuba Sutter Mall	Charging Station	2000	0
			Total	2000	0

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY15/16 Mini Grant Program allocated \$2,000.00 in AB2766 Vehicle Fee Funds towards projects.

The FRAQMD Board has allocated another \$10,000 from AB2766 Vehicle Fee Funds toward the fiscal year 16/17 Mini Grant Program in its proposed budget approved on June 6, 2016. The final budget is expected to be adopted at the August 1, 2016, Board meeting.