

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 Annual Update (FY 23/24)

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
- Publicly accessible bicycle racks
- Grants to teachers for air quality related curriculums
- Kickstarter grants for larger bicycle and pedestrian projects
- Publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations

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. The funding level is established during the annual budget process.

DISCUSSION:

The FRAQMD accepted applications from April 1, 2024, until June 1, 2024, or until all funding was allocated. The Mini Grants were advertised by press release to local newspapers and radio stations, on the FRAQMD.org website, through email notices, and on FRAQMD social media (Facebook and Twitter).

Thirteen applications were received for the 2023/2024 Mini Grant Program. Out of the thirteen applications, The District was only able to approve and fund eight projects. The ninth application received is eligible for a partial funding amount of \$1,800 and the remaining four applications are outside of the current project funding range.

Table 1: Allocated Mini Grant Project Funding for 2023/2024

Project #	Agency/Organization	Project Type	Awarded
MG2024-01	Hope Point Bike Kitchen	Community events and bike cycle repair to those in need	\$2,000
MG2024-02	SABA-Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates	Public Outreach/Community Outreach for MAY is Bike Month	\$2,000
MG2024-03	Ampla Health	Bike Rack Installations for Clinics	\$2,000
MG2024-04	Blue Zones Project - Yuba Sutter	Public outreach/Community outreach event energizer stations for two events. (Muffins with Mommy & Community Cruise and Bike Rodeo)	\$200
MG2024-05	YABA-Yuba Area Bicycle Advocates	Start-up Grant for opening office space and materials for event and org promotion	\$2,000
MG2024-06	Wheatland Union High School	Bike Rack Installation	\$2,000
MG2024-07	SAYLOVE	Public Outreach/Clean-up events	\$2,000
MG2024-08	Habitat For Humanity	EV Charging	\$2,000
Total			\$14,200

Table 2: Mini Grant Project Not Funded for 2023/2024

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
Total Amount Requested:			\$10,000.00

Funding of items in Table 2 will be discussed in a separate agenda item on the FY 24/25 program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budgeted in FY 23/24 – no fiscal impact.