

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
08/07/2023

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO
SUBJECT: Mini Grant Program Annual 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
- 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 2022/2023.

DISCUSSION:

The FRAQMD accepted applications from February 15, 2023, until June 1, 2023, 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).

Seven applications were received for the 2022/2023 Mini Grant Program. One of project applicants withdrew their application and reapplied for a different project. One of the projects has been completed and expended. The remaining applicants have one year from approval date to complete their projects.

Table 1: Mini Grant Projects for 2022/2023

Project #	Agency/Organization	Project Type	Allocated	Expended
MG2023-01	Sutter County Ag Commission	Community Outreach/Pesticide Jug Recycling events	\$2,000	\$0
MG2023-02	SABA-Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates	Public Outreach/Community Outreach for MAY is Bike Month	\$2,000	\$2,000
MG2023-03	Kiwanis Club of Yuba City Foundation	Education/Bike Rodeo	\$2,000	\$0
MG2023-04	SAYLOVE	Public outreach/Community outreach on illegal dumping	\$2,000	\$0
MG2023-05	Wheatland Union High School	Bicycle Rack Installation	\$2,000	\$0
MG2023-06	Hope Pint Bike Kitchen	Bike repair for unhoused community members	\$2,000	\$0
MG2023-07	Yuba Watershed Protection	Public Outreach/Fire Safe Council Informational Calendar	\$2,000	\$0
Total			\$14,000	\$2,000.00

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY2022/2023 Mini Grant Program allocated \$14,000 in AB2766 Vehicle Fee Funds towards projects out of an available \$16,000.