

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
08/06/2018

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 2017/2018.

DISCUSSION:

The FRAQMD accepted applications from December 11, 2017, until May 31, 2018. 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).

Four applications were received for the 2017/2018 Mini Grant Program. Three have been completed and expended. The remaining applicants have one year from approval date to complete their projects.

Table 1: Mini Grant Projects for 2017/2018

Project #	Agency/Organization	Project Type	Allocated	Expended
MG2017-01	Yuba County Office of Education	Purple Air sensors for schools	2,000	0
MG2017-02	Kiwanis Club of Yuba City Foundation	Bike Rodeo	2,000	1,748.09
MG2017-03	Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter	Training Program	2,000	0
MG2017-04	City of Live Oak	Bike Racks	2000	0
Total			\$8,000	\$1,48.09

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY17/18 Mini Grant Program allocated \$8,000 in AB2766 Vehicle Fee Funds towards projects out of an available \$10,000.

The FRAQMD Board has allocated another \$10,000 from AB2766 Vehicle Fee Funds toward the fiscal year 18/19 Mini Grant Program in its proposed budget approved on June 4, 2018. The final budget is expected to be adopted at the August 6, 2018, Board meeting.