

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
August 7, 2017

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 2016/2017.

DISCUSSION:

The FRAQMD accepted applications from January 23, 2017, until May 31, 2017. 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).

Eight applications were received for the 2016/2017 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 2016/2017

Project #	Agency/Organization	Project Type	Allocated	Expended
MG2016-01	Yuba Sutter Transit	Bike Parking	2,000	2,000
MG2016-02	City of Live Oak	Bike Parking	2,000	
MG2016-03	Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter	Educational/Solar Program	2,000	
MG2016-04	City of Yuba City	Other	1,960	1,450.67
MG2016-05	City of Yuba City	Energizer Station	100	33.43
MG2016-06	Yuba City Kiwanis Club Foundation	Other	750	
MG2016-07	Corner Bike Shop	Energizer Station	100	
MG2016-08	YES Charter Academy	School Flag	123.24	
Total			\$9,033.24	\$3,484.10

The 15/16 fiscal year Mini Grant Program allocated \$2,000 to a single project that was not completed. That project was to install an electric vehicle charging station at the Yuba-Sutter Mall.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY16/17 Mini Grant Program allocated \$9,033.24 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 17/18 Mini Grant Program in its proposed budget approved on June 5, 2017. The final budget is expected to be adopted at the August 7, 2017, Board meeting.