

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MEMORANDUM  
10/07/2019

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

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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 2018/2019.

**DISCUSSION:**

The FRAQMD accepted applications from February 19, 2019, until May 15, 2019, when 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).

Six applications were received for the 2018/2019 Mini Grant Program. Two have been completed and expended. The remaining applicants have one year from approval date to complete their projects.

Table 1: Mini Grant Projects for 2018/2019

Project #	Agency/Organization	Project Type	Allocated	Expended
MG2018-01	Sac Electric Auto Association	Public Outreach/Electric vehicle outreach events	2,000	0
MG2018-02	SAYLOVE	Public Outreach/Community outreach on illegal dumping	2,000	2,000
MG2018-03	Kiwanis Club of Yuba City Foundation	Education/Bike Rodeo	2,000	1,980.48
MG2018-04	Playzeum Yuba Sutter	Education/Clean Air On-The-Go Field Trip	2,000	0
MG2018-05	Yuba Watershed Protection	Public Outreach/Fire Safe Council Informational Calendar	2000	0
MG2018-06	City of Yuba City	Bike Month Energizer Stations	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$3,980.48</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The FY18/19 Mini Grant Program allocated \$10,000 in AB2766 Vehicle Fee Funds towards projects out of an available \$10,000.

The FRAQMD Board has allocated funding in the amount of \$15,000 from AB2766 Vehicle Fee Funds toward the fiscal year 19/20 Mini Grant Program in its final budget approved on August 5, 2019.