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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Hubler, Chief Strategy Officer

SUBJECT: Grants Quarterly Update - 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2024

Issue

Staff is providing an update of grant acquisition, reprogramming and closeout activity for the period of April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

Recommendation

Receive and file.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitments of:

- **Modernizing Business Practices:** We will improve our operational efficiency through transparency, objective metrics and streamlined governance, reducing our over-reliance on subsidy while bringing our system into a state of good repair and investing in the development of our employees. The grant program helps to ensure reliable funding sources for maintaining the railroad in a state of good repair and adding capacity for increased reliability and future growth while reducing reliance on Member Agency contributions.
- **Advancing Key Regional Goals:** We will grow the role of regional rail in addressing climate change, air quality, and other pressing issues by advancing toward zero emissions, making rail a compelling alternative to single-occupant automobiles and advancing equity-focused opportunities for all communities throughout Southern California. The grant program also pursues grant opportunities to transition our technologies to lower- or zero-emissions technologies and to provide improved rider experiences to attract new ridership.

Background

The Authority applies for grants from federal, state, regional and local entities to assist in funding its rehabilitation and new capital programs. These programs are comprised of projects that rehabilitate, enhance and expand the Metrolink rail system.

This report focuses exclusively on federal, state and regional-level grant acquisition, reprogramming and closeout activities undertaken by staff for the purposes of supporting the rehabilitation and new capital programs. It pertains to grants that the Authority has secured through a formal application process and for which the Authority has a direct reporting relationship to the federal, state or regional-level granting agency.

Discussion

Grant Activity Summary for April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

<i>Acquired (5)</i>	<i>Reprogrammed (1)</i>	<i>Closed (1)</i>
\$103.2 million	\$0.12 million	\$22.6 million

With the addition of five federal grants totaling \$103.2 million during the quarter, the Authority currently manages 40 active federal grants totaling \$635.1 million, 16 active state grants totaling \$1.2 billion, and two active regional grants totaling \$146.7 million for a total portfolio of \$1.98 billion.

- Federal grants are summarized on Appendix A
- State grants are summarized on Appendix B
- Regional grants are summarized on Appendix C

Grant Activity Discussion

Acquisition

Five new federal grants were acquired during the quarter. Three grants totaling \$75.0 million were obtained from the Federal Transit Administration to fund Metrolink's annual capital and rehabilitation budget. One federal grant of \$26.7 million was obtained from the Federal Transit Administration to fund preventive maintenance activities in Metrolink's operating budget. One federal grant of \$1.5 million was obtained from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program administered by the Federal Transit Administration to fund Emergency Track Stabilization in San Clemente.

Reprogramming

Reprogramming of projects from previously approved Rehabilitation and Capital Program budgets occurs when projects are completed with savings or when deferred or canceled projects cannot utilize the funds in a timely manner. One reprogramming transaction, comprised of \$0.12 million in federal and local funds, was completed in the quarter.

Closure

One \$22.6 million federal grant that funded preventive maintenance activities in the operating budget closed during the quarter.

Next Steps

Any new grant acquisitions, reprogramming or closure activities during the next quarter will be reported at the December 2024 meeting.

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Attachment(s)

[Appendix A - Grant Activity Summary - Federal](#)

[Appendix B - Grant Activity Summary - State](#)

[Appendix C - Grant Activity Summary - Regional](#)