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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Hubler, Chief Strategy Officer

SUBJECT: Grants Quarterly Update - 2nd Quarter, FY 2026

Issue

Staff is providing an update of grant acquisition, reprogramming and closeout activity for the period of October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Recommendation

Receive and file.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment 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. Seeking external grant funding 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.

Background

The Authority applies for grants from federal, state, regional and local entities to assist in funding its preventive maintenance, 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 preventive maintenance, 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 October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

<i>Acquired (1)</i>	<i>Reprogrammed (1)</i>	<i>Closed (0)</i>
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\$23.7 million	\$1.7 million	-
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The Authority currently manages 39 active federal grants totaling \$681.5 million, 21 active state grants totaling \$1.246 billion, and two active regional grants totaling \$146.7 million for a total portfolio of \$2.1 billion.

- Federal grants are summarized in Attachment A
- State grants are summarized in Attachment B
- Regional grants are summarized in Attachment C

Grant Activity Discussion

Acquisition

The Southern California Association of Governments awarded two grants in the amount of \$23.7 million under the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) grant programs for three projects along the Antelope Valley Line, and the Pacific Coast Highway Bridge Replacement project in Orange County, California.

Under the same program, OCTA received \$22 million to fund Metrolink Rehabilitation for two years.

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. Three reprogramming transactions were completed during the quarter, comprised of \$1.05 million in federal and \$0.65 million in local funds.

Closure

There were no grant closures during this period.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to report quarterly on the status of the agency's grant portfolio.

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Attachment(s)

[Attachment A - Capital Grant Activity Summary FY26 Q2](#)

[Attachment B - Capital Grant Activity Summary FY26 Q2](#)

[Attachment C - Capital Grant Activity Summary FY26 Q2](#)

[Presentation - FY26 Q2 Grants Summary](#)