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**MEETING DATE:** November 8, 2024

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Paul Hubler, Chief Strategy Officer

**SUBJECT:** Grants Quarterly Update - 1st Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025

**Issue**

Staff is providing an update of grant acquisition, reprogramming and closeout activity for the period of July 1, 2024 to September 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 July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024**

<b><i>Acquired (1)</i></b>	<b><i>Reprogrammed (8)</i></b>	<b><i>Closed (3)</i></b>
\$2.1 million	\$6.4 million	\$31.6 million

With the addition of one federal grant totaling \$2.1 million during the quarter, the Authority currently manages 39 active federal grants totaling \$607.4 million, 15 active state grants totaling \$1.2 billion, and two active regional grants totaling \$146.7 million for a total portfolio of \$1.95 billion.

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

### **Grant Activity Discussion**

#### **Acquisition**

One new federal grant totaling \$2.1 million was acquired during the quarter. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant is one part of a funding plan being built to procure new Tier 4 locomotives.

#### **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. Eight reprogramming transactions were completed in the quarter, comprised of \$3.1 million in federal funds and \$3.3 million in state funds.

#### **Closure**

Two federal grants of \$26.7 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, were closed during the quarter. Those grants funded preventive maintenance expenditures in the operating budget and PTC improvements. One state grant totaling \$1.7 million was closed. That grant funded fare subsidies for the Mobility-4-All program.

## **Next Steps**

Any new grant acquisitions, reprogramming or closure activities during the next quarter will be reported at the February 2025 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](#)