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**MEETING DATE:** May 12, 2023

**TO:** Audit and Finance Committee

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

**SUBJECT:** Grants Quarterly Update - 3rd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2023

**Issue**

Staff is providing an update of grant acquisition, reprogramming and closeout activity for the period of January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023.

**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 that 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 discusses 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 January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023**

#### ***Acquired Reprogrammed Closed***

<b><i>(1)</i></b>	<b><i>(0)</i></b>	<b><i>(3)</i></b>
\$106.9	\$0	\$6.3
million		million

With one state grant of \$106.9 million acquired, the Authority currently manages 33 active federal grants totaling \$480.1 million, 27 active state grants totaling \$1.376 billion and 2 active regional grants, totaling \$52.0 million, for a total portfolio of \$1.908 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**

The Authority acquired one State Grant of \$106.9 million.

1. \$106.9 million from the Transit and Intercity Rail Program (TIRCP) for reconfiguration of the Fullerton Interlocker, 3rd track from Fullerton to Esperanza, and additional funding for the El Monte Station & Siding Improvements project and the Simi Valley Double Track Project.

#### **Reprogramming**

Reprogramming of projects from previously approved Rehabilitation and Capital Program budgets occurs when projects are completed with savings or when deferred or cancelled projects cannot make use of grant funds in a timely manner. No funds were reprogrammed in this quarter.

#### **Closure**

Grants are closed when all projects are completed within the work performance period allowed

under the grant. Three state grants from the LCTOP program totaling \$6.3 million were closed. These grants funded ticket vending machine replacements, a fare voucher promotion, and acquisition of railroad support equipment.

### **Next Steps**

Any new grant acquisitions, reprogramming or closure activities during the next quarter will be reported at the September 2023 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](#)