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TO: Audit and Finance Committee

FROM: Paul Hubler, Chief Strategy Officer

SUBJECT: Grants Quarterly Update - 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025

Issue

Staff is providing an update of grant acquisition, reprogramming and closeout activity for the period of October 1, 2024 to December 31, 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 October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

<i>Acquired (2)</i>	<i>Reprogrammed (3)</i>	<i>Closed (1)</i>
\$49.9 million	\$0.5 million	\$1.7 million

With the addition of two state grants totaling \$49.9 million and the closure of one federal grant of \$1.7 million, the Authority currently manages 38 active federal grants totaling \$612.3 million, 17 active state grants totaling \$1.245 billion, and two active regional grants totaling \$146.7 million for a total portfolio of \$2.0 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

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) awarded \$44.8 million for the design of the full buildout of the Eastern Maintenance Facility and the construction of two service and inspection tracks on the site. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Low Carbon Transportation Options Program (LCTOP) awarded \$5.1 million for the continuation of the Student Adventure Pass program.

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 in the quarter, comprised of \$0.4 million in federal funds and \$0.1 million in state and local funds.

Closure

One federal FEMA grant of \$1.7 million was closed during the quarter. That grant funded enhancements to the existing video and audio analytics systems at stations and facilities.

Next Steps

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