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MEETING DATE:	**October 23, 2026**
TO:	**Board of Directors**
FROM:	**Paul Hubler, Chief Strategy Officer**
SUBJECT:	**Grants Quarterly Update - 1st Quarter, FY 2027**

Issue

Staff is providing an update of grant acquisition, reprogramming and closeout activity for the period of July 1 to September 30, 2026.

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 July 1 to September 30, 2026

Acquired (4)	*Reprogrammed (3)*	*Closed (1)*
$84,269,615	$296,876	$25,000,000

The Authority currently manages 37 active federal grants totaling $729.3 million, 25 active state grants totaling $1.3 billion, and 3 active regional grants totaling $146.9 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 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded Metrolink funding under three grants: 1) $62,425,285 to support our FY26 rehabilitation and new capital budget, 2) $16,244,330 for preventive maintenance, and 3) $4,000,000 for the Sequoia Grade Crossing Improvements Project. A grant with the Federal Railroad Administration in the amount of $1,600,000 was also executed to support WCNSS grade crossing improvements.

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 $264,326 in local funds, and $32,550 in federal funds for a total of $296,876.

Closure

Staff closed one FTA grant that supported operations of the Arrow Service in the amount of $25,000,000.

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 - Federal Grants
Attachment B - State Grants
Attachment C - Regional Grants
Presentation - Grants Summary FY27 Q1