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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Hubler, Chief Strategy Officer

SUBJECT: Grants Quarterly Update - 3rd Quarter, FY 2026

Issue

Staff is providing an update of grant acquisition, reprogramming and closeout activity for the period of January 1 to March 31, 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 January 1 to March 31, 2026

<i>Acquired (1)</i>	<i>Reprogrammed (1)</i>	<i>Closed (0)</i>
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\$4,205,343	\$76,621	-
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The Authority currently manages 39 active federal grants totaling \$681.5 million, 20 active state grants totaling \$1.281 billion, and two active regional grants totaling \$146.7 million for a total portfolio of \$2.1 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 Department of Transportation (Caltrans) awarded the Authority \$4,205,343 through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) to support the Student Discount program for Fiscal Year 2026.

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. One reprogramming transaction was completed during the quarter, comprised of \$29,193 in federal, \$11,034 in state, and \$36,395 in local funds.

Closure

Staff did not close any grants during the quarter.

Next Steps

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

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Attachment(s)

Appendix A - Federal Grant Activity Summary FY26 Q3
Appendix - B - State Grant Activity Summary FY26 Q3
Appendix C - Regional Grant Activity Summary FY26 Q3
Presentation - Grants Summary