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Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District Awards \$200,000 in Grants

GRAND JUNCTION, CO – The Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (MCFMLD) Board of Directors has awarded a total of \$200,000 to two Mesa County public entities.

The award in the Traditional Grant Program totaled \$150,000 and went to:

- City of Grand Junction Police Department for Fire Range Facility Improvement Project in the amount of \$150,000;

The award in the Mini Grant Program totaled \$50,000 and went to:

- City of Fruita for 16 Rd. Railroad Crossing Improvements in the amount of \$50,000.

Since the district was formed in 2011, the City of Fruita has now been awarded five grants totaling \$560,000. The Lower Valley Fire Protection District has been awarded two grants totaling \$100,000. The total amount of grant funding the Fruita area has received from the MCFMLD is \$660,000.

The Grand Junction area public entities have been awarded 20 MCFMLD grants totaling \$3,303,416 since 2011. The awards have gone to the City of Grand Junction, Grand Junction Police Department, Grand Junction Fire Department, Grand Junction Parks and Rec Department; Mesa County Public Library District, Mesa County Valley School District #51, Caprock Academy, Colorado Mesa University, Western Colorado Community College, Grand Valley Drainage District and the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority.

Entities eligible for these programs are limited to the state and its subdivisions. Grant awards are evaluated through a scoring process that examines important factors such as ability to address the impacts of energy extraction, long-term value, and sustainability of the project.

For more information, please visit our website at www.mesafml.org. You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter for up-to-date information regarding meetings and grant project progress.

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Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (MCFMLD) was established in 2011. The MCFMLD serves a mission to enhance positive social and economic impact in Mesa County from the development, processing and energy conversion of fuels and minerals leased under the Federal "Mineral Lands Leasing Act" through strategic grants, partnerships,

investments and leadership. **Since 2011, MCFMLD has awarded over \$8.1 million to local entities in Mesa County.**

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