

Serving the citizens of Mesa County by distributing federal energy extraction dollars to community programs in need.

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PRESS RELEASE

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Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District announces Spring 2017 Grant Awards

GRAND JUNCTION, CO – The Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (MCFMLD) Board of Directors has awarded \$352,764 to five grant applicants in Mesa County for the spring 2017 grant cycle.

Awards in the Traditional Grant Program Totaled \$200,000 and was awarded to:

• City of Grand Junction, Colorado Mesa University, & School District 51 – Stocker Stadium Turf Project

Awards in the Mini Grant Program Totaled \$152,764 and were awarded to:

- Town of Collbran, Plateau Valley School District \$50,000 for School Lift Station Replacement
- Town of De Beque \$50,000 for De Beque Drainage Mitigation Project
- Clifton Sanitation District \$45,000 for Wastewater Receiving Station and Building Expansion
- Lands End Fire Protection District \$7,764 for Thermal Imaging Camera

The MCFMLD oversees the distribution of energy extraction funds to local public entities by providing financial support to serve the infrastructure, construction, and public service needs of our community. This function is accomplished through funding semiannual grant cycles: one in the spring and one in the fall. The Fall 2017 Grant Cycle will begin in August, with award announcements anticipated in October.

Funding levels are determined by the amount of Federal Mineral Lease revenue generated through natural extraction activities on our public lands within Mesa County.

The next scheduled board meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on May 10, 2017. Public comments are welcome at MCFMLD board meetings. Meetings are held at the Home Loan Building, located at 205 N. 4th Street in Grand Junction.

For additional information about the MCFMLD please visit our website at <u>http://www.mesafml.org/</u>.

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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 and leadership. **Since 2011, MCFMLD has awarded over \$7 million to local entities in Mesa County**. For more information, or to join in the conversation, please visit our website at <u>www.mesaFML.org</u>. Join us on social media, using hashtags #MesaFMLD or #MCFLMD, on our Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/MCFMLD</u> or twitter at <u>www.twitter.com/MesaFMLD</u>.

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