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PRESS RELEASE

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GRAND JUNCTION, CO: The Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (MCFMLD) board is pleased to announce the opening of the [MCFMLD 2016 Spring Grant Program](#). The MCFMLD oversees the distribution of Federal Mineral Leasing funds to local public entities by providing financial support to serve the infrastructure, construction, and public service needs of our community.

This competitive grant process provides two programs, each defined to create opportunities to strengthen and enhance the communities of Mesa County. The **Traditional Grant Program** was developed to support large-scale projects such as new public works or other capital projects, as well as public service projects addressing health, safety, and welfare impacts from federal mineral leasing activities. The **Mini Grant Program** can award up to \$50,000 for smaller-scale projects.

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. In this cycle, applications will be accepted until March 3, 2016, with awards made as soon as April 13, 2016.

The MCFMLD has accumulated approximately \$1,200,000 for use in the 2016 funding cycles, which are typically held in the spring and fall. These funds represent a small percentage of the funds that the federal government receives through the leasing of public lands for energy development in Mesa County, and are received through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

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

Please find the full grant application and additional information about the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District at www.mesaFML.org.

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