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**Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District Awards a Total of \$350,000 in Grants for Town of De Beque, Downtown Development Authority, Palisade High School and Colorado Mesa University;
Receives 2023 DOLA Disbursement**

GRAND JUNCTION, CO – The Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (MCFMLD) has awarded four grants that total \$350,000 for its fall 2023 grant cycle to entities in Mesa County.

Colorado Mesa University was awarded a \$175,000 traditional grant from the MCFMLD for the theatre and main stage orchestra shell for the new performing arts center.

The Town of De Beque was awarded \$75,000 traditional grant for infrastructure and ADA compliant sidewalk improvements in downtown De Beque.

The Mesa Valley School District 51 was awarded a traditional grant of \$50,000 for a new Palisade High School baseball field.

The Grand Junction Downtown Development Authority was awarded a mini grant of \$50,000 for eight Meridian Barricades for downtown events.

“This cycle for grants was very competitive. Everyone submitted excellent applications and demonstrated a real need in our community. We are delighted to award community projects that will have a lasting impact on today and future generations,” said Commissioner Bobbie Daniel, board member of the MCFMLD.

The funding for these grants comes from federal mineral lease payments that are distributed first to the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), who in turn, distributes payments to the counties, municipalities, and federal mineral lease districts within the State impacted by federal mineral leasing activity. Approximately 70% of the land in Mesa County is publicly owned and rich with various mineral deposits.

Each year, the MCFMLD receives a disbursement check from DOLA for the sole purpose of granting these funds back into our community. The 2023 DOLA disbursement that the MCFMLD recently received was \$1,133,116. The MCFMLD board has posted a draft 2024 budget for public viewing and public comment on the website.

For more information on the MCFMLD, eligibility for grants and grant cycles, 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 \$11 million to local entities in Mesa County.** For more information, or to join in the conversation, please visit our website at www.mesaFML.org. Join us on social media, using hashtags #MesaFMLD or #MCFMLD, on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MCFMLD or twitter at www.twitter.com/MesaFMLD.

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