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Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District Awards \$768,498 in Grants for Five Mesa County Applicants

GRAND JUNCTION, CO – The Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (MCFMLD) has awarded five grants that total \$768,498 for its fall 2024 grant cycle to entities in Mesa County.

Plateau Valley School District 50 was awarded a traditional grant for \$296,546 for athletic field lighting.

Plateau Valley Fire Protection District was awarded a traditional grant for \$143,952 for two station vehicle exhaust removal systems.

Independence Academy Charter School was awarded a traditional grant for \$160,000 for new gym and theatre upgrades for their new gym and theatre building.

City of Grand Junction was awarded a traditional grant for \$91,000 for training facility enhancements to the Colorado Law Enforcement Training Center.

East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District was awarded a traditional grant for a fire rescue unit for \$77,000.

“The grant funding we receive from oil and gas leases is meant to go back into the community to help offset impacts. The board was very happy to be able to grant out a large amount of funding to some great projects. We know these projects will benefit Mesa County and its residents for many years to come,” said Dusti Reimer, grant administrator for the district.

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.

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 #MCFLMD, on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MCFMLD or twitter at www.twitter.com/MesaFMLD.

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