

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: March 2017
ITEM: New Business 1
FROM: Eugene Vicknair
SUBJECT: **Grant Applications**

There are three large grant programs (\$50,000 to \$250,000) with application deadlines coming up between May and September 2017 that focus on capital investments in infrastructure. In addition, there is a smaller grant with deadline in June.

They are: USDA Rural Assistance Program
 North American Railway Foundation Direct Funding Program
 California Museum Grant Program
 Community Facilities Grant Program

Smaller program (\$5,000<): Tom E. Dailey Foundation Grants

I am recommending that we submit the following programs for the following grants:

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| . WP 165 Restoration - \$100,000 | North American Ry Foundation Direct Funding Program |
| . Whitman Building Acquisition - \$150,000 | USDA Rural Assistance Program |
| . Entry Road and Parking Lot - \$140,000 | California Museum Grant Program (\$70,000) Community Facilities Grant Program (\$70,000) |
| . Archives Facility / Support - \$4,000 | Tom E. Dailey Foundation Grant |

Note that the California Museum Grant Program requires a 50% dollar for dollar match, of which 25% can be in kind donations. We can pair it with the Community Facilities Grant to complete the match. Also, I am working on some options for contacting large donors to support these applications.

I am working with various groups to identify other grant applications. If appropriate grants are identified, I would recommend we prioritize the following items:

- . New Diesel Shop Restrooms (capital grant)
- . WP 165 Restoration (artifact / restoration grant)
- . WP 917 / 921 / 925 Restorations (artifact / restoration grant)

REQUEST: For the Board to approve this report and its recommendations and give approval to proceed with grant applications as outlined.