

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Department Report
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GRANT APPLICATIONS

Over the past month, I have put in just under \$60,000 in grants for general funds and various projects. I wrote a total of 5 grants and I have 3 more small grants in progress, plus the high dollar grants discussed below.

I want to thank in particular Shane Starr and Gabriel Hydrick who sent me contacts for several grant opportunities, particularly in regards to museum support during the COVID-19 crisis.

They have also sent me information on some high dollar grants that would be for the Whitman Building. One has a deadline in about 11 months, but the other has its application time open now and I have the application in progress.

FUNDRAISING and MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

I am planning to start work on the mail out fundraiser that Patty Clawson and I have been discussing. We would modify the pitch slightly in light of the COVID-19 shutdown. Since this mailing list is for property owners in Plumas County, many go to out of area residents who have vacation homes or invest properties in the area. With the Fourth of July celebration cancelled this year, there are no fundraisers that we are aware of using this list this year.

I would also like to do a membership drive on Facebook. Offer a 25% discount on membership during a 1 day membership blitz. An alternative idea would be to do an on-line fundraiser with donation gifts, such as the Joe Strapac diesel book.

COVID-19 DISASTER LOAN and PPP SUPPORT

I was able to start an application for the SBA Disaster Loan program and another for the Payroll Protection Program. However, both programs ran out of funds before the applications could be submitted.

I am staying on top of these and will complete the applications once the programs reopen.