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**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District awards \$250,819 in Fall 2018 Grants**

**GRAND JUNCTION, CO** – The Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (MCFMLD) Board of Directors has awarded a total of \$250,819 to four Mesa County public entities.

The awards in the Traditional Grant Program totaled \$189,476 and went to:

- Town of Palisade for a Brush Truck in the amount of \$63,000;
- Grand Junction Fire Department for Infrastructure for Fire Department Training Facility Project for the partial funding amount of \$126,476

The awards in the Mini Grant Program totaled \$61,343 and were made to:

- East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District for Firefighter Safety Gear Upgrades in the amount of \$41,995;
- Lands End Fire Protection District for Extrication Equipment in the amount of \$19,348.

The traditional grants will have two years to fulfill the requirements for the grants, and the mini grants have one year.

“These funds are going to meet the severe needs of our local fire departments. Out of the seven grant applicants this fall, five were requests made on behalf of fire departments. These fire departments were able to show in their applications that they are directly impacted by the extraction industry,” said Dusti Reimer, grant administrator.

The Grand Junction area entities, which include the school district, City of Grand Junction, Grand Junction Fire Department, Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority, Mesa County Libraries have received \$3,153,416 in grant awards from the MCFMLD.

Palisade area entities, which include Palisade Fire Protection District, Town of Palisade and Palisade Police Department have won \$856,615 in grant awards from the MCFMLD for community projects.

Lands End Fire Protection District has been awarded \$59,597 in grant awards from the MCFMLD for various projects.

This is the first grant award for the East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District, totaling \$41,995.

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.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.mesafml.org](http://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 and leadership. For more information, or to join in the conversation, please visit our website at [www.mesaFML.org](http://www.mesaFML.org). Join us on social media, using hashtags #MesaFMLD or #MCFMLD, on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MCFMLD](http://www.facebook.com/MCFMLD) or twitter at [www.twitter.com/MesaFMLD](http://www.twitter.com/MesaFMLD).

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