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Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District Awards a Total of \$200,000 in Grants to East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District, Colorado Mesa University and School District 51 and Lower Valley Fire Department

GRAND JUNCTION, CO – The Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (MCFMLD) Board of Directors has awarded a total of \$200,000 to three Mesa County public entities.

The award in the Traditional Grant Program totaled \$150,000 and went to:

- East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District for a water tender truck in the amount of \$61,600
- Colorado Mesa University and Mesa County Valley School District 51 for PRC Testing Machine in the amount of \$88,400

The award in the Mini Grant Program totaled \$50,000 and went to:

- Lower Valley Fire Protection District for Station #32 Improvements and Upgrades in the amount of \$50,000

The East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District grant award will replace the 1970 Ford F900 3000-gallon water tender/pump with a newer model. This vehicle has been dispatched to numerous calls throughout the Grand Valley to help with fire suppression. Out of the four water tender trucks in the county, East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District's water tender truck holds the largest water capacity.

Colorado Mesa University and Mesa County Valley School District 51 jointly applied and were awarded a partial grant of \$88,400 for the droplet digital PCR machine to help with COVID testing in Mesa County. This would be the first testing machine of this kind on the Western Slope and will be used to help turn around COVID testing times.

The Lower Valley Fire Protection District was awarded \$50,000 for station access upgrades and improvements to their new Loma Fire Station. The grant will address drainage issues for the fire department, along with adding various outdoor upgrades that would include paving, a chain link fence and landscaping.

For more information, 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 \$8.1 million to local entities in Mesa County.**

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