

TO:

Mayor & Council Members

FROM:

Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

DATE:

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

SUBJECT: September Update on City of Austin Federal Stimulus (ARRA) Activities

Attached is an updated matrix of the City's Federal Stimulus (ARRA) activities. It includes all grants we have applied for, including a status of each of these grant opportunities. To date, the City has been awarded \$58.5 million in stimulus funding. We are still awaiting word on several grants, including Department of Energy's SMART Grid program, and the Department of Transportation's TIGER program.

At this time, we do not believe the City will receive any additional formula awarded stimulus funding, nor are there additional stimulus grants that we will be applying for. We will continue to monitor each of the Federal agencies for any new grant opportunities that may open up.

A main focus over the last few weeks has been on the Federal reporting requirements. We will be holding a training this week with staff to ensure that we are ready to meet the upcoming quarterly reporting deadlines. In addition, we will be working on revamping the City's stimulus website (<a href="www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus">www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus</a>) so that the Austin community can easily follow our efforts to implement the City's stimulus initiatives.

Finally, we have continued to work with the Inter-governmental Stimulus Steering Committee (City, Travis County, AISD, ACC, Health Care District, ACC) on coordination and collaboration around stimulus funding. At the most recent Community Action Network meeting, the group provided an update of the progress that we have made. I've attached a chart detailing this Inter-governmental effort.

There are also several stimulus-related items on the September 24<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda:

## Homelessness & Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)

In May, Council approved the uses of the City's \$3.1 million awarded from the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the HPRP program. On the 9/24 agenda are several items to begin implementation of these program funds, including a budget amendment to formally accept the grant funds, and several contracts with local providers for such services as outreach, housing locators, financial assistance program, and mediation services for tenant/landlord disputes.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

In July, Council formally accepted \$1.4 million from HUD (via the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs) for CSBG to augment existing employment-related services and activities. On the 9/24 agenda will be the award of several one-year contracts with local service providers for the financial assistance component of the program, family case management, and workforce case management.

Please let me know if I can provide you any other information regarding the City's stimulus efforts.

xc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager

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Federal Agency	Federal Agency - Program	City Department	<u>Amount</u>	Type of Award	Status	Use of Funds
Department of Agriculture	Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	Health & Human Services		Formula	Pending	Continued WIC programs
Department of Energy	EERE: Weatherization Assitance	Austin Energy	5,845,969	Formula	Approved	Weatherization efforts (details TBD and approved by Council)
Department of Energy	EERE: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)	Austin Energy	7,492,700	Formula	Approved	Energy retofits, lighting controls, thermostats at City facilities
Department of Energy	EERE: Smart Grid	Austin Energy	114,000,000	Competitive	Pending	for Smart Grid investments
Department of Energy	Solar Market Transformation	Austin Energy	2,000,000	Competitive	Pending	Solar Electric Test Facility, Solar Rootop Arrays, Solar Schools
Department of Energy	Community Renewable Energy	Austin Energy	5,000,000	Competitive	Pending	Installation of solar panels at ABIA and development of Solar
Envirnomental Protection Agency	Clean Water	Austin Water Utility	32,000,000	Competitive	Approved	Hornsby Bend upgrades
Envirnomental Protection Agency	Clean Water	Austin Water Utility	185,805,000	Competitive	Not Approved	14 various wastewater projects
Envirnomental Protection Agency	Drinking Water	Austin Water Utility	163,979,456	Competitive	Not Approved	23 various water projects
Envirnomental Protection Agency	Diesel Emission Reduction Grants	Fleet Services	11,800,000	Competitive	Not Approved	replace 64 trucks, retrofit emissions on 86 trucks & 154 shcool buses (CAPCOG)
Department of Health & Human Services	Community Services Block Grant	Health & Human Services	1,430,692	Formula	Approved	Youth Employment, Case Management, Workforce Development, Childcare
Department of Homeland Security	Firefighter Assistance Grants	Fire	1,250,000	Competitive	Pending	Women's Locker Room Additions to 6 Fire Stations
Department of Housing & Urban Development	Community Development Block Grants	Neighborhood Housing & Community Development	2,003,003	Formula	Approved	Lifeworks East facility, People Funds facility, African American Cultural & Heritage Facility, Sidewalks in East Austin
Department of Housing & Urban Development	Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re- Housing	Neighborhood Housing & Community Development	3,062,820	Formula	Approved	Outreach; Location Services; Rent and other financial assistance
Department of Justice	Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Formula)	Police	1,400,000	Formula	Approved	technology improvements
Department of Justice	Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Competitive)	Police	1,398,506	Competitive	Approved	Communications - 911 dispatchers and call takers (12 FTEs for 2 years); had applied for \$3.9m and 33 FTEs
Department of Justice	Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Competitive)	Police	3,100,000	Competitive	Pending	\$1.2 m for violent crime initiatives, \$1.9 million for forensics
Department of Justice	Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Competitive)	Downtown Community Court	850,000	Competitive	Pending	treatment programs
Department of Justice	COPS	Police	3,775,000	Competitive	Not Approved	new officers
Department of Justice	Southern Border Narcotics Program	Police	1,600,000	Competitive	Not Approved	prevention programs
National Endowement for the Arts	NEA Grants	EGRSO	250,000	Competitive	Not Approved	grants for local artists
Department of Transportation	TIGER	Public Works		Competitive	Pending	East 6th Street Great Streets, Walk for a Day
Department of Transportation	Federal Aid Highways	Public Works	3,900,000	Competitive	Approved	Traffic Signals, Street Overlays - City recieved 0.2% of State of Texas allocation

## **Intergovernmental Stimulus Coordination Steering Committee**

Austin Travis Co Community Austin City of Community Capital Travis Healthcare Workforce Action College ISD Metro Austin County District Solutions Network

Guiding Principles									
& Guide Flexible	Identify Shared Priorities & Goals	Align Collaboration with Community Goals	Plan Ahead	Thoughtfully Invest One-Time Funds	Seek Funding for Shared Priorities	Maximize Economic Impact	Evaluate Outcomes	Demonstrate Accountability & Transparency	Communicate Regularly

		Goals		Priorities			
Education  Coordination with Title 1 IDEA Funds  K-12 Literacy  Dropout Recovery  English Language Learners  College & Career Readiness	Energy  • Smart Grid  • Alternative Energy	Family Sustainability  • Emergency Assistance  • Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing  • Public & Affordable Housing Preservation Revitalization  • Community Development  • Weatherization	Healthcare Community Health Centers Health Information Technology Research & Development GIS Mapping	Public Safety & Law Enforcement  Law Enforcement & Crime Reduction  Prosecution Initiatives  Training  Crime Prevention  Reentry  Victims  Community Restoration  Technology for Information Collection and Sharing	<ul> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Transportation         Generating         Economic         Recovery &amp;         Sustainability</li> <li>Safe Routes to         Schools</li> <li>Shared         Alternative Fuels         and Fleets</li> </ul>	Technology  Broadband for Underserved Populations  Wireless Mesh  Continued Build out of GAATN Network  Joint Data Center	Workforce Development  Job Training, Certification, Placement in High Demand Occupations (energy, health, weatherization) for Disadvantaged & Underserved Pops.  Career Readiness & Supports  Small Business Development & Entrepreneurism (Green Energy, Manufac, Health IT)

Action to Access Existing Stimulus Dollars

Action to Access
Future Stimulus Dollars

Advocacy for Access to Stimulus Funds Needed but Not Available