



TO: Mayor & Council Members

FROM: Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

DATE: September 16th, 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 (www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus) 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 24th 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