



**TO:** Mayor & Council Members

**FROM:** Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**SUBJECT:** January 2011 City of Austin ARRA Status Report

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The status updates on each ARRA grant have been updated on the City's stimulus website [www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus](http://www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus) (link is on City's homepage) under the projects tab (<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/stimulus/projects.htm>). In addition, the *Federal Stimulus Tracking List* has also been updated and includes expenditure and encumbrance information, as well as grant start/end dates and job creation estimates. This tracking log can be found here: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/stimulus/downloads/arra%20status%20report%2012011.xls>. Overall, \$51.8 million, or 62.5% of the total funds awarded have been either expended or encumbered through 1/18/11. While some of the grant periods end during 2011, others extend into 2013.

Noteworthy items for the month include the following:

- Neighborhood Housing & Community Development issued the proposal for Phase II of the African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility renovation on January 3, 2011.
- As part of its work with Health & Human Services and the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant, Capital Metro announced that smoking is prohibited near all transit centers and park and ride locations. All MetroRail platforms became smoke free in September 2010.
- With the \$2.4M grant funded through TxDOT, Austin Transportation Department originally planned to turn on or upgrade signals at 20 intersections. Due to cost savings in equipment, ATD will now be able to upgrade approximately 5 additional intersections. Staff is currently working with TxDOT to amend the agreement.
- As of the end of December, AE's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) reported 407 total units completed to TDHCA. For the month of December, AE completed 84 units, exceeding our goal of 80 units for the month of December.
- Austin Energy's Best Offer Ever program, a component of the Better Buildings grant, completed 95 residential residences between October 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 and the program will be one of four case studies featured by the U.S. Department of Energy.
- NHCD has completed the rehab on its first Neighborhood Stabilization Program home, and rehab on the second home has begun. The department continues to experience difficulty in receiving timely information, documentation and assistance from TDHCA; however, it does appear that improvement is being made. Loan documents for the construction of 12 new homes were received in December and Law is currently reviewing them.
- By the end of December 2010, 1,462 people (comprising 593 households) have been enrolled in and received assistance from the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.

Finally, there is only one item on which Council will be taking action during the next month. On January 27, 2011, Council will be awarding the contract with Lighthouse Solar to design and install 15 Solar Outdoor Learning Centers at fifteen schools within Austin Independent School District as part of AE'S Solar Curriculum Development and Demonstration Projects Grant.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

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