



TO: Mayor & Council Members
FROM: Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer
DATE: March 31st, 2011
SUBJECT: February 2011 City of Austin ARRA Status Report

The status updates on each ARRA grant have been updated on the City's stimulus website 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%2033111.xls>. Overall, \$55.6 million, or 67% of the total funds awarded have been either expended or encumbered through 3/31/11. While some of the grant periods end during 2011, others extend into 2013.

Noteworthy items for the month include the following:

- As of the end of February, AE's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) reported 619 total units completed to TDHCA. For the month of February, AE completed 101 units, exceeding our goal of 90 units for the month of February. They have also expended 59% percent of the funds through March 31, 2011.
- AE also began high-efficiency lighting retrofits at Decker Power Plant, Bergstrom Airport, Glen Bell Service Center, Elisabet Ney Museum, Kramer Yard and Solid Waste Services.
- Austin Transportation Department has Initiated the installation of 13 dynamic message signs on major streets on the periphery of downtown. The large signs will post messages about traffic congestion, accidents, road closures and other information that might affect a traveler's trip ahead.
- Due to TDHCA processing delays, the City requested and received an extension of the 70% expenditure threshold for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program until August 2011. Since communicating our concerns to TDHCA executive director in late February, the loan documents for construction on 12 lots at Frontier at Montana have been processed, and we expect to start construction in March.

There are also several stimulus-related items on upcoming Council agendas:

- On April 7th, Austin Energy will accept an additional \$2.1 million in U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization program and will be awarding several contracts for additional weatherization services
- Also on the April 7th agenda will be an energy efficient loan program award for residential energy upgrades as part of Austin Energy's \$10 million DOE's BetterBuildings grant.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

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