



TO: Mayor & Council Members

FROM: Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

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SUBJECT: May 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%2051611.xls>. Overall, \$57.6 million, or 67% of the total funds awarded have been either expended or encumbered through 5/16/11.

This past month saw an increase in ARRA funding of \$2.8 million, with Council's acceptance of:

- \$2.1 million in additional funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program;
- \$0.6 million in Department of Energy pass-through funds from Chrysler to test 14 plug-in hybrid Ram 1500 CrewCab vehicles for 3 years and install 14 charging stations;
- \$70,000 in additional funding for S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Recovery Act funds; and,
- \$17,500 for second year funding of Austin Energy's Propane Vehicles grant.

Noteworthy items for the month include the following:

- At the end of April, Austin Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) reported 802 total units completed to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, with 88 units completed in April, exceeding the monthly goal of 80 units. In addition, 51% percent of the \$8.1 million awarded has been expended.
- On May 10, 2011, Texas Department of Transportation sent a Completion of Construction Letter that stated Public Work's Asphalt Overlay project was "satisfactorily completed" and has been accepted.
- The construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Loop 360 from Jollyville Road to Arboretum Boulevard are substantially complete. The project should attain full completion by the end of May.
- Construction on 12 homes in the Frontier at Montana subdivision that is part of NHCD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program is approximately 50% complete and scheduled to be finished by the end of July.

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

- On May 26th, Council will authorize the contract for the purchase of an 850 kW biogas generator for the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant.

- On July 28th, Council will be requested to approve contracts for demographic and marketing services related to AE's BetterBuildings program and for the installation of back-up power systems for traffic signals.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

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