



**TO:** Mayor & Council Members  
**FROM:** Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer *Jdc*  
**DATE:** December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** November 2010 City of Austin ARRA Status Report

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The November 2010 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.xls>. Overall, \$49.7 million, or 60% of the total funds awarded have been either expended or encumbered through 12/13/10.

Noteworthy items:

- In early October, the Department of Energy visited Austin Energy to review the EECBG program. The report, published last month, stated that there were no significant findings and no corrective actions requested. In addition, the following best practices were identified:
  - Cross-functional teams that include project managers are used on the front end of the procurement process in order to have complete and accurate information from the start.
  - SharePoint is used as a central depository for easy access to all Recovery Act project documents including flow down compliance documents, process flow charts and training manuals.
  - Measurement and Verification has been incorporated into retrofit projects.
  - The City's web pages are dedicated to reporting on the current status of Recovery Act projects.
  - A comprehensive Vendor Source Guide is used to facilitate the procurement process.
- Neighborhood Housing & Community Development is scheduled to issue the Competitive Sealed Proposals for Phase II of the African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility renovation on December 20, 2010, which is partially funded by ARRA CDBG funding.
- As of the end of November, Austin Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) reported 323 total units completed to TDHCA. For the month of November, AE completed 91 units, exceeding our goal of 80 units for the month of November.
- Lifeworks broke ground on their new facility in East Austin in November, 2010.

- Austin Energy completed the first BetterBuildings retrofit in the U.S. through its Best Offer Ever program, and between October 1, 2010 and November 30, 2010, 46 residences have been completed.
- For the Loop 360 Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, construction bids have been opened and an RCA is being prepared to go to Council for contract award.
- The Tobacco Cessation Resource Center has a planned start date of January 31, 2011, and sub-recipient partners are planning events to maximize the media exposure.

Finally, there is only one item on which Council will be taken action during the next month. On January 13, 2011, Council will be accepting \$63,152 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to establish a Computer Training and Job Search Center at the George Washington Carver Branch Library.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

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