



**TO:** Mayor & Council Members

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

**DATE:** November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**SUBJECT:** November Update on City of Austin Federal Stimulus (ARRA) Activities

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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 \$62.0 million in stimulus funding. We are still awaiting word on several grants, including the Department of Transportation's TIGER program. This updated matrix is available on the City's stimulus website ([www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus](http://www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus)).

Since the last stimulus update in the middle of September, we have received several notifications on awards. Neighborhood Housing & Community Development received \$2.5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. This grant was accepted by Council on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Austin Energy was notified it received \$450,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Market Transformation program for AE's Solar School program, a partnership between the City, AISD, ACC and UT to continue building a system combining student learning goals for solar, Solar America Cities project goals and the Austin community's solar goals.

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

At tomorrow's Council Meeting, Austin Energy will provide a briefing on the Weatherization Program. The City has received \$5.8 million in stimulus funds for these efforts.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, there will contract awards to implement the East Austin sidewalk improvements that were part of the Council approved program for the use of \$2.0 million in CDBG stimulus funds the City was allocated.

Also on the November 19<sup>th</sup> agenda will be a resolution recognizing the collaborative efforts of the Inter-governmental Stimulus Steering Committee, comprised of the City, Travis County, AISD, Health Care District, Capital Metro, ACC, as well as CAN and the Chamber of Commerce.

We are also planning a full briefing on Stimulus at a December council meeting

Please let me know if I can provide you any other information regarding the City's stimulus efforts.

xc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager