City of Alexandria
Federal Stimulus Funds (ARRA)

Update for City Council-Grants
Applied for or Received

September 22, 2009
IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR GRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing

- $512K allocated and awarded

- Submitting Department: Human Services

- Focus on households with members unemployed/underemployed, and persons in shelters or transitional housing
Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing: Actions to date

- Recruiting 2 Relocation Advisors (contract employees—ARRA funds are not being used for new FTEs)

- Several clients ineligible for other programs have been identified to receive assistance

- Working with non-profits to distribute program information
Community Development Block Grant

- $335K allocated and awarded
- Submitting Department: Housing
- Grant agreement with HUD has been executed
Community Development Block Grant

○ Working on loan agreement between the City and RPJ Housing (sub-recipient)

○ Provides energy-efficient renovations at the Lacy Court apartment complex

○ RPJ to hire contractor as soon as loan agreement is signed; work to be completed in a few months
Workforce Training

- $185K to JobLink under the Workforce Investment Act

- Provides training to adults and dislocated workers—aimed at those who have lost their jobs

- Used $64K of JobLink’s ARRA funds for JobLink-Seaport Foundation summer green job project for youth.
Community Services Block Grant

- $241K allocated and awarded
- Submitting Department: Human Services
- Grant will pay for dental services, job training for ex-offenders, and utility assistance
Community Service Block Grant

**Dental Project**

- Client Intake Services Worker (P/T) started July 13, 2009

- Patients (low income) are being treated at the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic
Community Service Block Grant

**Ex-Offender Job Training**

- Community Services Specialist I (P/T) started August 10, 2009

- Initiated contact with community partners who will recruit participants, and with training providers
Community Service Block Grant

**Utility Assistance and Education Project**
- Caseworker started August 31, 2009
- Coordinating utility education with ARHA and its residents
- Working with Dominion Power on energy conservation education
- Working with non-profits on energy assistance programs
Head Start

- $127K allocated

- Submitting Department: Human Services

- Purpose: increase program quality by supporting staff development and funding staff benefit costs
CSB IDEA funds for Children with Disabilities

- $144K allocated and awarded
- Submitting Department: MHRSA
- Distributed by State to local programs based on number of children
- MHRSRA will hire a contract employee (infant development specialist) to run a parent resource and training center for families of children with disabilities
Byrne JAG Allocation

- $324K allocated and awarded

- Submitting departments/offices: Sheriff, Police, Court Service

- Grant administrators have been trained on performance measures
Byrne JAG Allocation

**Court Service Unit**

- Seaport Foundation summer green job project for youth (July – August)

- **JobLink’s** Youth Work Force Investment Act ARRA funds also used for this

- Built wooden cistern to collect and recycle rainwater and air conditioner condensate from T.C. Williams’ roof
Byrne JAG Allocation

- CSU also hired a Contract Mentor Coordinator in September

- Beginning a 6-month assignment of strengthening the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership project
Byrne JAG Allocation

**Sheriff**
- Courthouse security construction expected to begin in September

**Police**
- Public safety equipment purchases to be processed in September
Training sessions held for 150 employees

Advisory Board has begun providing guidance and oversight for the project

Submitting Department: Office on Women

$37K allocated and awarded

Persons who identify as lesbian, gay, etc.

Responders to Domestic Violence Involving
GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED SINCE JUNE COUNCIL MEETINGS
Neighborhood Stabilization Program (COG Consortium)

- Applied for $3.5M as part of COG consortium
- Submitting Department: Housing
- Purpose: to stabilize communities that have been hard hit by foreclosure, vacancy, etc.
- Two City census tracts eligible and included:
Neighborhood Stabilization Program (COG Consortium)

- One includes areas of Eisenhower Avenue West and South Van Dorn Street

- The other includes Lincolnia Hills and communities along Quantrell Avenue and Armistead Street

- Grant funds to help first-time homebuyers purchase foreclosed homes in these areas
Senior Nutrition

- $30K allocated
- Submitting Department: Human Services
- Two programs to begin operating in October
Senior Nutrition

**Home Delivered Meals**
- Provide Meals on Wheels recipients with a weekend meal one day a month; and shelf stable meals (for emergencies) twice a year

**Breakfast Program**
- Give 25 seniors daily breakfast at St. Martins Senior Center for 37 weeks
Alexandria Library Public Computer Educational Center

- Applied for $255K

- Submitting Department: Alexandria Library

- Awards to be announced before the end of the year
Alexandria Library Public Computer Educational Center

**Mobile Computer Instruction**

- 8 mobile computer carts and 72 laptop computers to be used to instruct residents who are not yet computer literate

- Temporary employee will develop instructional curriculum; coordinate and train volunteer instructors; and perform outreach and marketing
Wiring and Wi-Fi Upgrades

- Upgrade old wiring at Barrett Library (Queen Street)

- Upgrade existing wi-fi and wi-fi routers at all branches.
UPCOMING OR POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS
Energy Training Partnership Grant

○ JobLink is partnering with the Institute of Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) and others to seek an Energy Training Partnership Grant

○ IBTS submitted a grant application for $9.4M on September 4
Energy Training Partnership Grant

- Training and placement services in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries to individuals who are unemployed, or need to update their skills.

- JobLink will receive $668,000 to provide client assessments, training referrals and job placement for 250 clients over 2 years.
COG/TPB TIGER Grant application

- $9.2M sought for 2 projects: Rt. 1 and Van Dorn/Beauregard BRT
- Submitting Department: TES
- City will also benefit from a regional bicycle sharing proposal
- Awards to be made by March 2010
OTHER GRANT APPLICATIONS AWAITING ACTION

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
- Special Regional Surface Transportation Program
- Head Start Expansion
- JAG-Drug Court & Sexual Assault Counseling
- Victim Assistance (domestic violence)
- Fire Station Construction
City Liaison Groups-Grant Awards

**Alexandria City Public Schools**
- $4.1M-FY10: for a variety of programs, including special ed, professional development, additional teachers, early education for homeless preschoolers, and facility renovations.

**Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Auth. (ARHA)**
- $1.8M for improvements to various ARHA properties
- $2M to partly fund the James Bland redevelopment, Phase 1

**ANHSI**
- $300K to create or save staff positions at its clinics

**DASH**
- $810K to fund, for several buses, the difference in cost between a traditional bus and a less polluting one