

City Manager Orals

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

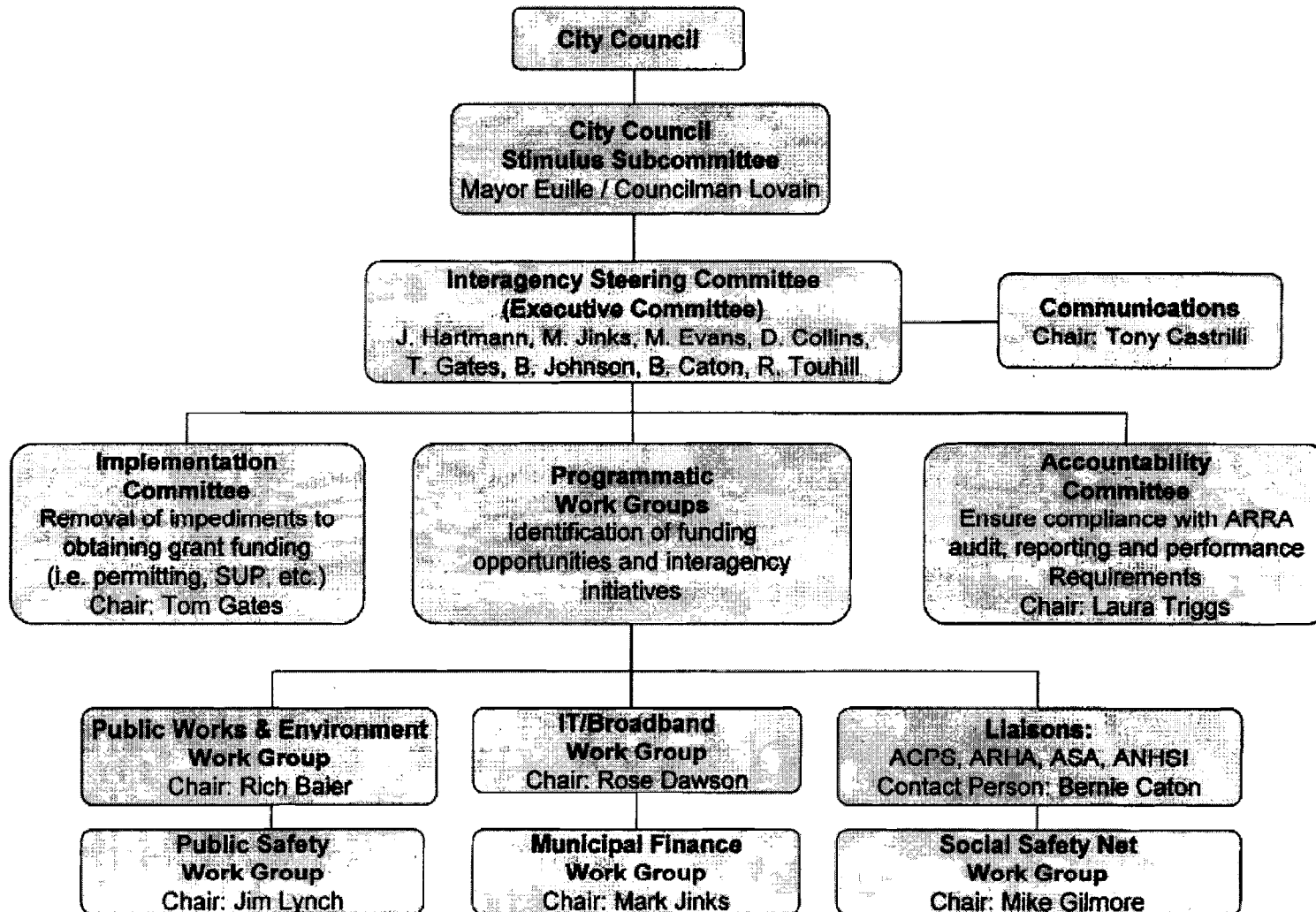
**Update for City Council
April 14, 2009**

Last Update to Council—March 10

- Since then, Council Subcommittee has met twice
- City Work Groups and Stimulus Executive Committee have had many meetings; most of these groups are now meeting once every week or two

Attachment 1

Implementation Work Flow for the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, City of Alexandria, VA



Update on Known Allocated Funds for the City of Alexandria

As of April 14, 2009

Total To Date - \$2,747,569

City Managed Funds

- Energy Efficiency Block Grants - \$1,372,800
- Homelessness Prevention - \$512,214
- CDBG--\$335,003

City Managed Funds

- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants - \$323,939
- Workforce Investment Programs - \$173,400
- Senior Nutrition Program - \$30,213

Competitive Grant Programs

- Violence Against Women Act – applied for \$500,000 to provide transitional housing and support services to victims of sexual or domestic violence.
- Proposal was made in partnership with the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless.

City “Liaison” Group Funding

- Alexandria City Public Schools (over 2 years) - \$8,364,857
- Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority - \$1,791,960
- Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. - \$300,177

Short Term Plans for Grants

- Transitional Housing Program for victims of sexual or domestic violence already mentioned
- Byrne Public Safety Grant application due May 18; plans for projects must go to Council this week

Short Term Plans for Grants (continued)

- Application for Energy Block Grant due May 26
- City must adopt an Energy Plan before it can draw down significant funds
- Energy Plan will be developed in-house to conserve City allocation for other purposes

Short Term Plans for Grants (continued)

- Staff is also working with Councilmen Krupicka and Wilson to investigate the possible use of a portion of the City's energy block grant funds to set up a loan program for City property owners who want to make clean energy improvements

Council approval of ARRA grants

- Staff is concerned about what are often short deadlines for ARRA grants
- Implementation committee reviewed several options for addressing this concern
- Discussed recommended option with Council Stimulus Subcommittee

Subcommittee approved recommendation for grants

- ARRA-related grant funding applications will be exempt from the requirement for Council endorsement prior to formal submission
- Applications will continue to require prior approval of the City Manager, who will ensure appropriate coordination and identification of fiscal impacts

Grants (continued)

- Monthly summary reports will be given to Council
- Does Council concur?

Next Steps

- Next Subcommittee meeting: April 27, 8:30 a.m.
- Executive Committee and Work Groups will continue to meet on a frequent basis