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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: MHMRSA
- Distributed by State to local programs based on number of children
- MHMRSA 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



Responders to Domestic Violence involving persons who identify as lesbian, gay, etc

- \$37K allocated and awarded
- Submitting Department: Office on Women
- Advisory Board has begun providing guidance and oversight for the project
- Training sessions held for 150 employees of the Department of Human Services



**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



Alexandria Library Public Computer Educational Center

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