

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

City Council Meeting
April 15, 2009



Overview

- February 17, 2009 – President Obama signed into law the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA).
- Final bill includes \$787 billion in spending increases and tax reductions intended to spur economic growth.
- The majority of the funding flows through existing programs and formulas.



Overview (cont'd)

- Virginia receives funding totaling about \$4.8 billion over approximately two years.
- Most of the funding programs will require a commitment within the next couple of months by states and localities for eligible funding proposals.



Process and Public Accountability

- The President's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance aims to reduce “wasteful and unnecessary spending” and its requirements create “unprecedented levels of accountability” for grantees.
- Grantees will begin reporting on the use of funds on July 10, 2009.

Ways to Access Funding

- Through State Agencies
 - Federal Government gives money to the States and the States distribute dollars via formula or competitive allocations.
- Through Federal Agency formula grants
 - Funding allocation based on specific criteria of the locality, e.g. population, crime, poverty, etc.
- Through Federal Agency discretionary (competitive) grant programs
 - Localities compete against other localities or agencies.

Suffolk Stimulus Work Group

- Internal work group
- Monitor regulations and ARRA funding opportunities
- Develop grant applications
- Implement awarded programs & projects
- Meet audit requirements
- Coordinate with outside agencies
- Ensure transparency throughout the process by:
 - Creating a sub-page under the City's main Home Page with information on Suffolk's use of the Stimulus funds
 - Providing links to the Federal & State ARRA websites



ARRA Funding Opportunities

- The City has identified funding opportunities in the general areas of:
 - Community Development & Housing
 - Education
 - Energy
 - Health & Human Services
 - Public Safety & Homeland Security
 - Transportation

Community Development & Housing

Federal Program	Allocation	Suffolk Project / Program	Status
Public Housing Capitalization Fund to SRHA	\$956,244 (Formula)	SRHA will continue to support the Cypress Manor and Parker Riddick Master Plan. This funding will specifically provide for interior/exterior renovation to 44 apartments in Cypress Manor and 9 apartments in Parker Riddick.	March 9 deadline to execute an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD was met on March 4. April 10 deadline to provide to HUD specific project activities with an approved Board resolution was met on March 24 with approval by the SRHA Board of Commissioners. Awaiting funding from HUD.
Neighborhood Stabilization Program	Requesting \$1,121,444	Suffolk Foreclosure Mitigation and Neighborhood Stabilization Program.	Application Submitted April 2, 2009
Community Development Block Grant	\$150,017 (Formula)	Genieve Shelter, ForKids Homeless Shelter, American Red Cross, Western Tidewater Free Clinic, East Suffolk Community Center - Playground Improvements, Affordable Housing – Suffolk Neighborhood Stabilization Program	Awaiting program guidance
Department of Labor YouthBuild Grant	Requesting \$700,000	Application submitted January 15, 2009 to provide disadvantaged youth with the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency while making a commitment to community development in low income communities. This grant funding, if awarded, will support the Cypress Manor and Parker Riddick Master Plan Initiative.	Application is currently in the second stage of the review process.

Education

Federal Program	Allocation	Suffolk Project / Program	Status
Stabilization Funds (pass-thru State)	\$4,900,000	To be determined	To be determined - Operating Budget
Title I Funds for At-Risk Students	\$1,906,000	over two years	Awaiting amount allocation and program guidance from USDA.
IDEA Special Education Funds	\$3,380,000	over two years	Awaiting amount allocation and program guidance from USDA.
Secure our Schools (For school security equipment)	Requires 50% match		Turned over to the School Board for consideration. Due date is 5/8/09.

Energy

Federal Program	Allocation	Suffolk Project/Program	Status
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant	\$741,100 (Formula)	Under Review	Eligible Cities must apply to DOE by June 25 to receive funds.

Health & Human Services

Federal Program	Allocation	Suffolk Project / Program	Status
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Food Stamps	\$22,384 (Formula)	Administrative Reimbursement	Virginia’s funds increased by 13.6% to all households.
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Virginia’s allocation is expected to be \$15 million over 2 years (Formula)	To be determined as the State is the point of receipt.	Funding is available after the fact based on caseload growth. (Suffolk has a declining caseload) The state is awaiting program instruction guidance from the federal authority.
Workforce Investment Act	\$151,743 Total Allocation (\$131,950– Youth Payments \$19,793 – Operating Costs)	Opportunity Inc is the WIA funds point of receipt for the area.	The tentative number of youth employment slots for Suffolk will be 65. The program is slated to provide employment for 8 weeks for 35 hours per week.

Transportation

Federal Program	Allocation	Suffolk Project / Program	Status
Federal Aid Highways – Surface Transportation Program	\$1,900,000	City wide overlay program: *Limited to Federal Aid Highways only *Limited to urban collector and above *Cannot be used on urban local roads *Obvious existing safety issues/deficiencies must be addressed within one year of overlay completion	MPO has approved allocation per locality based on population formula.
Federal Aid – Highways Discretionary Grants Office of the Secretary of Transportation	\$1.5 Billion Nationwide \$300 Million per state max	*Use on longer-range projects *Projects must have regional significance *Priority to projects requiring additional federal funds to complete in 3 years	Bill enacted on 2/17/09 Criteria to be published within 90 days. To date, criteria has not been published.

Public Safety & Homeland Security

Federal Program	Allocation	Suffolk Project / Program	Status
COPS Hiring Recovery Program	Requesting \$1,751,690	Grant submitted for 10 officers for 3 years.	On-line application submitted 4/9/09
Byrne JAG - Formula Grant	\$303,392 (Formula)	Applying for tactical equipment, surveillance overtime, technology hardware and software, and Youth Coordinator.	Requires Governing body review and public comments 30 days in advance. Due date is 5/18/09
Byrne JAG - Competitive Grant	Requesting \$102,000	Applying for Intelligence Analyst (2 years salary & benefits).	Due date is 4/27/09
Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative	Requesting \$275,000 over 4 years	Expand the Future Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Enrichment Program (transportation, background checks, tutoring staff, training, and a coordinator to supervise the program)	Narrative written for grant proposal. Due date is 4/20/09.
Assistance to Firefighters Grant program	No grant shall exceed \$15M	Construction of new fire stations or the upgrading of existing ones	Grant application period will not open until June or July.

Summary of Suffolk Formula Allocations

Program Allocation	Amount
Schools – State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	\$4,900,000
Schools – Title I, Part A	\$1,900,000
Schools – IDEA, Part B	\$3,400,000
Federal Aid Highways (through HRMPO)	\$1,900,000
Public Housing Capital Fund (to SRHA)	\$956,244
Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant	\$741,100
Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	\$303,392
Community Development Block Grant	\$150,017
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	\$22,384



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