

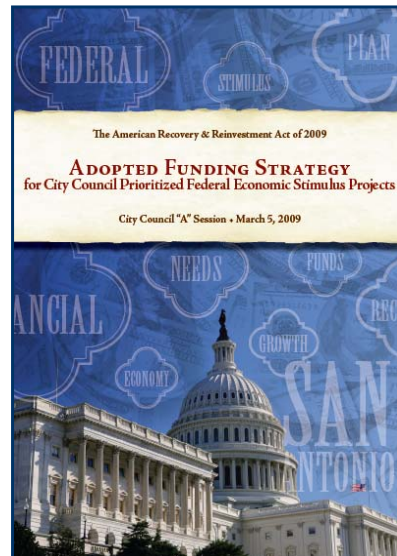
# The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

## Funding Strategy Update

City Council “B” Session  
March 18, 2009

## Background

- Funding Strategy Plan adopted by City Council on March 5, 2009
  - Funding Strategy Plan serves as guide in City’s submittal of “applications” for stimulus funds
- Staff to provide weekly updates to City Council to include funding/grant opportunities, application guidelines and timelines



## **Program / Agency Updates for week of 3/16**

- Federal Highway Administration (TxDOT/MPO)
- COPS Hiring Recovering Program Grant
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- HUD (Community Development Block Grant)
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Department of Commerce (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program)

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## **Federal Highway Administration (TxDOT/MPO)**

- \$42.9 M was made available to the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
  - \$20 M utilized as matching funds to enable US 281 and Loop 1604 Interchange (4 connectors) and Loop 1604 Widening (FM 78 to Graytown), approved by Texas Transportation Commission on March 5, 2009
  - \$22.9 M in unallocated funding remains for local MPO projects
- MPO Policy Board to vote on projects for unallocated funding on Monday, March 23, 2009
- City Council adopted projects from March 5 City Council “A” Session (\$17.2 M) will be considered by the MPO Policy Board

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## COPS Hiring Grant

- Competitive funding process
- Applications accepted March 16, 2009 through April 14, 2009
- Grant funds cover 79% of new Police Officer Costs and requires City to retain Officers beginning in year four
- Application needs to demonstrate community policing achieved with new Police Officers
- No cap on the number of positions requested



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## COPS Hiring Grant

- The processing of officers to include hiring and training is being considered as staff moves through the application process
- Funding is estimated to become available immediately upon notification of award, possibly early September 2009
- Staff recommendation is to request 100 police officers
- City Contribution for 100 New Police Officers over three years would total approximately \$5.6 Million

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## Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

- Department of Justice announced application and process guidelines on March 6, 2009
  - Allocation is \$4.2 M Bexar County Region (includes San Antonio, Bexar County, Balcones Heights, Leon Valley, Universal City, and Live Oak City)
  - The application guidelines show that San Antonio's formula allocation may be \$3.8 M of the \$4.2 M total
  - Agencies must work together to negotiate a joint application
  - Applications due to DOJ by May 18 but requires presentation to City Council by April 18 (30 days prior)
- Priority 1: Mobile Computer Replacement (\$4.5 M)
- Priority 2: In-Car Video Equipment (\$10.5 M)

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## HUD (Community Development Block Grant)

- Funding for Nation is \$1 Billion
- Formula Funding Program with confirmed amount to San Antonio of \$3.9 Million
- City Council Adopted plan divides CDBG funds by 11
  - Mayor and each Council Member select projects totaling approximately \$355,175
- Projects must be CDBG eligible and meet HUD Stimulus Funding Guidelines



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## HUD (Community Development Block Grant)

- Summary of CDBG Project Categories & Funding

Category	Cost
Streets & Sidewalks	\$2,152,351
Park Improvements	\$423,566
Haven for Hope	\$455,175
Facilities/Other Improvements	\$875,832

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## HUD (Community Development Block Grant)

- City Council-specified CDBG Projects

Council District	Project Title	Cost
Mayor	Haven for Hope	355,175
1	Flores Street Sidewalks	355,175
	Shearer Hills Drainage	
2	MLK Boys & Girls Club Improvements	355,175
3	Southside Lions Park Walking Trail	305,175
	New Traffic Signal Military @ Padre	50,000
4	Tacoma Street Reconstruction	355,175

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## HUD (Community Development Block Grant)

- City Council-specified CDBG Projects

Council District	Project Title	Cost
5	Bastrop Street Curbs and Sidewalks	215,252
	Bishop Street Reconstruction	139,924
6	Westside Development Corporation Façade Improvement Loans	75,000
	Haven for Hope	100,000
	Chulita Street Reconstruction	155,175
	Westside Education & Training Center Expansion	25,000

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## HUD (Community Development Block Grant)

- City Council-specified CDBG Projects

Council District	Project Title	Cost
7	Gilbert Garza Park Upgrades	118,392
	Almaguer Senior Center Improvements	118,392
	Holy Family Senior Center Improvements	118,392
8	Alamo Area Mutual Housing Corp. (Weatherization)	183,875
	CDBG Eligible Street Project	171,300
9	Anchor/Belair Sidewalks & Curbs	355,175
10	Woodbury Curbs & Sidewalks	355,175

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## HUD (Community Development Block Grant)

- HUD Stimulus Guidelines require posting of list of projects for a 15-day public review and comment period
  - To be placed on City's web site
  - Make notice in local the Express News and La Prensa (in English and Spanish)
- Staff recommends City Council approve project list on Thursday, April 2
- Date funding to become available has not yet been provided by HUD

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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- San Antonio River Authority (SARA) has met with and continues to meet with Corps officials
- Corps of Engineers expected to release funding notification this Friday



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## Department of Commerce (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program)

- \$200 Million of \$4.7 Billion designated for libraries and community colleges
- There will be three grant rounds
  - April-June 2009, Oct-Dec 2009, April-June 2010
  - All grants must be awarded by Sept 30, 2010
  - All projects must be substantially complete within two years of an award
- Collaboration and partnerships that maximize the funding and public benefit are encouraged
- Library and ITSD will lead City application
- Opportunities to expand number of laptops, early literacy bilingual computer stations, and mobile technology center to be deployed city-wide

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## Texas House Select Committee on Federal Stabilization Meeting

- Committee established to monitor Stimulus Funding made available to State
- Committee will hold meeting in San Antonio to receive input on Federal Stimulus funding priorities
- **City Council chambers**
- **Saturday, March 21  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm**



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## Texas House Select Committee on Federal Stabilization Meeting

- City will present its funding priorities
- Bexar County Legislative Delegation have been invited
- Speakers from Community are invited
- City Council members are welcome to attend



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## Upcoming Meetings & Next Steps

- Council District 9 hosting 281 “Super Street” concepts with residents who live along Highway 281
  - Where: Roan Forest Elementary School
  - When: Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm
- Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet on Monday, March 23 to approve final project list to be submitted to Texas Transportation Commission

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## Upcoming Meetings & Next Steps

- Staff to compile due dates and maintain timeline for all federal and state agencies and programs that have been published
- Staff to hold worksession week of March 23 with Lobby Team to assist in aligning application requests with the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act and Agency guidelines

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## Upcoming Meetings & Next Steps

- Staff to receive two weekly updates from Lobby Team on newly released grant opportunities, agency timelines and application guidelines
- Examples of emerging grant opportunities
  - (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program
  - (EPA) Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program
  - (DOJ) Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the U.S.

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