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EUGENE BUDGET COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, May 6, 2009  
**Downtown Library, Bascom-Tykeson Room**  
100 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

- 5:30 p.m.      I.      **SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING UPDATE**  
Mike Sullivan, PDD Community Development Division Manager;  
Steve Manela, Lane County Human Services Commission Manager
  
- 6:20 p.m.      IV.     **STIMULUS GRANTS UPDATE**  
Brenda Wilson, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
  
- 6:50 p.m.      – B R E A K –
  
- 7:00 p.m.      II.     **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
This is an opportunity for members of the public to comment on budget priorities. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person and may be less, depending on the number of persons wishing to comment. Budget Committee members may ask clarifying questions of those testifying and will be given an opportunity to comment on what they have heard from the public at the end of the public comment time.
  
- 7:30 p.m.      III.    **FY10 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**  
Kurt Corey, Public Works Executive Manager
  
- 9:15 p.m.      V.     **INFORMATION REQUESTS, INTENDED MOTIONS, NEXT STEPS**  
Committee Discussion
  
- 9:30 p.m.      **ADJOURN**

Budget Committee Members:

George Brown	John Barofsky
Mike Clark	Kate Davidson
Andrea Ortiz	Mary Ann Holser
George Poling	Noah Kamrat
Chris Pryor	Terry McDonald
Jennifer Solomon	Joseph Potwora
Betty Taylor	Doug Smith
Alan Zelenka	Claire Syrett

Next Meeting: May 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Topics – TBD, Intended Motions

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# MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** May 6, 2009  
**To:** Budget Committee Members  
**From:** Brenda Wilson, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, 682-8441  
**Subject:** American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009

It is my understanding that during recent Budget Committee meetings there have been questions raised about the ARRA. This memorandum provides some general background on the ARRA.

## **The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009**

On February 17, 2009 President Barack Obama signed the ARRA into law. The stated purpose of the ARRA is:

- (1) To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.
- (2) To assist those most impacted by the recession.
- (3) To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health.
- (4) To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.
- (5) To stabilize state and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

The bill is divided into two halves: stimulus spending and tax benefits. The total cost of the package is \$787 billion, with over half of the package going towards tax cuts, exemptions, and aid, and the remainder in stimulus spending. There are nine major funding areas in the stimulus funding half including health care, education, energy efficiency, public safety and infrastructure.

Available funds consist of formula, competitive, dedicated, and earmarked funds. These funds can be accessed through state agencies, federal agency formula programs, and federal agency grant programs.

To date the City of Eugene has received formula and dedicated funds only. For most of the competitive grants, the criteria have not even been released. And although we have applied for a few competitive funds where criteria have been released, we have not received an award yet. We were not designated to receive any earmarks (those were very limited).

The funds we have received are project specific funds. In other words, we were awarded funding for very specific projects; we are not able to use those funds on projects other than what the funding was awarded for, or we risk losing those funds.

There are also general provisions in the bill that apply to all funding. These are:

- The ARRA was designed to create jobs; so generally, operating costs and/or equipment capital expenses are not covered; however it may depend on the funding source, and the specifications of the project.
- Projects must be “shovel-ready,” meaning cities are ready to obligate the funds within 120 days.
- Buy American Provisions prevail, but can be waived by the heads of federal agencies.
- Federal prevailing wage policy applies.
- Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act is required.
- No funds can be used for zoos, aquariums, golf courses, swimming pools, or casinos.



# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 30, 2009  
**To:** Eugene Budget Committee  
**From:** Kurt Corey, Public Works Director  
**Subject:** Background Information for Discussion on FY10 Road Fund Issues

This memo has been prepared to facilitate a discussion by the Eugene Budget Committee regarding strategies to balance the City's Road Fund budget in Fiscal Year 2010.

## **Historical Background**

Adequate funding for operating, maintaining and preserving Eugene's streets has been an issue for a number of years. In 2001, following a year-long study, the Citizen Budget Subcommittee on Transportation System Funding<sup>1</sup> concluded that "...ensuring adequate funding for the operation and maintenance activities of the City's transportation system is absolutely essential."

In 2007, the Council Committee on Transportation Funding Solutions<sup>2</sup> recommended a package of five revenue options to address critical shortfalls in funding for the operation, maintenance and preservation of Eugene's transportation system:

1. Increase Eugene's motor vehicle fuel tax by 3 cents per gallon to the 8-cent level;
2. Establish a street utility fee to generate approximately \$6 million a year;
3. Institute a street and bike path lighting fee;
4. Seek voter approval for a capital local option levy to generate approximately \$6 million per year dedicated to pavement capital preservation projects; and
5. Implement a solid waste collection fee surcharge to generate about \$1 million a year.

Subsequently, Eugene voters in November 2007 rejected a 3-cent increase in the local motor vehicle fuel tax. In November 2008 voters approved a \$35.9 million bond measure to fund 32 specific capital street repair projects. The City Manager and staff continue to look at how to develop a viable, cost-effective street utility fee and/or a street lighting fee as elements in a long-term funding solution for street O&M services. The fifth option, a solid waste (garbage) hauler surcharge, is discussed below.

It should also be noted that in developing the budget for the current fiscal year (FY09) last spring, the Budget Committee recommended and the City Council approved a \$1 million appropriation from the General Fund to the Road Fund to pay for an enhanced level of street repair services, including a proactive "pothole patrol" and a number of maintenance overlays on unimproved streets.

### **Recent Council Actions**

The critical nature of the shortfall in funding for Road Fund operations and maintenance became evident last fall, when projections showed that with no new revenues the Road Fund is expected to generate a \$2.6 million annual operating deficit in the current fiscal year (FY09), and that, without deliberate action the fund will deplete all available fund resources and become insolvent sometime in fall 2009.

In response to this projection, the City Manager presented several options to the City Council in a work session<sup>3</sup> on November 12, 2008. At that meeting, councilors acknowledged that the Road Fund funding shortfalls could not be found in service reductions alone and that the need to find new sources of City revenue for transportation systems was great.

On February 8, 2009, the Council discussed the need for two different sets of funding strategies: a one-time, “stop gap” plan for fully funding critical Road Fund services in FY10; and a comprehensive “road map” for solving the City’s overall transportation funding problems in the long term. There was some interest in exploring a proposed garbage surcharge, but at a level lower than the proposed 10%. There was also support expressed for looking for federal stimulus money for pavement preservation projects, which might allow the more flexible local gas tax dollars to be used to fund O&M services in FY10. A right-of-way use fee on City utilities received guarded support. Council acknowledged that developing the longer-term solutions, including a potential street utility fee and a potential street lighting fee, would need to involve more public input and buy-in over the coming months.

On April 8, 2009, Council discussed the City Manager’s proposed one-time funding strategy to maintain street O&M services through fiscal year 2010, which included a new 5% transportation surcharge on solid waste haulers and amendments to Eugene City Code to expand the allowed uses of stormwater and wastewater user fees for road-related purposes and allow a one-time transfer of \$500,000 from existing city stormwater and wastewater fund reserves to the Road Fund for FY10.

On April 20, the Council held public hearings on the two proposals. Eleven speakers testified on the proposed solid waste surcharge and one speaker spoke on the use of stormwater and wastewater funds.

On April 27, the Council unanimously approved the ordinance changes allowing the use of stormwater and wastewater funds for Road Fund purposes and authorizing a one-time transfer of \$500,000 from the utilities to the Road Fund. Council voted 5-3 against the proposed solid waste surcharge ordinance. In the course of the debate on the surcharge, several councilors requested that the full budget committee be engaged in discussing the FY10 Road Fund issue in the context of broader City budget issues.

### **City Manager’s Funding Strategy for the FY10 Road Fund Proposed Budget**

At the April 8 Council work session, staff identified an alternate, short-term strategy that required a minimum of \$2.8 million in one-time revenue to fully fund the current operations of the Road Fund in FY10. Currently, the following actions have been endorsed by Council to meet this financial objective:

- \$1.4 million in local gas tax revenues to be redirected from capital pavement preservation to critical street operations and maintenance services.
- \$500,000 as a one-time transfer from stormwater and local wastewater fund balances

This leaves a \$900,000 budget gap that still needs to be filled. Options for filling this gap could include implementing one or more new sources of revenue, redirecting existing revenues, cutting costs by reducing services, or some combination of these options. As indicated above, the Council has asked the Budget Committee to provide recommendations to the Council and Manager on how best to balance the Road Fund budget in FY 2010.

### **For More Information**

If you need additional information or have questions that we can help answer prior to the May 6 Budget Committee discussion, please contact Eric Jones, public affairs manager for the Public Works Department, at 682-5523 or by e-mail at [eric.r.jones@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:eric.r.jones@ci.eugene.or.us).

On page 4 of this memo we've included a chart that summarizes the progression of Road Fund budget-balancing strategy decisions and how they relate to the FY10 Proposed Budget.

Below is a list of the documents referenced in this memo. We will also send you an e-mail with these links so you can view these documents electronically. If you need a hard copy of any of these documents, please contact Eric Jones.

<sup>1</sup> Committee on Transportation Funding Solutions Final Report

<sup>2</sup> Council Committee on Transportation Funding Solutions Final Report

<sup>3</sup> City Council agenda item summaries for November 12, 2008, February 8, 2009, April 8, 2009, April 20, 2009, and April 27, 2009, et al

## Street Operations and Maintenance Services Status of Manager's Strategy for a One-time Fix for FY10

Road Fund Strategy as Presented in the Proposed Budget (February 2009 - \$3.549 million)	Elements in the Three-Part "Stop-gap Strategy" (April 2009 - \$2.8 million)	Current Council Direction on this Proposal Element	Staff-Proposed Amendment per Council Direction
	<p><b>Redirect up to \$1.4 million of FY10 local gas tax revenues from capital pavement preservation to critical street O&amp;M services</b> and backfill the pavement preservation program funding with \$3.0 million of Federal stimulus payments dedicated to that purpose.</p>	<p>Council expressed support for redirecting up to \$1.4 million in local gas tax proceeds from Pavement Preservation to Road Fund maintenance activities for FY10. No specific council action is required to authorize spending of local gas tax for Road Fund purposes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce estimated revenues and capital project spending authority in the <i>Transportation Capital Fund</i> by \$1.4 million.</li> <li>• In the <i>Road Fund</i>, include estimate for direct receipt of local gas tax revenue of \$1.4 million.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Impose a 10% transportation surcharge on solid waste (garbage) haulers</b>, which is estimated to generate <b>\$1.845 million</b> in additional revenue and would increase the monthly garbage fees by \$1.97 for a residential customer with weekly 32-gallon service. Commercial customers would see a proportionate 5% increase in their monthly garbage bills, as well.</p>	<p><b>Impose a 5% transportation surcharge on solid waste (garbage) haulers</b>, which is estimated to generate <b>\$900,000</b> for FY10 and would increase the bill for a residential customer with a weekly 32-gallon service by an additional 98 cents/month.</p>	<p>On April 27, Council voted 5-3 against the proposed code amendments which would have authorized the garbage hauler surcharge. At that same meeting, Council directed the Manager to bring back a discussion to the Budget Committee related to transportation funding needs, which has been scheduled for May 6.</p>	<p>None offered, awaiting discussion and recommendation by the Budget Committee on May 6 &amp; 13.</p>
<p><b>Impose an 8% right-of-way use fee on city-owned wastewater and stormwater utilities</b> for the privilege of using city ROW for distribution of utility services. The new fee was estimated to generate <b>\$1.7 million</b> for FY10 and would be treated as an ordinary operating expense and passed on to ratepayers through user fees, adding an estimated \$1.44 to the monthly bill for a typical Eugene residential utility customer. This new fee would have been received by the General Fund and then passed through as a transfer to the Road Fund.</p>	<p><b>Authorize a one-time transfer of \$500,000 from local wastewater and stormwater fund balances</b>, acknowledging that city utilities derive a direct benefit from the use of the road right-of-way but have never paid a fee for the use of that public asset, as do other utility providers operating within the city limits. This transfer has no ongoing rate impacts.</p>	<p>On April 27, Council approved amendments to the Eugene Code to expand the allowed uses of wastewater and stormwater user fees for road-related purposes and also authorized a transfer of \$500,000 from existing City wastewater and stormwater fund balances to help keep street services whole for FY10.</p> <p>► <i>No additional expenditure appropriation is required for the Road Fund.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove the \$1.7 million revenue and transfers in the <i>SW, WW, Road and General funds</i> related to the proposed 8% ROW fee.</li> <li>• In the <i>Stormwater Utility</i> and the <i>Wastewater Utility funds</i>, increase interfund transfers out by \$400,000 and \$100,000, respectively.</li> <li>• In the <i>Road Fund</i> increase transfers in by \$500,000.</li> </ul>



# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 29, 2009  
**To:** Budget Committee Members  
**From:** Nancy Young, 682-6849  
Solid Waste Analyst  
**Subject:** Response to Questions from 4-27-09 City Council Meeting

This memo is in response to questions raised by Councilor Solomon at the Monday night City Council meeting regarding the transportation surcharge on garbage haulers.

**1. Why do we regulate solid waste and recycling collection in Eugene?**

Eugene has regulated solid waste collection for more than 40 years to assure reasonable customer rates and ensure viable and safe collection. The City also fulfills state mandates for waste reduction by requiring bi-weekly residential recycling and yard debris pickup, setting collection rates that discourage disposal, and through other programs that reduce waste such as green building and home composting education.

**2. Why do we license haulers and not other businesses?**

The City licenses businesses to address public health and safety issues, not as a general revenue source. The City of Eugene issues licenses to public passenger vehicles companies including taxis, solid waste collection companies, tobacco retail sales outlets, and payday lenders; certifies public passenger vehicle drivers; and registers medical transport services, first aid vehicle services, and limousines.

Solid waste collection is viewed as an essential service, much like a utility. Rates are regulated to ensure residents have service available to them at a reasonable cost and that collection services remain viable. Licensing or franchising haulers is a practice used in many Oregon cities which are not directly providing municipal collection.

**3. Why do the haulers get a guaranteed profit?**

Providing a reasonable rate of return or profit is consistent with the practice of some Oregon cities regulating collection and setting rates. Since 1999, the City of Eugene has used a target of 11 percent, pursuant to action by then-City Manager Jim Johnson, which was based on the recommendation of a citizen advisory committee.

**4. Why will the haulers be charged for the transportation surcharge in addition to the license fee?**

The two fees are intended to pay for different things. The transportation surcharge was proposed to help fund operation and maintenance services for the city street system. Solid waste and recycling collection license revenues support the City's Solid Waste and Green Building program. Program services include: rate regulation, collection standards and enforcement, and a wide range of waste prevention activities.

If you would like additional information regarding the Solid Waste program, please contact Nancy Young, Solid Waste Analyst at 682-6849, email: [nancy.a.young@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:nancy.a.young@ci.eugene.or.us). For questions specifically related to the proposed transportation surcharge on garbage haulers, please contact Eric Jones, Public Affairs Manager at 682-5523, email: [eric.r.jones@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:eric.r.jones@ci.eugene.or.us).

## BUDGET COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

Spring 2009

#	Date Asked	BC Member	Question	Dept/Div	Response Date
1.	4/15/09	Clark	What is the City's role in property tax appeals? Does the City have control over Board of Property Tax Appeals appointments? What are the criteria for adjudicating property tax appeals?	CS-Finance	4/30/09 Packet
2.	4/15/09	Ortiz	What is the status of the Verizon bill (HB2405) being considered by the Oregon State Legislative Assembly? Would it have an impact on the City of Eugene's Telecommunications Fund?	CS-ISD	4/30/09 Packet
3.	4/29/09	Ortiz	Please identify the portions of the budget in the Ambulance Transport Fund that are not related to transporting patients.	Fire & EMS	
4.	4/29/09	Syrett	Provide evidence for the claim that Eugene is known as a good place to commit crime?	EPD	
5.	4/29/09	Syrett, Davidson, Potwora	What is the correlation between the # of jail beds, the # of additional incarcerations per jail bed, and the crime rate?	EPD	
6.	4/29/09	Zelenka	How many officers were hired last year? How many could we hire by the end of the year?	EPD	
7.	4/29/09	Clark	What is the cost for more jail beds?	EPD	
8.	4/29/09	Clark	What is the attrition rate for Police compared to other places? What more can we do to retain the best officers?	EPD	
9.	4/29/09	Clark	What is the cost to add 5 new police officers?	EPD	
10.	4/29/09	Barofsky	How much of the FY10 support for Neighborhood Matching Grants is derived from prior year carryover and how much is new funding?	PDD	



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# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 30, 2009  
**To:** Eugene Budget Committee Members  
**From:** Kitty Murdoch, Budget Manager  
**Subject:** Responses to Questions

Responses to two of your questions are shown below.

#	Date Asked	BC Member	Question	Dept/Div
1.	4/15/09	Clark	What is the City’s role in property tax appeals? Does the City have control over Board of Property Tax Appeals appointments? What are the criteria for adjudicating property tax appeals?	CS-Finance

The City does not have a role in property tax appeals and in fact does not even get notice of appeals that have been filed. The appeal process is governed by state statute. The Board of Property Tax Appeals is responsible for hearing taxpayer appeals for reduction of the real market or assessed value of property. The Board of Property Tax Appeals consists of three non office-holding residents of the county. The Lane County Board of Commissioners appoints all members of the Board of Property Tax Appeals.

The majority of appeals are based on a difference of opinion between the taxpayer and the assessor about real market value. A successful appeal of real market value will not necessarily result in reduced assessed value or property taxes. The following are examples in which an appeal of real market value may result in a tax benefit:

- The Board of Property Tax Appeals reduces the real market value below the assessed value currently on the roll.
- The property has recently been improved and the Board of Property Tax Appeals reduces the value of the new construction.

The appeal process differs depending on the type of property under consideration. Appeals of certain kinds of industrial property are filed with either the Magistrate Division of the Tax Court or the Board of Property Tax Appeals. The value of centrally assessed utility property must be appealed to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

A decision of the Board of Property Tax Appeals may be appealed to the Magistrate Division of the Oregon Tax Court by filing a written complaint. The assessor may also appeal a Board of Property Tax Appeals decision. A taxpayer may appeal magistrate decisions to the Regular Division of the Oregon Tax Court. In filing an appeal of the Board of Property Tax Appeals

decision, a taxpayer must present the reasons why they believe the Board of Property Tax Appeals was in error, and state what they are asking for in relief as a result of the appeal.

The judge or magistrate will review all the evidence, witness testimony, and other information presented at the trial, determine what the relevant facts are, apply the law to the facts, and make a decision.

2.	4/15/09	Ortiz	What is the status of the Verizon bill (HB2405) being considered by the Oregon State Legislative Assembly? Would it have an impact on the City of Eugene's Telecommunications Fund ?	CS-ISD
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House Bill 2405 (Verizon Preemption Bill) is no longer being considered by the State Legislative Assembly. The bill had passed out of the committee and made it to the floor, but then was sent back to committee and was scheduled for a second work session to address concerns raised by the City of Eugene.

This bill would have had significant implications for local governments with preemption of local authority to collect franchise fees and privilege taxes for use of the public rights-of-way. A range of adverse financial General Fund impacts would have been possible as a result of this bill, from immediate stoppage of rights of way use fees and business privilege taxes under City of Eugene Telecom Ordinance 20083 (1997) by a wide range of now-applicable providers, to lengthy litigation and possible pre-emption of one or more portions of Eugene's ordinance.

Telecommunications staff continues to monitor pending legislation to make sure that the language used in HB 2405 does not show up in another bill.



# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 6, 2009  
**To:** Eugene Budget Committee  
**From:** Kitty Piercy  
**Subject:** Budget Message

First of all I want to thank you budget committee members for giving your attention to the city at this crucial time. As you begin your deliberations, I want to give you my input on the city manager's budget proposal. These are my initial reflections, which like yours, may evolve and change through the process.

This is one of the clearest and most direct budget documents I have seen. It is easy for anyone to understand and the policy decisions are well focused.

The city manager's city budget goals are ones I share and think are correct: providing good service, preserving employment, and living within our resources.

What I think has not yet been made clear to the public is that this budget fully recognizes a growing general fund deficit caused by our country's fiscal crisis. Twelve million dollars is a considerable hole.

I hear a lot from the public about living within our budget, just as households in our community must do. I think it is important for the public to see that this budget recognizes and has taken serious steps, with some sacrifice, to address the deficit through shrinking our organizational footprint.

This balanced budget proposal meets its goals, not through adding to our local unemployment lines, but through attrition and reorganization. I applaud that strategy.

As we do this, for me a key objective is to provide our citizens a positive and helpful response no matter where they interact with the city. Service should be our number one priority and finding ways to help people in these difficult times should be number one for Eugene. More than ever, this spirit of service should be that we do what we can rather than giving reasons why we cannot.

That is why I am so pleased with acting Chief Kern's focus on responses to property crime, keeping our police slots filled (we have 13 empty now) and getting more officers on the street. That is why I applaud the Chief Grove's efforts to look for solutions to our ambulance service needs.

There has been a lot of conversation about priorities. First of all, although our challenges are considerable, I do not believe we are in an emergency that requires giving up basic services. Police and fire, roads, wastewater and storm water, housing and shelter, cultural services, parks and library are all

important to our community. The question is not what to deny our community but rather how we will build the capacity to pay for all these basic services that our community wants and expects.

For years we have been working to find long-term solutions to some of our fiscal challenges. For example, city council has worked on proposals to catch up with our road maintenance backlog. With the public's help, we have succeeded in passing a gas tax and a bond measure. Other proposals have not moved forward and so it's time to try again. I don't think the budget committee has the time to address the long-term solutions but they do need to address the immediate \$900,000 gap in keeping current services.

In a professional meeting I learned about Madison, Wisconsin's transparent and easily understandable accounting of how they are achieving their city goals. We are going to try that with Eugene Counts. That is a double entendre. We matter "count" as a city and we are going to be accountable to the public. We are in the process of establishing some metrics that will clearly demonstrate the progress we are making and where current practices are not achieving the desired results. I think this will help us do our job and the public to understand how their resources are being spent.

As we provide our services and respond to public need in these difficult times, it is also important to point out that this council remains committed to the triple bottom line of sustainability; preserving our natural resources, strengthening our economy and taking care of our people. Every decision is to be made using this lens. If we are successful we will make decisions that reduce our impact on the environment, reduce our energy usage and fossil fuel reliance and save us money. If we are successful we will work with partners to provide adequate services for the most vulnerable and opportunity for all. From the pavement we use, to the park work vehicles, to electronic business operations, we are applying this lens to how we do business and getting results.

We don't know how long this crisis will last. We are working to take advantage of the stimulus opportunities in the short run, as you will hear about tonight. We are also working to help our local businesses wherever we can. They provide the jobs that pay the taxes that run our economy. We have taken some simple measures and others have been proposed to council for consideration. And finally (as Councilor Taylor always brings forward), we must find ways to build our economic base or grow the pie to support our services. We are working with our regional partners on long term economic planning.

This is a time to be careful and to do our utmost to continue to provide the city's basic services within our means. This is also a time for planning and looking outside the box for solutions. With crisis comes the opportunity to think differently. I welcome these discussions. Thank you for your work for this great community.

## Budget Committee

# Human Services Funding Update

City of Eugene  
Planning and Development Department  
Community Development Division  
May 6, 2009

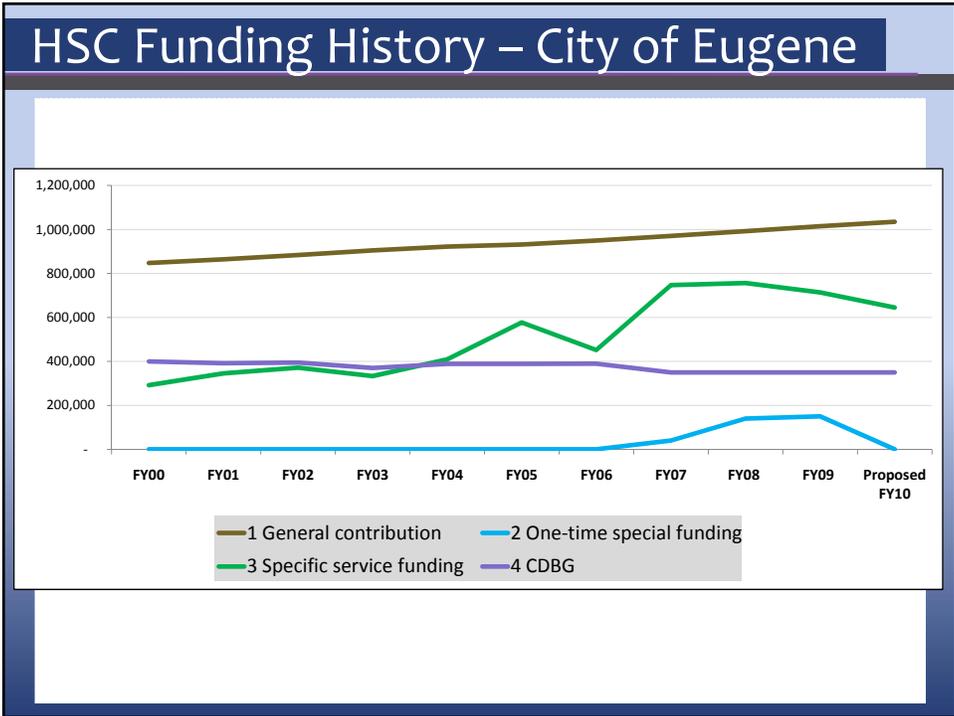


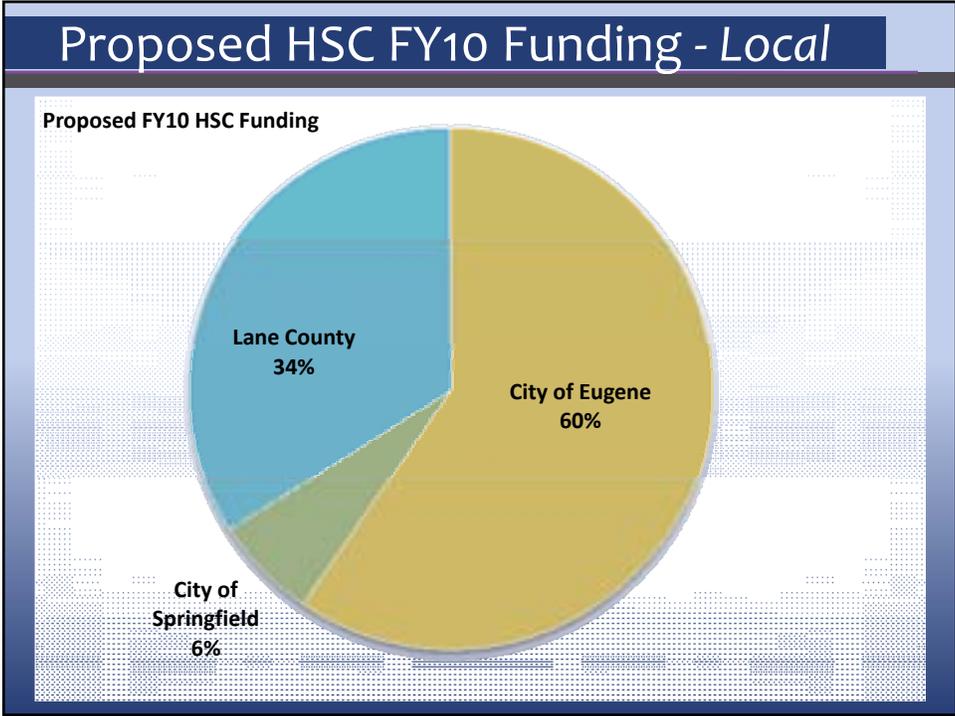
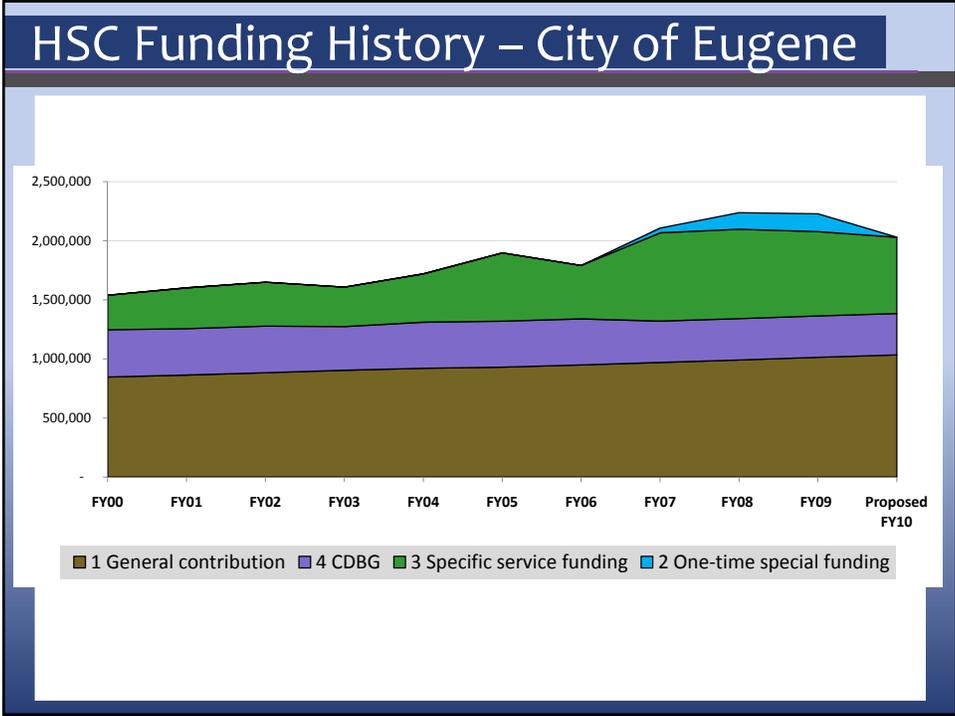
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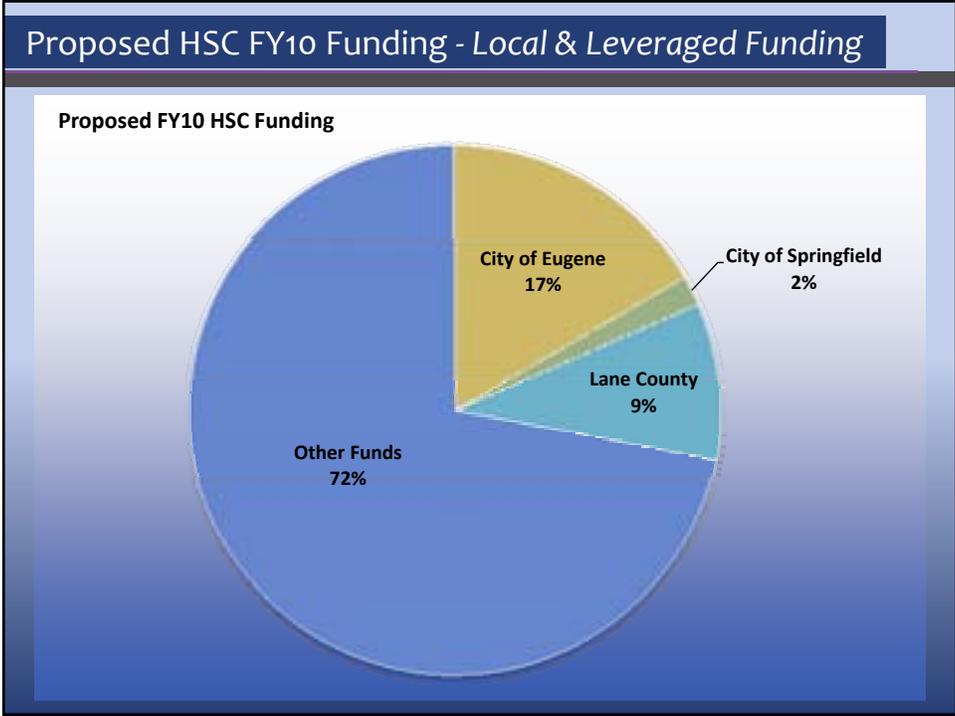
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<b>General Fund</b>						
1 HSC Allocation	931,184	949,808	970,700	992,000	1,015,000	1,035,000
2 HSC Allocation-1x CDBG reduction makeup	-	-	40,000			-
HSC Allocation-HSC Stabilization/Inflation increase				140,000	150,000	-
3 HSC Energy Assistance						
HSC Homeless Initiative - ShelterCare			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
HSC Homeless Initiative - SVdP expanded hours			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
HSC Looking Glass Youth Shelter (EPD FUNDING)	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
HSC Safe & Sound Youth Behavioral Health	70,000	70,000	229,720	230,000	230,000	160,000
HSC Safe Place						
HSC WFTS - Buckley House	162,214	28,290	-	-	-	-
HSC Youth Employment						
HIV Alliance - Needle Exchange			5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Homeless Initiative - LTD tokens			50,000	50,000	-	-
SVdP - Homeless Camping	79,951	81,550	83,340	85,175	87,200	89,000
WhiteBird - CAHOOTS Van (EPD FUNDING)	229,038	235,909	242,986	250,276	255,282	255,282
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>1,508,387</b>	<b>1,401,557</b>	<b>1,757,746</b>	<b>1,888,451</b>	<b>1,878,482</b>	<b>1,680,282</b>
4 CDBG	389,350	390,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,897,737</b>	<b>1,791,557</b>	<b>2,107,746</b>	<b>2,238,451</b>	<b>2,228,482</b>	<b>2,030,282</b>

### HSC Funding History – City of Eugene

	<u>FY05</u>	<u>FY06</u>	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>Proposed FY10</u>
<b>1 General contribution</b>	931,184	949,808	970,700	992,000	1,015,000	1,035,000
<b>4 CDBG</b>	389,350	390,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
<b>2 One-time special funding</b>	-	-	40,000	140,000	150,000	-
<b>3 Specific service funding</b>	577,203	451,749	747,046	756,451	713,482	645,282
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,897,737</b>	<b>1,791,557</b>	<b>2,107,746</b>	<b>2,238,451</b>	<b>2,228,482</b>	<b>2,030,282</b>







## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City of Eugene Budget Committee  
**FROM:** Steven Manela, Human Service Division Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Human Service Fund Budget  
**DATE:** May 6, 2009

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### Overview

The proposed FY 10 Human Services Commission (HSC) Fund continuing service level budget is unsettled pending possible reductions due to the outcome of the State of Oregon budget, while some specific services supported with Federal American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds will be increasing.

- An annual loss of \$293,593 of State of Oregon revenue to HSC could occur for emergency and transitional housing for homeless and veteran's services. Other non-HSC human service multi-million dollar proposed State cuts could have a much greater financial and community impact, is discussed below.
- A two-year additional annual gain of \$730,025 of ARRA HUD Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP) funds will be available to be dedicated to help at risk and homeless households either retain their rental housing or move back into housing. (Two-year grant amounts Eugene - \$567,404, Lane County - \$892,646).
- A one-year additional gain of \$743,378 in additional ARRA HHS Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. These funds are to be used to assist households that are impacted by the recession and can be used to retain and add employment. CSBG funding could be used to pay for a portion of specific human services programs that are impacted by State funding reductions. A plan for programming the CSBG will be presented to the HSC on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The current service level budget is short by \$166,434 to maintain the current service level in the Human Services & Housing programs. This is a result of not continuing the one-time four-percent cost of doing business adjustment for Eugene based non-profit agencies.

Proposed general fund contributions are adjusted in FY 10 as follows:

- Lane County is up by \$191,783 after continuing base and supplemental commitments made in FY 08-09. Lane County's general fund increase includes covering \$70,000 to continue the Safe and Sound Homeless Youth project that was previously funded with a three-year designated funding commitment from the City of Eugene.
- The City of Eugene's proposed general fund contribution is down \$200,000 when adjusted for one-time and short-term designated funding commitments.
- The City of Springfield's proposed general fund contribution is down \$20,000 when adjusted for one-time commitments.

Human Services Commission members are interested in the development of options to consider where the jurisdictions could share in supporting the continuation of the current service level and/or working together to find ways we can maintain essential services due to State cuts that would impact the health and safety of the community.

### **Trends & Challenges**

With the severe economic recession human services agencies funded through the HSC are seeing a dramatic increase in demand for their services.

- Lane County's Unemployment Rate is 14.1 (March 2009)
- Service requests have increased in the past fiscal year by between 33% and 50% among various human service programs.
- Service enrollment for new households for our emergency assistance and self-sufficiency programs is up by more than 21% in 2008.
- Waiting lists for emergency shelter and rental assistance have increased as the number of people who are becoming homeless is increasing monthly.
- Lane County's 2009 One Night Homeless Count showed a 27% increase in the number of homeless people from last year to 2,673 on the night of the count.

As a result of the economic downturn private funding and State of Oregon revenue for human services is decreasing while operating costs continue to grow:

- A loss of major employers and their employees and the decline in major donors' stock portfolios has caused United Way of Lane County to cut their contributions to non-profit human services agencies by 25% over the past two years.
- Major Private Foundations have less funding available.
- The State of Oregon Legislators Combined Ways and Means Committee is considering an average reduction of up to 30% to human services programs in this next biennium.

Among the numerous potential State reductions that HSC is particularly concerned about is the severe reduction or elimination of indigent mental health, alcohol and drug and homeless programs to include:

- The potential closure or severe reduction of all indigent residential alcohol and drug programs operated by Willamette Family Treatment, including the Buckley Detoxification Center and three other facilities serving families with children, men and women.
- The potential closure or severe reduction of the Royal Avenue Program, a 28 bed crisis respite and shelter for mentally-ill persons.
- Emergency shelter programs' capacity to serve the homeless could be cut by two-thirds.
- Transitional housing programs' capacity to serve the homeless in transitioning to permanent housing could be cut in half.

## **Budget Analysis**

Lane County's General Fund contribution to HSC is proposed at \$725,560. This is an increase of \$338,753; \$128,245 in funding for Veteran's Services and \$210,508 in base funding for Human Services and Housing. This increase does not reflect the FY 08-09 supplemental budget amount of \$146,970; therefore overall general fund usage over FY08-09 is actually \$191,783.

- The increase in general funds for the Veteran's program includes covering the loss of one-time State of Oregon carry over of \$77,935, the one-time Springfield contribution of \$20,000 and increases to existing expenses of \$30,310.
- After making adjustments for revenues and expenses, the proposed increase in general funds for Human Services partially covers a loss of \$376,942 in revenue generally for homeless youth and teen parents from the City of Eugene, State of Oregon and other grants and a one-time cost of doing business increase for Eugene-based service providers funded by the City of Eugene.

The City of Eugene's General Fund contribution to HSC is proposed at \$1,331,000. This is a reduction of \$200,000.

- This reduction represents the one-time subcontractor cost of doing business increase of \$150,000 and a \$70,000 per year, three-year funding effort for homeless and at-risk youth services.
- A base funding increase of \$20,000 in the City of Eugene General Fund contribution is the difference between a \$220,000 reduction in support for these two items and the amount of the total revenue reduction.

The City of Springfield's General Fund Contribution to HSC is proposed at \$128,394. This is a reduction of \$20,000.

- This represents a one-time contribution of \$20,000 for Veteran's Services. This was the third year the City of Springfield contributed above the base budgeted amount of \$128,394.
- Up until 2007 Springfield's base General Fund contribution had increased by at least two-percent a year.

The State of Oregon Legislature will be reviewing a 30% cut scenario to the State Housing and Community Services Departments general funds that would cut State revenue for homeless services by 53%.

- This would eliminate our SHAP funding of \$153,224 per year and would reduce our EHA funding by 32%; from \$319,902 to \$217,533 per year (a reduction of \$102,369). This amounts to a total annual reduction of \$255,593.
- An additional reduction of \$38,000 per year is being considered for Veteran Services.

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## **Preface**

On February 17, 2009 President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The stated purpose of the ARRA is:

- (1) To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.*
- (2) To assist those most impacted by the recession.*
- (3) To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health.*
- (4) To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.*
- (5) To stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.*

The ARRA funds investments in many programs, including health care, energy, infrastructure, education, and public safety. The total cost of the package is \$787 billion, and consists of \$212 billion in tax relief and \$575 billion in new Federal spending..

Unprecedented accountability and transparency requirements are also included in the ARRA. To meet these requirements, the Federal government set up a website (Recovery.gov) that will list each recipient of funds and project details.

Oregon cities have expressed great interest in the ARRA, and the funding it offers. With the generous assistance of the League of California Cities, the League of Oregon Cities has compiled this “City Funding Book” to assist cities in their pursuit for funding. There will be regular updates made available on the League’s website at [www.orcities.org](http://www.orcities.org) as more information becomes available.

## **General Provisions**

- Prohibited Uses: No funds can be used for zoos, aquariums, golf courses, swimming pools, or casinos.
- This stimulus package is designed to create jobs. Generally, operating costs and/or equipment capital expenses are not covered; however it may depend on the funding source, and the specifications of the project.
- Projects must be “shovel-ready,” meaning cities are ready to obligate the funds within 120 days.
- Buy American Provisions prevail, but can be waived by the heads of federal agencies.
- Federal prevailing wage policy applies.
- Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act is required.

## **Accountability and Transparency Provisions**

- Grant recipients (Mayor, Governor, General Manager) must certify that infrastructure investments have received the full review and vetting required by law and that the recipient accepts responsibility as an appropriate use of taxpayers dollars. Certification posted on [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) and the local website.
- Quarterly reports on the infrastructure investments made, including the purpose, cost, rationale and contact for concerns, detailed information on subcontracts. This information will be posted on [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).
- Recipients must register with the Central Contractor Registration administered by the Office of Management and Budget. Cities can register at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).
- Any federal agency Inspector General can review concerns raised by the public with findings posted on a website.
- New federal agency established to coordinate and conduct oversight of covered funds to prevent fraud, waste and abuse. Will also advise the President on the implementation of the recovery.
- Federal agencies can adjust administrative costs allowed to assist state and local governments with the cost of recovery record keeping and reporting.
- State and local whistleblowers are protected.

## **Things Cities Should Know**

Governor Ted Kulongoski has launched a new web page, <http://recovery.oregon.gov/>, discussing Oregon's efforts to receive ARRA funding. Included on this page is a list of points of contact for all state departments who are working on ARRA funding issues, [http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/STIMULUS/docs/federal\\_stimulus\\_contact\\_sheets\\_updated\\_030409.pdf](http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/STIMULUS/docs/federal_stimulus_contact_sheets_updated_030409.pdf). Cities are encouraged to coordinate their efforts with the state to maximize their chances of receiving competitive federal funds.

### **How To Read This Book:**

This book is organized by funding category. Each page begins with the title of a particular program. Each page is organized into the following sections:

- Total Funding Available: This is the total funding of the program. It is important to note that not all funding will be accessible to cities.
- Overview: This is a brief overview of the program.
- Special Factors: This section contains new or modified program requirements and provisions.
- How to Access Funding: This is the section that will explain how cities can receive funding. *This section will most frequently be revised in updated versions of this book.*
- Federal and State Contact Information: Who to contact with questions.
- League Staff Contact: The lead staff person for that issue area.

### **Registration Information for Federal Government Grants:**

The federal government uses a central website for all discretionary (competitive) grant applications, known as FedConnect. While this website does not always have all the details on every grant, cities will be required to register on this website for funding. Cities can pre-register with FedConnect now. Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The web link for submitting applications through FedConnect is:

[https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect\\_Ready\\_Set\\_Go.pdf](https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect_Ready_Set_Go.pdf).

Before submitting an application through FedConnect each organization must complete the following steps:

- Step 1: Request a DUNS Number at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>
- Step 2: Register with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) at <http://www.ccr.gov/>.
- Step 3: E-Business Point of Contact must register in FedConnect at <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/>.

**Please allow 21 days to complete the registration process.**

### **How Can I Tell If A Section Has Been Updated?**

In updated versions of the book, new or modified information will be highlighted in yellow. In addition, each page will indicate the date on which it was updated.

## **Community Development Block Grant**

**Total Funding Available:** \$980 million (OR Share: \$9.7 million)

**Overview:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds may be used to provide affordable housing, services, and jobs for the most vulnerable in our communities. Generally, appropriations are allocated to states and local jurisdictions. Entitlement communities are comprised of central cities of metropolitan statistical areas; metropolitan cities with populations of at least 50,000; and qualified urban counties with a population of 200,000 or more (excluding the populations of entitlement cities). States distribute CDBG funds to non-entitlement localities not qualified as entitlement communities.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines the amount of each grant by using a formula comprised of several measures of community need, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing, and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

Not less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. In addition, each activity must meet one of the following objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

**Special Factors:** Funds will remain available until September 30, 2009. Recipients must give priority to contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available to the recipient. Funds must supplement other funding sources, not supplant. The HUD Secretary will establish requirements to expedite use of funds.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds will be distributed under the same CDBG formula used in 2008 (See [42 U.S.C. § 5301](#) et seq.).

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>  
Community Development Block Grant Program  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>

**State Contact:** Department of Housing and Community Services  
[http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/Recovery/Community\\_Development\\_Block\\_Grant\\_Factsheet.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/Recovery/Community_Development_Block_Grant_Factsheet.pdf)

Economic and Community Development Department  
<http://www.oregon.gov/ECDD/CD/CDBG/CDBG.shtml>

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## **Neighborhood Stabilization Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$2.0 billion

**Overview:** The Neighborhood Stabilization Program provides emergency assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within their communities. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) provides grants to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes and to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes.

The \$2 billion in new funding may be used for the same purposes as provided in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (with some changes), but the funding formula will be more competitive.

**Special Factors:** The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary will ensure grants are made in areas of greatest number and percentages of foreclosures. Additional consideration will be given for grantee capacity to execute projects, leveraging potential, concentration of investment to achieve neighborhood stabilization, and other factors at the discretion of the Secretary.

Secretary will obligate all funding within one year. Eligible entities are states, local governments and nonprofit entities. Secretary can also establish minimum grant size. Grantees must expend at least 50 percent of funds within 2 years, and all of the funds within 3 years.

There are several other rules that apply to leasing and rights of subsequent property owners after they take interest in a formally foreclosed property.

**How to Access Funding:** A preliminary grants notice has been released and can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The Funding Opportunity Number is HUD-RA-04. The deadline for applications is **September 1, 2009**.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>  
Neighborhood Stabilization Program  
[www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/)

**State Contact:** Oregon Housing and Community Services  
[http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/Recovery/Neighborhood Stabilization Program Factsheet.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/Recovery/Neighborhood_Stabilization_Program_Factsheet.pdf)

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**HOME Investment Partnerships**  
*(Tax Credit Assistance Program)*

**Total Funding Available:** \$2.25 billion (OR Share: \$27.4 million)

**Overview:** HOME provides formula grants to States and localities that communities use—often in partnership with local nonprofit groups to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and rehabilitate affordable housing for rent. This grant provides an additional amount for capital investments in low-income housing tax credit projects.

**Special Factors:** Funds remain available to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) until September 30, 2009. Housing credit agencies must commit at least 25 percent of funds within one year of enactment, 75 percent in two years, all funding in three years. HUD Secretary may recapture funds if timelines are not met.

Priority is to be given to projects that are expected to be completed within 3 years of enactment. In addition, projects that were awarded low income housing tax credits under section 42(h) of the Internal Revenue Code in FY 2008, 2009, and 2010 are specifically eligible.

**How to Access Funding:** Funding to be given to the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services (OHCS), and then distributed to other jurisdictions. More details from OHCS will be posted as more details are released from HUD .

**Federal Contact:**

Department of Housing and Urban Development  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>  
Home Investment Partnership Program  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm>

**State Contact:**

Department of Housing and Community Services  
[http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/Recovery/ARRA\\_Oregon\\_OHCS\\_Programs.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/Recovery/ARRA_Oregon_OHCS_Programs.shtml)  
[http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/HRS\\_Grants\\_Tax\\_Credits.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/HRS_Grants_Tax_Credits.shtml)  
Housing and Community Services Memorandum Regarding ARRA Funding  
[http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/pdfs/ARRA\\_memo\\_final\\_09-02-19.pdf](http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/pdfs/ARRA_memo_final_09-02-19.pdf)

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## **Public Housing Capital Fund**

**Total Funding Available:** \$4.0 billion (\$3.0 billion for formula – OR Share is \$14.4 million; \$1 billion for competitive)

**Overview:** \$3.0 billion to public housing authorities per formula for the Public Housing Capital Fund for capital improvements related to public housing. Money will become available to public housing agencies within 30 days of signing the bill.

In addition, there is another \$1 billion for public housing authorities in competitive grants to public housing authorities for priority capital improvements and rehabilitation. Funding remains available until September 30, 2009.

**Special Factors:** Grantees must obligate all funding in one year; then spend 60 percent of funds within 2 years and 100 percent of the funds in 3 years. The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary can recapture funds if timelines are not met. Funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, other funding sources. Priority is given to projects that can award contracts in 120 days.

In the competitive grant program, priority is given to rehabilitation of vacant rental units, projects within 5 year capital improvement plans, and capital projects that can be awarded in 120 days from receipt of funding.

### **How to Access Funding:**

- \$3.0 billion to be distributed to public housing authorities under the same formula used in 2008, except that the Secretary may determine not to allocate funding to “troubled” or to agencies that elect not to accept funding.
- \$1.0 billion competitive will likely be available through an application process created by HUD.

A preliminary grants notice has been released and can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The Funding Opportunity Number is HUD-RA-05. HUD has published information and procedures for processing grants and procedures under this section <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/publications/notices/09/pih2009-12.pdf>. See also, this additional clarification, published by HUD: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir/clareml.pdf>

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>  
Office of Capitol Improvements, Public and Indian Housing  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/phcfund.cfm>

**State Contact:** Oregon Housing and Community Services Department  
[http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/Recovery/Public\\_Housing\\_Capital\\_Fund.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/Recovery/Public_Housing_Capital_Fund.pdf)

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## **Homelessness Prevention**

**Total Funding Available:** \$1.5 billion (OR Share: \$15 million)

**Overview:** For homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities. Specifically, the funds can be used for short term or medium term rental assistance, housing relocations, and stabilization services (including housing search, mediation, outreach to property owners, credit repair, security or utility deposits, utility payments, rental assistance for a final month at location, moving cost assistance, and case management) for homelessness prevention or re-housing to recently homeless.

**Special Factors:** Recipients must spend 50 percent of funding within 2 years, and all funding within 3 years. The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary may establish minimum grant size. Secretary must recapture unspent funds.

Grantees must collect data on the use of the funds awarded and persons served with this assistance in the HUD Homeless Management Information System or comparable database. Up to 5 percent may be used for administrative costs.

**How to Access Funding:** Per the Emergency Shelter Grant program to grantees under formula authorized by Section 413 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Secretary will establish additional requirements as necessary within 30 days of enactment. Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties, as well as the cities of Eugene and Salem, will receive these funds directly from HUD. Other community action agencies will receive payment from Oregon's Department of Housing and Community Services.

As required by the ARRA, HUD has published a Notice for the Homelessness Prevention Fund. The Notice changes the name of the program to the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP). It identifies eligible grantees and the requirements for receiving funding, eligible activities, eligible participants, reporting requirements, and other critical information for grantees and subgrantees. The notice is available at: [www.hud.gov/recovery/hrp-notice.pdf](http://www.hud.gov/recovery/hrp-notice.pdf)

In order to receive funding, grantees must submit a substantial amendment to their Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the HPRP. HUD has created a form that grantees must use for this substantial amendment. It is also posted on the HUD site (form number HUD-40119), along with the certifications grantees must sign.

A Question and Answer document for HPRP is available at:  
<http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewHomelessPreventionFund>

**Federal Contact:**

Department of Housing and Urban Development

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>

Emergency Shelter Grant Program

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/homeless-prevention.cfm>

**State Contact:**

Department of Housing and Community Services

[http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/Recovery/Homelessness\\_Prevention\\_Program\\_Factsheet.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/Recovery/Homelessness_Prevention_Program_Factsheet.pdf)

Emergency Housing and Shelter Assistance Program

[http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/CRD\\_Emergency\\_Housing\\_Shelter\\_Assistance\\_Oregon.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/CRD_Emergency_Housing_Shelter_Assistance_Oregon.shtml)

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## **Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit Programs**

**Total Funding Available:** \$2.25 billion (\$2.0 billion for formula – OR Share is \$11.5 million; \$250 million for competitive)

**Overview:** \$2 billion for project based rental assistance (e.g., “Section 8”) for a 12-month period. In addition, \$250 million for grants or loans for energy retrofit and green investments in such assisted housing.

**Special Factors:** Funds must be expended in two years. Projects funded with grants or loans must comply with federal prevailing wage laws (cited in the bill as subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code).

The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary may establish terms to ensure the maintenance and preservation of the property, the continued operation and maintenance of energy efficiency technologies, and timely expenditure of funds. Secretary may also provide incentives to owners to undertake energy or green retrofits as part of such grants or loans, including fees to cover investment oversight and implementation, or to encourage job creation for low-income or very low-income individuals.

Secretary may share in a portion of future property utility savings. Property owner must commit to an additional period of affordability not less than 15 years. Secretary may establish other provisions in implementing the program.

**How to Access Funding:** Rental housing assistance per formula, Energy and Green Retrofit per competitive grants and loans under process to be developed by HUD secretary. A preliminary grants notice has been released and can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The Funding Opportunity Number is HUD-RA-01.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/aheretrofith.cfm>  
Office of Housing Choice Vouchers  
[www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/)  
  
Office of Affordable Housing Preservation  
[www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/omhar/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/omhar/)

**State Contact:** Not Applicable or unknown at this time.

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## **Economic Development Admin. (EDA) – American Recovery Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$150 million

**Overview:** The funding provision specifically refers to leveraging private investment, stimulating employment, and increasing incomes in economically distressed communities. Generally, the Economic Development Administration (within the Department of Commerce) assists state and local interests to design and implement strategies to adjust or bring about change in distressed economic areas. The program focuses on areas that have experienced or are under threat of serious structural damage to the underlying economic base. Eligible projects may include those that aid the long-range economic development of areas with severe unemployment and low family income problems, or aid in the development of public facilities and private enterprises to help create new, permanent jobs.

**Special Factors:** \$50 million will be set aside for Economic Adjustment Assistance, with priority given to areas suffering sudden severe dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring. The remaining \$100 million will be allocated to either the Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Program or the Economic Adjustment Assistance Program, depending on the needs demonstrated among EDA’s six regional offices.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the region’s level of economic distress using statistics and other information. On the date the EDA receives the application, the proposed project must meet one or more of the following economic distress criteria:

1. Unemployment rate that is one percentage point higher than the national average for the most recent 24month period.
2. Per capita income that is 80 percent or less than the national average.
3. Designated “Special Need” as determined by EDA.

Generally, the amount of the EDA grant may not exceed 50 percent of the total project cost. However, projects may receive up to an additional 30 percent, based on the needs determined by the EDA. In-kind contributions, such as space, equipment, services or forgiveness of debt, may fulfill the require non-federal share of the total project cost, as well.

**How to Access Funding:** Starting March 10, 2009, applications are being accepted by the EDA on a continuing basis and processed as received. The deadline for applications is **June 30, 2010**.

Applications may be submitted electronically at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), funding opportunity number EDA03102009RECOVERYACT, or mailed to the applicable EDA regional office.

Before applying for funding, it is recommended you read the EDA's Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement, which provides more information on the funding description and project priorities, guidelines, and evaluation criteria:

<http://www.eda.gov/xp/EDAPublic/PDF/FY09ARRAFFOFINAL.pdf>

**Federal Contact:** Department of Commerce  
<http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/>  
Economic Development Administration  
<http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml>

EDA Regional Contact:  
David Porter  
One World Trade Center, Suite 244  
121 SW Salmon St  
Portland, OR 97204  
(503) 326-3078  
[dporter@eda.doc.gov](mailto:dporter@eda.doc.gov)

**Regional Contacts:** Oregon Regional Economic Development Districts  
(assistance only) <http://www.orcities.org/Portals/17/A-Z/EDAConDevDistList.pdf>

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## **Community Development Financial Institutions**

**Total Funding Available:** \$100 million

**Overview:** According to the website of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Community Development Entities (CDEs) provide capital, credit and financial services in economically distressed communities. These community-based lenders are used to responsibly deploy resources to support homeowners and businesses.

The legislation appropriates an additional \$100 million, of which \$90 million will apply to the CDFI Program, \$8 million to the Native Initiatives, and \$2 million to administrative expenses.

**How to Access Funding:** The CDFI Fund plans to increase the size of the awards provided under the current FY 2009 funding round. CDFIs that submitted applications under the FY 2009 component but that did not request the full \$2 million will be provided with an opportunity to amend their requests to ask for up to \$2 million (or \$600,000, in the case of Small and Emerging CDFIs). The CDFI Fund will contact these organizations to request supplemental information. The additional Recovery Act funding will also enable the CDFI Fund to reach deeper into the pool of qualified applicants. The CDFI Fund will follow the awardee selection process as described in the FY 2009 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and make additional awards to the most qualified applicants that, due to funding constraints, would not otherwise likely have been funded. The FY 2009 CDFI Program round is currently closed (applications were due to the CDFI Fund by October 29, 2008). However, the CDFI Fund will re-open the application window to permit additional CDFIs to apply. A revised NOFA will likely be published within the next 30 days with instructions for CDFIs that wish to apply under the re-opened 2009 FA round. More information is available in the department's implementation plan: <http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/implementationplan.pdf>

**Federal Contact:** Department of the Treasury  
<http://www.treas.gov/recovery/>  
Community Development Financial Institutions Fund  
<http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/>

Questions about the CDFI Fund component of the Recovery Act can be made at the CDFI Fund's dedicated helpdesk line, 1-202-622-6350. Questions can also be sent by email to [RecoveryAct@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:RecoveryAct@cdfi.treas.gov).

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

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## **Lead Paint Removal**

**Total Funding Available:** \$100 million

**Overview:** Competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations for lead paint removal related to older and low income housing.

**Special Factors:** Funds to be awarded first to qualified applicants that had applied under the Lead Hazard Reduction Program Notices of Funding Availability for fiscal year 2008 but were not awarded due to funding limitations.

Remaining funds will be added to the Lead Hazard program announced in the 2009 NOFA. Each 2009 applicant shall demonstrate capacity to carry out the proposed use of the funds.

Funding available until September 20, 2011. Recipients must spend 50 percent of funds in 2 years and all funds in three years. Secretary may recapture funds if timelines are missed.

**How to Access Funding:** See 2009 Notice of Funding Availability, Lead Hazard Reduction Program

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>  
Lead Hazard Reduction Program  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/healthy-homes.cfm>

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

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## **Corporation for National and Community Service**

**Total Funding Available:** \$200 million

**Overview:** According to its website, the Corporation for National and Community Service is the nation's largest grant maker supporting service and volunteering. Specifically, among other programs, it supports Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs

**Special Factors:** Non federal share waiver discretionary. \$89 million is set aside for existing AmeriCorps grantees and an additional \$40 million is set aside for the National Service Trust. AmeriCorps funding is limited to current recipients. AmeriCorps VISTA will be open to new programs.

**How to Access Funding:** Nonprofit organizations and local, state and federal agencies should contact the Corporation for National and Community Service office in their state for information about how to apply for VISTA resources.

**Federal Contact:** Corporation for National and Community Service  
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp>

Updated VISTA program information  
[http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/09\\_0313\\_recovery\\_vista\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/09_0313_recovery_vista_guidance.pdf)

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## **Rural Community Facilities Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$130 million

**Overview:** The ARRA provides additional funding under the Rural Community Facilities Program for loans and grants for the construction or maintenance of rural community facilities, including hospitals, health clinics and child and elder care facilities.

**Special Factors:** Ten percent of the funds must be designated for “persistent poverty counties” – defined as counties in which 20 percent of the population have lived below the federal poverty level for the past 30 years.

**How to Access Funding:** Applications are filed with the USDA Rural Development field offices. Rural Development staff will discuss a community's needs and the services available from Rural Development and sister agencies within USDA. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through Rural Development State Offices.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Agriculture  
[http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/?navid=USDA\\_ARRA](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/?navid=USDA_ARRA)  
Rural Development Community Facilities Program  
[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/non\\_profit\\_intro.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/non_profit_intro.htm)

John Brugger, Community Programs Division.  
Phone: 503-414-3362 Email: [John.Brugger@or.usda.gov](mailto:John.Brugger@or.usda.gov)

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/>

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

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## **Transit Capital Assistance**

**Total Funding Available:** \$6.9 billion

**Overview:** Transit Capital Assistance may be used for bus, rail, and related capital assistance. The funds are broken down in the following manner:

- \$100 million set aside for discretionary grants for transit capital.
- \$5.40 billion apportioned to states using the 5307 program distribution formula.
- \$677 million apportioned to states using the 5311 program distribution formula.
- \$675 million apportioned to states using the Growing States distribution formula.
- \$16.9 million or 2 percent of the 5311 distribution is set aside for Indian Reservation Roads.
- Balance of funds reserved for FTA Administration.

### **Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Priority is to be given to projects in economically distressed areas.
- Priority is to be given to projects that can be completed within three (3) years.
- Funds cannot supplant existing funding, and states must certify within 30 days of apportionment that existing funding is maintained.
- Fifty percent of funding to states (excludes suballocation to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)) must be obligated within 120 after apportionment. Any funds not obligated within 120 days will be withdrawn and reapportioned to other states that are able to obligate the funds.
- All funds must be obligated within one (1) year of apportionment. Any funds not obligated within one (1) year will be withdrawn and reapportioned to other states that are able to obligate the funds. The Secretary of the Federal Highway Administration can grant an extension of one (1) year if a state is experiencing “extreme conditions” that create an “unworkable bidding environment”.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds will be distributed to existing transit recipients 21 days after enactment of the legislation. Fifty percent of funding must be obligated with 180 after apportionment, and all other funds must be obligated within one (1) year of apportionment. Any funds not obligated within these time periods will be withdrawn and redistributed under the Competitive Surface Transportation Program. The Federal Transit Administration has released guidance that can be found at [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html).

The FTA has released grant application requirements for the new competitive grant program, the Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) program. Information can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6420.htm>. Grant proposals must be sent to [FTA-TIGGER@dot.gov](mailto:FTA-TIGGER@dot.gov) no later than May, 22, 2009.

As TIGGER is a new grant program, the FTA is also accepting comments on the application requirements. Information on where to send comments can also be found at the above website.

**Federal Contact:** Federal Transit Administration  
The Office of Program Management  
Program Information:  
[www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3561.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3561.html)  
Funding Information:  
[http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_Allocation.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_Allocation.html)

**State Contact:** Department of Transportation  
Public Transit Division  
Program Information:  
<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/PT/index.shtml>  
Funding Information:  
[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/economic\\_stimulus.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/economic_stimulus.shtml)

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## New Starts

**Total Funding Available:** \$750 million

**Overview:** The New Starts program is the federal government’s primary financial resource for supporting locally-planned, implemented, and operated transit "guideway" capital investments. Projects include commuter rail, light rail, heavy rail, bus rapid transit, streetcars, and ferries.

Project criteria include:

- **Mobility Improvements:** measured by travel time benefits per project passenger mile, low-income households served, and employment near stations.
- **Environmental Benefits:** measured by change in regional pollutant emissions, change in regional energy consumption, and EPA air quality designation.
- **Cost Effectiveness:** measured as the cost per hour of travel time saved.
- **Operating Efficiencies:** measured by system operating cost per passenger mile.
- **Transit Supportive Land Use & Future Patterns:** measured by existing land use, transit supportive plans and policies and performance, and impacts of policies.
- **Other:** includes a number of optional factors, including the projected economic impact of project, economic development, and the reliability of forecasts.

**Special Factors:**

- Funds are available until September 30, 2010.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.
- Priority is given to projects that are currently in construction or are able to obligate funds within 150 days of enactment.
- Funds cannot be commingled with any prior year funds.
- The current match ratio is used. This is a sliding scale that rates the local financial commitment for consideration during the application and award process. It is not a set amount.

**How to Access Funding:** Grants will be made at the Secretary’s discretion. Application guidelines will be available on the New Starts website (see below). The Federal Transit Administration has released guidance that can be found at [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html).

**Federal Contact:** Federal Transit Administration  
[http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning\\_environment\\_5221.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning_environment_5221.html)

**State Contact:** Not Applicable.

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**Rail Modernization (Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment)**

**Total Funding Available:** \$750 million

**Overview:** Grants for fixed guideway modernization projects. A fixed guideway refers to any transit service that uses exclusive or controlled rights-of-way or rails, entirely or in part. The term includes heavy rail, commuter rail, light rail, trolleybus, aerial tramway, inclined plane, cable car, automated guideway transit, ferryboats, that portion of motor bus service operated on exclusive or controlled rights-of-way, and high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes.

Eligible recipients for capital investment funds are public bodies and agencies (transit authorities and other state and local public bodies and agencies thereof including states, municipalities, other political subdivisions of states; public agencies and instrumentalities of one or more states; and certain public corporations, boards, and commissions established under state law.

**Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Fifty percent of funding must be obligated with 180 after apportionment, and all other funds must be obligated within one (1) year of apportionment. Any funds not obligated within these time periods will be withdrawn and reapportioned to other areas that are able to obligate the funds.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds are allocated by a statutory formula to urbanized areas with rail systems that have been in operation for at least seven years. The Federal Transit Administration has released guidance that can be found at [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html).

**Federal Contact:** Federal Transit Association  
The Office of Program Management  
[www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3558.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html)

**State Contact:** Not Applicable.

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## **Highway Infrastructure**

**Total Funding Available:** \$27.5 billion (OR Share: \$333.9 million)

**Overview:** The highway infrastructure funding will be apportioned to states using existing formulas (50% STP State distribution formula and 50% according to the FFY 2008 Obligation Limitation) with 30% of the funds within each state being sub allocated under the population formulas of the STP program (to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)). In addition, ODOT has set aside \$5 million to fund projects in Oregon's small cities (under 5,000 in population), who otherwise would have received no funding under the federal formula. Funds can be used for any project eligible under the surface transportation program, passenger and freight rail, and port infrastructure. Funds cannot be used for Advance Construction.

### **Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Priority is to be given to projects in economically distressed areas.
- Priority is to be given to projects that can be completed within three (3) years.
- Funds cannot supplant existing funding, and states must certify within 30 days of apportionment that existing funding is maintained.
- Fifty percent of funding to states (excludes sub allocation to MPOs) must be obligated within 120 after apportionment Any funds not obligated within 120 days will be withdrawn and reapportioned to other states that are able to obligate the funds.
- All funds must be obligated within one (1) year of apportionment. Any funds not obligated within one (1) year will be withdrawn and reapportioned to other states that are able to obligate the funds. The Secretary of the Federal Highway Administration can grant an extension of one (1) year if a state is experiencing “extreme conditions” that create an “unworkable bidding environment”.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds will be apportioned within 21 days after enactment of the legislation to the state and MPOs. MPOs have been compiling lists of eligible projects, and it will be up to the Boards to allocate the funding. Cities should immediately contact their MPO to determine if their project is eligible and work with Board members to secure necessary funding. The Federal Highway Administration has released spending guidance that can be accessed at:  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm>.

**ODOT modifies process for small cities grant program**

ODOT has announced the details of how the \$5 million of ARRA monies set aside for Oregon's small cities (populations of 5,000 or less) will be allocated. This funding will be provided on a competitive basis for transportation-related projects, and the maximum allocation for any city submitting a selected project is \$100,000. This funding will not require a local match and, at local discretion, may be converted from federal to state resources through fund exchange at 94 cents on the dollar. Project consideration associated with fund exchange will require public ownership of the street system within the project site, but will not require roadway classification within the Federal Aid Highway system.

ODOT is currently soliciting project applications from eligible cities throughout Oregon for distribution of these funds. Project selection will be followed by the preparation of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA), and project work, including contractor selection, may begin after all parties have signed the agreement. Selected projects must be contracted for construction by May 31, 2010, and project costs will be reimbursed upon completion of work.

Cities interested in applying for funding should submit project applications to ODOT here: [http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/LGS/stimulus\\_prospectus.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/LGS/stimulus_prospectus.shtml)

**The deadline for project submission is May 15, 2009.**

Questions regarding the Small Cities Economic Stimulus Program may be directed to Dave Galati, Local Government Liaison, at (503) 986-3441 or by e-mail [david.a.galati@odot.state.or.us](mailto:david.a.galati@odot.state.or.us).

A few points to remember:

- Funding for any one project is limited to \$100,000.
- Time lines are longer than other ARRA projects, but speed of project delivery is still an important criteria.
- Cities that have already received ARRA funding for a transportation project(s) will be ineligible for this program.
- Cities successfully applying for grants under this allotment will face state reporting requirements.

**Federal Contact:** Federal Highway Administration  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm>

**State Contact:** Department of Transportation  
[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/economic\\_stimulus.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/economic_stimulus.shtml)  
[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/LGS/stimulus\\_prospectus.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/LGS/stimulus_prospectus.shtml)

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## **Competitive Surface Transportation Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$1.5 billion

**Overview:** This program includes competitive grants to state and local governments and transit agencies for surface transportation projects which will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or region. Funding can be used for any eligible program under the Surface Transportation Program including highway, transit, freight and passenger rail, and port infrastructure projects. Grants will range from \$20 million to \$300 million, with some waivers for smaller cities.

**Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Priority is to be given to projects for which the federal share is needed to complete the project funding.
- Priority given to projects that can be completed within three (3) years.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** The Secretary of the Federal Highway Administration will release the criteria for the funding no later than May 18, 2009. Applications will be available within 180 days after release of the criteria, and projects will be selected no later than February 17, 2010. The Federal Highway Administration has released spending guidance that can be accessed at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm>.

**Federal Contact:** Federal Highway Administration  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm>

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

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## **Airport Improvement Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$1.1 billion

**Overview:** The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public agencies--and, in some cases, to private owners and entities---for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

**Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Priority is to be given to projects that will be completed within two (2) years.
- Funds cannot supplant existing funding.
- Fifty percent of funding must be obligated with 120 after apportionment. All other funds must be obligated within one (1) year of apportionment.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Aviation Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** Grants will be awarded at the Secretary's discretion. AIP funds are typically first apportioned into major entitlement categories such as primary, cargo, and general aviation. Remaining funds are distributed to a discretionary fund. Set-aside projects (airport noise and the Military Airport Program) receive first attention from this discretionary distribution. The remaining funds are true discretionary funds that are distributed according to a national prioritization formula.

**Federal Contact:**

Federal Aviation Administration

[www.faa.gov/recovery/](http://www.faa.gov/recovery/)

FAA Airport Improvement Program

[www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/airports/regional\\_guidance/western\\_pacific/aip/](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/regional_guidance/western_pacific/aip/)

The FAA has released a stakeholder guidance document. It can be found at:

[www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/airports/aip/media/FY09\\_aip\\_arra\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/aip/media/FY09_aip_arra_guidance.pdf).

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## **High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Rail Passenger Service**

**Total Funding Available:** \$8.0 billion

**Overview:** Grants to improve the speed and capacity of intercity passenger rail service and high speed rail corridors. This is a new program that was approved in the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008.

**Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Priority to projects that support development of intercity high speed rail service.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** The Secretary of the Federal Railroad Administration will release a strategic plan for use of the funds no later than April 18, 2009. The Department of Transportation will release guidance to applicants on grant terms, conditions, and procedures no later than June 17, 2009. There will be separate instructions for high speed rail, intercity rail, and congestion grants. **Additional information regarding this program has not yet been released. The League continues to monitor this program.**

**Federal Contact:** Federal Railroad Administration  
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/2153>  
FRA High Speed Rail and Intercity Rail Passenger Service  
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/31>

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

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## **COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services)**

**Total Funding Available:** \$1 billion

**Overview:** Grants used to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS Office funding provides training and technical assistance to advance community policing at all levels of law enforcement, from line officers to law enforcement executives, as well as others in the criminal justice field. Because community policing is inclusive, COPS Office training also reaches state and local government leaders and the citizens they serve. Funds cover the actual cost of an officer for three (3) years.

There are two types of federal grants. **Sponsored/Targeted Grants** consist of Methamphetamine, Safe Schools Initiative and Technology programs. **Discretionary/Non-Targeted Grants** consist of Cops In Schools, Homeland Security Overtime Program, MORE, Interoperability, Secure Our Schools, Tribal and Universal Hiring programs.

It is estimated that these grants will fund 5,500 local police officers through the COPS Hiring Recovery Program. Here is more information on the program and what it funds:

<http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>.

### **Special Factors:**

Traditionally, the program provides 75 percent of a new hire or rehire's salary for the first three years, with a salary cap of \$75,000 for these new officers. However, the ARRA waives both the salary cap and local match for FYs 09 & 10. Further, the COPS office has indicated that they will allow local government to use the funds to retain police officers that they otherwise would not be able to keep on salary. The funds may NOT be used to start-up agencies, to fund a consortium of agencies, or to contract for law enforcement services. To learn more about what the funds can and cannot be used for, look at these FAQs and Scenarios:

<http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2112> (FAQs)

<http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2113> (Scenarios)

**How to Access Funding:** Cities will apply directly with the Federal Department of Justice, COPS Office for grants. To find out if your city's police force is eligible, use this questionnaire: <http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2114>. An overview of Application Procedures is here: <http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2110>. Applications for grants will be accepted online via the COPS Office web site at <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108> beginning March 16, 2009 through April 14, 2009.

**Application Deadline:** April 14, 2009

**Federal Contact:** US Department of Justice  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>  
COPS Office  
<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>

Program Specialist - Sponsored/Targeted: Lakita Reid  
Phone: 202.514.1658

Program Specialist - Discretionary/Non-Targeted: Jamie Atwood  
Phone: 202.616.9554

**State Contact:** Not Applicable.

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## **Rural Law Enforcement**

**Total Funding Available:** \$ 125 million

**Overview:** Provides competitive funding through the Office of Justice Programs for drug enforcement, drug prevention and treatment, and other law enforcement activities in rural areas.

**How to Access Funding.** Detailed information on the grant application process has now been released by DOJ: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryByrne.pdf>

Applications must be submitted through OJP's online Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, go to <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Applicants should begin the process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time they have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. The registration process for organizations includes: (1) Obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (2) Registering your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database; and (3) Registering with GMS prior to applying.

In addition to the DUNS number requirement, OJP requires that all applicants (other than individuals) for federal financial assistance maintain current registrations in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. The CCR database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. Organizations that have previously submitted applications via Grants.gov are already registered with CCR, as it is a requirement for Grants.gov registration. Please note, however, that applicants must update or renew their CCR registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov).

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on **April 22, 2009**.

**Federal Contact:** U.S. Department of Justice  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>  
Justice Programs  
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

e-mail: [oig.hotline@usdoj.gov](mailto:oig.hotline@usdoj.gov)  
hotline: (800) 869-4499

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

**League Staff Contact:** Scott Winkels, [swinkels@orcities.org](mailto:swinkels@orcities.org), (503) 588-6550

## **Byrne JAG – Formula**

**Total Funding Available:** \$2 billion (OR Share: \$22.1 million)

**Overview:** The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The procedure for allocating JAG funds is a formula based on population and crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share. Funds are distributed 60/40 between state and local recipients.

The list of eligible applicants for the federal funds can be found by clicking on Oregon on the following web page: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08jagallocations.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08jagallocations.html). These funds are extremely flexible and can be utilized to pay for programs, equipment, and even some salaries-prevention programs, drug enforcement programs, and buying equipment to support law enforcement are all permitted.

In addition to direct grants from the federal government, cities are sometimes eligible to receive funds from the state allocation. In some instances, a city that is not eligible for the federal grant will be eligible for state funds through the Oregon Justice Commission.

### **How to Access Funding:**

**Federal: Application Deadline: 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, May 18, 2009**

Local governments eligible for funding can apply here:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryLocal.pdf>

Additional information for helping eligible local governments apply can be found at:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryjag.html>

Applications must be submitted through OJP's online Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, go to <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Applicants should begin the process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time they have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. The registration process for organizations includes: (1) Obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (2) Registering your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database; and (3) Registering with GMS prior to applying.

In addition to the DUNS number requirement, OJP requires that all applicants (other than individuals) for federal financial assistance maintain current registrations in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. The CCR database is the repository for standard

information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. Organizations that have previously submitted applications via Grants.gov are already registered with CCR, as it is a requirement for Grants.gov registration. Please note, however, that applicants must update or renew their CCR registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov).

**State:** JAG formula funds allocated to the state are distributed by the Oregon Justice Commission through an application process.

**Federal Contact:** U.S. Department of Justice  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>  
Justice Programs  
[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html)

**State Contact:** Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Contact:  
Karen Green  
Oregon State Police  
255 Capitol Street NE, 4th Floor  
Salem, Oregon 97305  
Phone: 503.934.0160  
Email: [Karen.Green@state.or.us](mailto:Karen.Green@state.or.us)

Criminal Justice Commission  
Agency Web Site:  
<http://www.oregon.gov/CJC/>  
Funding Information:  
[http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/CJS/current\\_funding.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/CJS/current_funding.shtml)

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## **Byrne JAG - Competitive**

**Total Funding Available:** \$225 million

**Overview:** Competitive grants to units of State, local, and tribal government, and to national, regional, and local non-profit organizations to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crime, support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth, and for other similar activities.

**How to Access Funding:** Detailed information on the grant application process has now been released by DOJ: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryByrne.pdf>

Applications must be submitted through OJP's online Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, go to <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Applicants should begin the process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time they have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. The registration process for organizations includes: (1) Obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (2) Registering your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database; and (3) Registering with GMS prior to applying. The Funding Opportunity Number is BJA-2009-2117.

All applications are due by **8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 27, 2009**.

**Federal Contact:** U.S. Department of Justice  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>  
Justice Programs  
[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html)

**State Contact:** Not Applicable.

**League Staff Contact:** Scott Winkels, [swinkels@orcities.org](mailto:swinkels@orcities.org), (503) 588-6550

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## **Internet Crimes Against Children**

**Total Funding Available:** \$ 50 million (OR Share: \$726,600)

**Overview:** Competitive grants through the Office of Justice Programs to coordinate state and local responses to preventing, apprehending, and prosecuting online predators. Applicants are limited to states and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies currently receiving funds under the ICAC Task Force program.

**How to Access Funding:**

Application Deadline: 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on **April 8, 2009**.

Registration Deadline: **March 16, 2009**

Applications must be submitted through OJP's online Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, go to <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Applicants should begin the process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time they have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. The registration process for organizations includes: (1) Obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (2) Registering your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database; and (3) Registering with GMS prior to applying. In addition to the DUNS number requirement, OJP requires that all applicants (other than individuals) for federal financial assistance maintain current registrations in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. The CCR database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. Organizations that have previously submitted applications via Grants.gov are already registered with CCR, as it is a requirement for Grants.gov registration. Please note, however, that applicants must update or renew their CCR registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov).

Complete solicitation information is available online at:

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/ARRAICACTaskForceProgram.pdf>

**Federal Contact:**

U.S. Department of Justice: <http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>

Justice Programs: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Christopher Holloway at 202-305-9838 or [Christopher.Holloway@usdoj.gov](mailto:Christopher.Holloway@usdoj.gov);

Jeffrey Gersh at 202-514-5535 or [Jeffrey.Gersh@usdoj.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Gersh@usdoj.gov) ; or

Amy Staubs 202-307-5762 or [Amy.Staubs@usdoj.gov](mailto:Amy.Staubs@usdoj.gov) .

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

**League Staff Contact:** Scott Winkels, [swinkels@orcities.org](mailto:swinkels@orcities.org), (503) 588-6550

## **Violence Against Women**

**Total Funding Available:** \$175 million for STOP grants (OR Share: \$2.3 million)  
\$50 million for transitional housing

### **Overview:**

STOP (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors) Grants: Formula grants awarded to states and territories to develop and strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to support and enhance services for victims. Each state and territory must allocate 25 percent of the grant funds for law enforcement, 25 percent for prosecution, 5 percent for courts, and 30 percent for victim services.

Transitional Housing: Discretionary grant program that provides transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services for individuals who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance as a result of fleeing a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient. Eligible applicants are states, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and other organizations that have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

### **Special Factors:**

Information regarding matching fund requirements for STOP can be found at [www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/match\\_requirement.pdf](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/match_requirement.pdf).

### **How to Access Funding:**

STOP grants: Grants are awarded through the Oregon Department of Justice. A Request for Applications (RFA) and the associated appendices are available here: <http://www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/vawa.shtml#continuationrfa>. Only applicants who received 2008 STOP VAWA Competitive Grants are eligible to apply. Applications are **due May 1, 2009**. Crime Victims Services Division (CVSD) will be hosting a teleconference for applicants, though the date is yet to be announced. Please contact VAWA Grant Assistant Mackenzie Gray at 503-378-5344 x239 or [mackenzie.e.gray@doj.state.or.us](mailto:mackenzie.e.gray@doj.state.or.us) with any difficulties accessing the RFA or appendices.

CVSD anticipates releasing a competitive RFA on June 1, 2009 for new projects that will create, maintain, or preserve jobs and create economic growth as required under the 2009 Recovery Act STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program.

Transitional Housing: Grant solicitation information is available at: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/recovery-transitional-housing-asst.pdf>.

The due date for applying for Transitional Housing funding is **8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 8, 2009**. The registration **deadline to register is 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on**

**March 24, 2009.** Applications must be submitted through OJP’s online Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, go to <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Applicants should begin the process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time they have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. The registration process for organizations includes: (1) Obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (2) Registering your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database; and (3) Registering with GMS prior to applying.

In addition to the DUNS number requirement, OJP requires that all applicants (other than individuals) for federal financial assistance maintain current registrations in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. The CCR database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. Organizations that have previously submitted applications via Grants.gov are already registered with CCR, as it is a requirement for Grants.gov registration. Please note, however, that applicants must update or renew their CCR registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov).

**Federal Contact:** U.S. Department of Justice  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>  
 Office on Violence Against Women  
<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery.htm>

**State Contact:** STOP: Oregon Department of Justice  
<http://www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/vawa.shtml>

Primary Contact: Cynthia Stinson  
 Director, Oregon Department of Justice,  
 Crime Victims’ Services Division  
 1162 Court Street NE  
 Salem, OR 97310-4096  
 tel: 503-378-5344 ext 235 fax: 503-378-6974  
 email: [cynthia.stinson@doj.state.or.us](mailto:cynthia.stinson@doj.state.or.us)

Secondary Contact: Diana Fleming  
 STOP VAWA Program Coordinator  
 Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victims’ Services Division  
 1162 Court Street NE  
 Salem, OR 97310-4096  
 tel: 503-378-5344 ext 250 fax: 503-378-6974  
 email: [diana.l.fleming@doj.state.or.us](mailto:diana.l.fleming@doj.state.or.us)

Housing: Not applicable or unknown at this time.

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## **Assistance to Firefighters Grants**

**Total Funding Available:** \$210 million

**Overview:** The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Assistance to Firefighters Grants funding from the ARRA can be used to modify, upgrade, or construct non-Federal fire stations.

**Special Factors:**

- The maximum grant amount is \$15 million.
- No matching funds are required.
- Extensive “Buy America” provisions can be waived by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

**How to Access Funding:** The Grant Programs Directorate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency administers the grants in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Regulations will be adopted and released by the Secretary.

On April 15, 2009 the Department of Homeland Security released the AFG applications for FY 2009. In the application instructions, they indicate that the information for the ARRA grants will be released in June or July. The League continues to monitor the program.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Homeland Security  
[http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/gc\\_1235067544334.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/gc_1235067544334.shtm)  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Program Information:  
[www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/](http://www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/)  
Regional Offices:  
<http://www.fema.gov/about/regions/index.shtm>

**State Contact:** Not applicable.

**League Staff Contact:** Scott Winkels, [swinkels@orcities.org](mailto:swinkels@orcities.org), (503) 588-6550

## **Transit Security Grant Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$150 million

**Overview:** Provides grant funding to the nation’s key high-threat urban areas to enhance security measures for their critical transit infrastructure including bus, ferry and rail systems.

**Special Factors:**

- Extensive “Buy America” provisions can be waived by the Secretary.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Regulations will be adopted and released by the Secretary.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Homeland Security  
<http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm#three>  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
<http://www.fema.gov/recovery/>  
[www.fema.gov/government/grant/tsgp/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/tsgp/index.shtm)

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

**League Staff Contact:** Craig Honeyman, [choneyman@orcities.org](mailto:choneyman@orcities.org), (503) 588-6550

## **Emergency Food and Shelter**

**Total Funding Available:** \$100 million (OR Share: \$1.2 million)

**Overview:** Supplements the work of local social service organizations within the United States, both private and governmental, to help people in need of emergency assistance. (Private-Nonprofit community and government organizations)

**Special Factors:**

- Extensive “Buy America” provisions can be waived by the Secretary.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds are administered through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board, which uses a formula to determine the eligibility of a civil jurisdiction. There is no national application process. For fiscal year 2009 funding, jurisdictions qualify for funding if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Number of unemployed: 13,000+ with a 4.3% rate of unemployment
- Number of unemployed: 300-12,999 with a 6.3% rate of unemployment
- Number of unemployed: 300 or more with an 11.0% rate of poverty

Award amounts are determined by dividing the available funds by the number of unemployed persons within each jurisdiction that qualifies. Jurisdictions that do not qualify under the formula may receive funds through the state set-aside process. Jurisdictions that do qualify under the formula may receive additional funding through the state set-aside process.

A list of the agencies who qualified for a grant can be found at <http://www.efsp.unitedway.org/EFSP/wc.dll?EFSP~AllocationStates>. Instructions and deadline requirements have been mailed to the local boards committees.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Homeland Security  
[http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/gc\\_1235067544334.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/gc_1235067544334.shtm)  
 Federal Emergency Management Agency  
<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm>  
 FEMA Call Center  
 (866) 927-5646  
[ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov)  
 Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program  
[www.efsp.unitedway.org/](http://www.efsp.unitedway.org/)  
 Phone: (703) 706-9660, Fax: (703) 706-9677

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

**League Staff Contact:** Scott Winkels, [swinkels@orcities.org](mailto:swinkels@orcities.org), (503) 588-6550

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## **Clean Water and Drinking Water Grants and Loans**

**Total Funding Available:** \$ 6 billion; \$4 billion for CWSRF, \$2 billion for SDWSRF  
(OR Share: \$45 million - CWSRF; \$28.7 million - SDWSRF)

### **Overview:**

#### **Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)**

The federal Act provides a significant amount of funding for clean water grants and loans through the State’s existing Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. Oregon’s CWSRF is expected to receive approximately \$45 million to fund “shovel ready” projects that will create jobs. The purpose of the CWSRF program is to implement the federal Clean Water Act and various State laws by providing financial assistance for the construction of facilities or implementation of measures necessary to address water quality problems and to prevent pollution of the waters of the State. Eligible uses for the funds include construction of publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities, local sewers, sewer interceptors, water recycling facilities, as well as, expanded use projects such as implementation of nonpoint source (NPS) projects or programs, development and implementation of estuary Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans, and storm water treatment.

#### **Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF)**

The SDWSRF provides low interest loans/grants to assist public water systems in achieving or maintaining compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Projects must be from a public water system, must be needed to comply with the SDWA, and must be on the program’s project priority list. Eligible uses include water treatment facilities, replacement of aging infrastructure, planning studies, consolidation of water systems, and source water protection. Ineligible uses include dams or rehab of dams, O&M costs, projects mainly for fire protection.

### **Special Factors:**

#### **For Clean Water Revolving Funds**

- Not less than 20% of funds shall go for green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements or other environmentally innovative activities (provided these types of applications are received).

#### **For Both Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds**

- The federal Administrator is directed to reallocate Revolving Fund monies where projects are not under contract or construction within 12 months of the date of enactment
- Directs priority funding to projects on State priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment

- Prohibits the use of both Revolving Funds for the purchase of land easements and to prohibit other set asides under section 1452 (k) of the Safe Drinking Water Act that do not directly create jobs.
- States are directed to use “not less than 50 percent” of the funds for principal forgiveness, negative interest loans or grants.

**How to Access Funding:** Both funds will be run through the state revolving fund programs. Websites are listed below. Applications for ARRA Clean Water funds are due **March 16, 2009**. Eligibility to apply for ARRA Safe Drinking Water funds required submission - on or before February 2, 2009 - of a SDWRLF Letter of Interest (LOI). Application packets were sent to eligible projects on March 9, 2009. Application must be submitted by **April 15, 2009**. Cities may submit new SDWRLF letters of interest in case Oregon receives an additional allocation of ARRA funds. Please call or email the state contacts listed below for additional information and instructions.

**Federal Contact:** Environmental Protection Agency  
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>

Clean Water: Environmental Protection Agency  
 Clean Water State Revolving Fund  
<http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>

Drinking Water: Environmental Protection Agency  
 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund  
<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf/index.html>

**State Contact:**

Clean Water: Department of Environmental Quality  
 Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund  
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/loans/loans.htm>  
 Regional Contacts:  
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/WQ/loans/contacts.htm>

Drinking Water: Economic and Community Development Department  
[http://www.oregon.gov/ECDD/CD/program/safe\\_wtr.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ECDD/CD/program/safe_wtr.shtml)  
 Department of Human Services  
<http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/dwp/srlf.shtml>

Roberto Reyes-Colon, Drinking Water Program,  
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 Karen Homolac, Oregon Community Development Department,  
 Phone: 503-986-0191, Email: [karen.homolac@state.or.us](mailto:karen.homolac@state.or.us)

**League Staff Contact:** Dan Eisenbeis, [deisenbeis@orcities.org](mailto:deisenbeis@orcities.org), (503)-588-6550

## **Brownfields**

**Total Funding Available:** \$100 million

**Overview:** Funding for competitive grants for brownfield sites. Funds from the federal Act will likely be used to fund ongoing grants through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants program.

Eligible uses for the funds are likely to be site assessment, clean-up grants, and revolving loans and job training. Eligible governmental entities include a general purpose local unit of government; a land clearance authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of government; a governmental entity created by a state legislature; a regional council or group of general purpose units of local government; a redevelopment agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by the state.

The EPA has announced that \$5 million will be awarded to Brownfields Job Training Grants. These grants will be used to provide environmental job training projects that will facilitate job creation in the assessment, remediation or preparation of brownfields sites for sustainable reuses.

**How to Access Funding:** Applications are now being accepted for the Job Training Grants portion of the Brownfields funding. The application deadline is April 20, 2009. The grant notice is available on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The Funding Opportunity Number is EPA-ARRA--OSWER-OBLR-JT. A guide on applying for the job training grants is available at: [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/grant\\_guidelines/final\\_arra\\_jt\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/grant_guidelines/final_arra_jt_guidelines.pdf)

The EPA has not determined the method of distribution for all of the funds.

### **Federal Contact:**

Environmental Protection Agency  
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>  
Brownfields Program  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/eparecovery/index.htm>  
Brownfields Job Training Grants  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/job.htm>

### **State Contact:**

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/legbills/stimulusFunding.htm> .

**League Staff Contact:** Dan Eisenbeis, [deisenbeis@orcities.org](mailto:deisenbeis@orcities.org), (503) 588-6550

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## **Hazardous Substance Superfund**

**Total Funding Available:** \$600 million

**Overview:** The federal superfund remedial program provides funds for the long-term clean-up of abandoned hazardous toxic waste sites.

**Special Factors:** Federal stimulus funding through this program is discretionary by US EPA.

**How to Access Funding:** While EPA is still making decisions about which specific Superfund projects will receive stimulus funding, overall, EPA plans to use the funds to start long-term cleanup projects, <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/policy/cercla.htm>, and to accelerate ongoing construction projects at sites listed on the National Priorities List, <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm>.

### **Federal Contact:**

Environmental Protection Agency  
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>  
Superfund Program  
<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/eparecovery/index.html>

### **State Contact:**

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/legbills/stimulusFunding.htm> .

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## **Diesel Emission Reduction Act**

**Total Funding Available:** \$300 million

**Overview:** The ARRA provides \$300 million in funding for grants and loans through the National Clean Diesel Campaign to help regional, state and local governments, tribal agencies, and non-profit organizations with projects that reduce diesel emissions. Eligible applicants include: U.S. regional, state, local, tribal or port agencies with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality; nonprofit organizations or institutions that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that operate diesel fleets; entities whose principle purpose is the promotion of transportation or air quality. The funding opportunities are divided into four programs:

- The Recovery Act Funding for the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program will receive approximately \$156 million. This funding will be awarded directly through US EPA on a competitive basis to support diesel emission reduction programs. See new funding details below. Applications for this program are **DUE APRIL 28th, 2009**
- The Recovery Act Funding for the Smart Way Clean Diesel Finance Program will receive approximately \$30 million. This funding, directly through the USEPA will support the creation of national, state or local innovative clean diesel financing programs. See new funding details below. Applications for this program are **DUE April 28th, 2009**.
- The Recovery Act Funding for the National Clean Diesel Emerging Technology Program will receive approximately \$20 million. This funding directly through the USEPA will support the use, development and commercialization of emerging technologies that reduce emissions from diesel engines. See new funding details below. Applications for this program are **DUE May 5th, 2009**.
- The Recovery Act Funding for the State Clean Diesel Grant Program will receive approximately \$88 million. This funding will be available to support clean diesel grant and loan programs administered by states and the District of Columbia. Oregon DEQ will receive \$1.7 million in state clean diesel funding for grants.
- The final 2 percent – or \$6 million – has been set aside for administrative costs.

This funding is for “shovel-ready” projects with the intention of stimulating jobs while reducing diesel emissions. Please note that applications for this funding have an unusually quick turnaround. EPA Region 10 (OR, WA, ID, AL) is considering projects in the \$500,000-\$3,000,000 range. Please consult EPA’s website for more information, to see if your project qualifies, and for application forms: EPA Recovery Act Web page for Clean Diesel Programs, <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/index.htm>.

**Special Factors:** All National Diesel Emission Reduction Program activities (including all four programs outlined above) must reduce diesel emissions. According to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, priority projects are those that accomplish the following:

- Maximize public health benefits
- Are the most cost effective
- Serve areas with highest population density; that are in poor air quality areas, including:
  1. non-attainment and maintenance areas, Federal Class 1 areas
  2. areas with toxic pollutant concerns
  3. areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution from diesel fleets including truck stops, ports, rail yards, terminals and distribution centers
  4. areas that use a community-based multi-stakeholder collaborative process to reduce toxic emissions
- Maximize the useful life of any certified engine configuration, verified technology, or emerging technology
- Conserve diesel fuel
- Use diesel fuel with a sulfur content of less than or equal to 15 ppm (for nonroad engines)

The ARRA waives the State grant and loan matching incentive provisions of the Diesel Emission Reduction Act. Funds may not be used to fund the costs of emissions reductions that are mandated under Federal, State or local law. Voluntary or elective emission reduction measures are not considered “mandated” regardless of whether the reductions are included in the implementation plan of a State.

### **How to Access Funding:**

National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program (\$6.6 million Region 10) - Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis to support the implementation of verified and certified diesel emission reduction technologies. The closing date for receipt of applications is **April 28, 2009**. EPA regional offices are hosting a series of conference calls to answer questions – check the website below for dates and times. General Program Information (including conference call information): <http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/> Guidance: <http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/documents/recovery-act-national-cleandiesel-rfa.pdf>

Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program (\$20 million nationally) - The closing date for receipt of applications is **May 5, 2009**. General Program Information: <http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/progmerge.htm> Application Guidance: <http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/documents/recovery-act-emergingtechnology-rfa.pdf>

SmartWay Clean Diesel Finance Program (\$30 million nationally) - A competitive grant program that will support the creation of national, state or local innovative clean diesel financial programs. The closing date for receipt of applications is **April 28, 2009**.

General program information: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/progfinance.htm>

Application information: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/documents/recovery-act-smartway-finance-clean-diesel-rfa.pdf>.

Oregon DEQ is available to provide support for those entities who wish to develop proposals. If you need assistance or advice in developing a project application for projects in Oregon, please contact DEQ staff listed below.

**Federal Contact:**

Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/index.htm>

Diesel Emission Reduction Act Information

<http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/progstate.htm>

**State Contact:**

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/legbills/stimulusFunding.htm>

Air Quality Division - Diesel

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/aq/diesel/>

Kevin Downing, Air Quality Division,

Phone: (503) 229-6549

Email: [downing.kevin@deq.state.or.us](mailto:downing.kevin@deq.state.or.us)

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## **Rural Water Waste Disposal Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$1.38 billion

**Overview:** The ARRA provides new budget authority to the Department of Agriculture under the Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program for loans and grants to regional, local, non-profit and tribal organizations for the development of water and waste disposal systems in rural areas and towns with populations of less than 10,000.

**Special Factors:** Federal stimulus funding through this program is discretionary by US EPA.

**How to Access Funding:** Cities interested in applying for Rural Water Waste Disposal Program Funds should contact the USDA Rural Development field office listed below.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Agriculture  
[http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/?navid=USDA\\_ARRA](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/?navid=USDA_ARRA)  
Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program  
[www.usda.gov/rus/water/index.htm](http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/index.htm)

John Brugger, Community Programs Division.  
Phone: 503-414-3362 Email: [John.Brugger@or.usda.gov](mailto:John.Brugger@or.usda.gov)  
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/>

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

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**Clean Cities Diesel Reduction Program**  
**(Alternative Fueled Vehicles Grant Program)**

**Total Funding Available:** \$300 million

**Overview:** The ARRA supports \$300 million to support the Department of Energy’s Clean Cities clean diesel program. Eligible entities include states, local governments and metropolitan transportation authorities in partnership with designated Clean Cities Coalition. \$300 million is available for the Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology Vehicles Pilot Grant Program, which is a competitive grant program promoting the use of more efficient vehicles. Funding is to be used for cost-shared projects that expand the use of alternative fueled vehicles and advanced technology vehicles. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle or advanced technology vehicle is also eligible. Operation and maintenance of vehicles, infrastructure and other associated equipment acquired through the program are also allowable within specified limits.

**How to Access Funding:** Funding will be discretionary by the federal Department of Energy (DOE). The current closing date for the first round of applications is **May 29, 2009**. Application information is available on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) under Funding Opportunity Number: DE-PS26-09NT01236-04. Details are also at: [https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/9FEFD7404BACF12F8525757400701AFE/\\$file/Clean+Cities+FY09+FOA+Modification+004.pdf](https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/9FEFD7404BACF12F8525757400701AFE/$file/Clean+Cities+FY09+FOA+Modification+004.pdf)

**Federal Contact:**

Department of Energy  
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

Clean Cities Information:  
<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/>

Alternative Fueled Vehicles Grant Program Information  
[http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/progs/ddown.php?afdc/WHATS\\_NEW/873/](http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/progs/ddown.php?afdc/WHATS_NEW/873/)

Grant Application Information  
<https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/F1BEFA84084808598625756800695728?OpenDocument>

Grant Officer Name: Raymond Jarr  
 Phone: 412 386-5173  
 E-mail: [RJARR@NETL.DOE.GOV](mailto:RJARR@NETL.DOE.GOV)

Grant Specialist Name: Janet Laukaitis  
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 E-mail: [Janet.Laukaitis@NETL.DOE.GOV](mailto:Janet.Laukaitis@NETL.DOE.GOV)

**State Contact:** The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Department of Energy (DOE), and Oregon Economic & Community Development Department (OECD), along with other regional agencies are looking for local governments to join them in a proposal for ARRA Clean Cities grant funds to purchase electric vehicles and to build a statewide recharging infrastructure. In order to build a

project budget, ODOT needs to estimate the amount of matching funds that local entities will be willing to invest in the program in through 2011.

Additional information about this coordination request is here:

[http://www.orcities.org/Portals/17/Headlines/ODOT%20Elect.%20Vehicle%20Soft%20Order%20Cover%20Letter\\_Mar302009.pdf](http://www.orcities.org/Portals/17/Headlines/ODOT%20Elect.%20Vehicle%20Soft%20Order%20Cover%20Letter_Mar302009.pdf)

Cities that are interested in joining the proposal need to complete the following form and submit it to Mark Brady at Oregon Economic & Community Development Department, [mark.brady@state.or.us](mailto:mark.brady@state.or.us), **no later than April 10, 2009**.

[http://www.orcities.org/Portals/17/Headlines/ODOT%20Elect.%20Vehicle%20Soft%20Order%20Form\\_1Mar302009.pdf](http://www.orcities.org/Portals/17/Headlines/ODOT%20Elect.%20Vehicle%20Soft%20Order%20Form_1Mar302009.pdf)

Questions related to this application should be directed to:

Mark Brady  
Oregon Economic & Community Development Department  
[mark.brady@state.or.us](mailto:mark.brady@state.or.us)  
503-229-5223

Art James  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
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## **US EPA RESOURCE DOCUMENTS FOR CITIES ON ARRA CLEAN ENERGY FUNDING**

Under the ARRA, cities will receive substantial funding to implement clean energy efficiency initiatives in their jurisdictions. EPA has released the following documents focused on assisting cities and other local governments in maximizing the benefits of ARRA funding:

1) *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: State and Local Guide to U.S. EPA Climate and Energy Program Resources*: This guide has been designed to help state and local governments see which EPA programs could be leveraged to expand or develop clean energy initiatives in their locality. It includes synopses of 14 EPA climate and energy partnership programs. Each program description includes: basic information and contact details, potential target audiences, highlights of ready-to-go tools and resources, and possible actions a state or local government could take.

[www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/slb\\_guide\\_to\\_program\\_resources.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/slb_guide_to_program_resources.pdf)

2) *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: A Guide to Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Opportunities for Local and Tribal Governments*: This 16 page guide provides an overview of funding sources in ARRA that local governments can use to implement clean energy programs and EPA resources that can support clean energy efforts. The guide covers funding and resources for energy, energy in water treatment, schools, affordable housing, transportation, and green jobs.

[www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/local\\_guide\\_to\\_arra.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/local_guide_to_arra.pdf)

3) *Webcast – Using EPA Resources to Maximize Clean Energy in Economic Recovery Spending*: This webcast was recorded March 5, 2009 and featured a crosswalk of available funds and EPA resources, including an overview of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, an overview of clean energy opportunities in the state water revolving funds, and a Q&A session with EPA staff. The recording, presentations, transcript and a 16-page guide of funding opportunities and resources are available.

[www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/webcast.html](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/webcast.html)

4) *Rapid Deployment Energy Efficiency (RDEE) Toolkit (in development)*:

The toolkit will provide detailed program design and implementation guides for 5 to 10 broadly applicable energy efficiency programs that have extensive, proven field experience with documentation on program design, program cost, and results. The RDEE toolkit is being developed through a joint effort of the U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy, building upon technical information provided by the Leadership Group of the National Action Plan on Energy Efficiency.

[http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/ee\\_toolkit.html](http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/ee_toolkit.html)

5) *ENERGY STAR Webcasts:*

U.S. EPA's ENERGY STAR team offers a series of web trainings that can help you leverage ENERGY STAR tools to get the most out of your stimulus funding. Visit [www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=business.bus\\_internet\\_presentations](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=business.bus_internet_presentations) to view upcoming or pre-recorded trainings.

Energy Star Webcast Example: Maximize Stimulus Funding with Performance Contracting and ENERGY STAR. This practical session provides you with the knowledge you need to understand the benefits and nuances of performance contracting and how to leverage ENERGY STAR tools in your contract to get the most out of stimulus funding.

As additional information becomes available, EPA will update materials on the State and Local Clean Energy website. Please keep an eye on the “what’s new” section of: <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/index.html> for the latest information and new resources.

## **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants**

**Total Funding Available:** \$3.2 billion (OR Share: \$42 million)

**Overview:** The Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA; Pub. L. No. 110-140), signed into law on December 19, 2007, created the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. The Program as established by EISA is for federal grants to units of local government, Indian tribes, and states to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and for improvements in energy efficiency. The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) of the US Department of Energy will administer the EECBG Program.

Title V, Subtitle E of EISA describes the purpose for creating the EECBG Program:

*(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the program shall be to assist eligible entities in implementing strategies—*

*(1) to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of eligible entities in a manner that—*

*(A) is environmentally sustainable; and*

*(B) to the maximum extent practicable, maximizes benefits for local and regional communities;*

*(2) to reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities; and*

*(3) to improve energy efficiency in—*

*(A) the transportation sector;*

*(B) the building sector; and*

*(C) other appropriate sectors.*

Of the \$3.2 billion appropriated by the federal Act, \$2.8 billion will go out through a formula set by federal law and another \$400 million will go out in competitive energy grants.

**Cities with a population of over 35,000 will apply for funds directly through the Federal Department of Energy (DOE); Cities with populations of under 35,000 may be eligible for funding through the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), however ODOE is waiting for more guidelines from the Federal DOE.**

**How to Access Funding:**

For the top 10 largest cities in state, DOE has issued program guidance on how to apply for this program. The application process for formula grants is open, and **cities can apply through June 25**. Using Reference Number DE-FOA-0000013, download applications at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), and submit applications at [www.fedconnect.net](http://www.fedconnect.net). The allocation for each state can be found at: <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/grantalloc.html>

Cities under 35,000 may be eligible for funding through the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and the State Energy Program (SEP). ODOE is waiting for additional guidelines from the Federal Department of Energy. Projects must be submitted to ODOE for inclusion in the SEP by **May 12** at: <http://oregon.gov/ENERGY/Stimulus2009-Projects.shtml>.

A couple of details to keep in mind:

- a. Based on funding levels, formula grants will be released in stages.
- b. Local governments will be required to submit a proposed Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy either with the application or within 120 days after the effective date of the award.
- c. Entities are required to obligate/commit all funds within 18 months from the effective date of the award. In the event funds are not obligated/committed within 18 months, DOE reserves the right to deobligate the funds and cancel the award.
- d. The Recovery Act gives preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds made available by it for activities that can be initiated not later than June 17, 2009.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Energy  
<http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/>  
 Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program  
[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\\_grants.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm)

Questions? Contact EERE's Information Center:

Phone: 1-877-EERE-INFO (1-877-337-3463) (Toll-free)

Hours of operation – 9 am - 7 pm EST, Mon – Fri

E-Mail: [eeic@ee.doe.gov](mailto:eeic@ee.doe.gov)

Website: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter/>

Subscribe to EERE's Progress Alerts:

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/subscribe.cfm>

**State Contact:**

Oregon Department of Energy

<http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/>

Oregon Department of Energy ARRA information page:

<http://oregon.gov/ENERGY/Recovery/index.shtml>

ARRA Information and Email List Signup

<http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/Stimulus2009.shtml>

Oregon Department of Energy Project Submission Page:

<http://oregon.gov/ENERGY/Stimulus2009-Projects.shtml>

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## **Weatherization Assistance**

**Total Funding Available:** \$5 billion (OR Share: \$39.3 million)

**Overview:** Provides funding towards low-income weatherization programs through the federal Department of Energy.

Under the federal Department of Energy weatherization program, weatherization services are cost-effective energy efficiency measures for existing residential and multifamily housing with low-income residents. It includes a wide variety of energy efficiency measures that encompass the building envelope, its heating and cooling systems, its electrical system, and electricity consuming appliances.

**Special Factors:** Funds will be distributed to states through existing federal weatherization program formulas.

**How to Access Funding:** The Federal Department of Energy will issue funds to the Oregon Housing Commission, which will pass the funds along to community action agencies.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Energy  
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>  
Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy  
<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/weatherization.cfm>

**State Contact:** Housing and Community Services  
Energy & Weather Assistance  
[http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/SOS\\_Low\\_Income\\_Weatherization\\_Assistance\\_Oregon.shtml](http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/SOS_Low_Income_Weatherization_Assistance_Oregon.shtml)

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### **Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability**

**Total Funding Available:** \$4.5 billion: \$100 million for worker training, \$80 million for resource and transmission needs assessment; and remaining funds to implement smart grid program.

**Overview:** Funding for research and development, pilot projects and matching funds for the Smart Grid Investment Program to modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of energy infrastructure, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply.

\$100 million of the funds must be used for worker training.

**How to Access Funding:** Funding will be discretionary by the federal Department of Energy (DOE).

**Federal Contact:** Department of Energy  
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

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**Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Research, Development,  
Demonstration & Deployment**

**Total Funding Available:** \$2.5 billion

**Overview:**

- \$800 million for projects related to biomass
- \$400 million for geothermal activities and projects
- \$1.3 billion for base program activities, such as research and demonstrations into additional renewable technologies

**How to Access Funding:** Funding will be discretionary by the federal Department of Energy (DOE).

**Federal Contact:** Department of Energy  
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

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## **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$4.7 billion

**Overview:** The Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) promotes the widespread availability and use of digital network technologies in the public and non-profit sectors through grants for model projects demonstrating innovative uses of network technologies. Grants were last funded in 2004, and were awarded to state, local and tribal governments, health care providers, schools, libraries, police departments, and community-based non-profit organizations.

The Broadband Technology Opportunities Program includes competitive grants for broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas. The program also includes:

- \$200 million for competitive grants to expand public computer center capacity at community colleges and public libraries.
- \$250 million for competitive grants to encourage adoption of broadband.
- \$350 million to establish the State Broadband Data and Development Grant program.

**How to Access Funding:** Application details will be announced by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) following a series of public hearings. The NTIA is now holding public hearings on this program. If you would like to submit public comment, please go to [www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants). A rulemaking process will follow the public hearings, and then grant applications will be released. Applications are expected to be released near the end of April or in May, with the first grants being awarded in Fall 2009. The NTIA is currently contemplating three waves of funding, the first being in early fall 2009, and the final being shortly before the statutory deadline of September 30, 2010.

In addition to sending proposals directly to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the governor is asking for cities to coordinate with the state by sending their proposals to the Public Utility Commission by **April 20, 2009** to the attention of Bryan Conway, Telecommunications Division, 550 Capitol St. NE, Suite 215, Salem, OR, 97301-2251. The Governor has sent a letter to interested parties outlining his recommended categories and focus for broadband projects in Oregon. The letter is available at: <http://www.orcities.org/Portals/17/Publications/Newsletters/Weekly/BulletinBroadbandGovLetterFINAL.pdf>

**Federal Contact:** Department of Commerce  
[www.commerce.gov/Recovery](http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery)  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/>  
Federal Register Notice Regarding ARRA Broadband Initiatives  
[www.ntia.doc.gov/frnotices/2009/March10meeting\\_090227.pdf](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/frnotices/2009/March10meeting_090227.pdf)

**State Contact:** Bryan Conway, PUC Telecommunications Division  
Phone (503) 378-6200; email: [Bryan.Conway@state.or.us](mailto:Bryan.Conway@state.or.us).

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## **National Endowment for the Arts**

**Total Funding Available:** Individual grants are between \$25,000 and \$250,000

**Overview:** The ARRA provides funding for arts projects and activities that preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn. Funds will be distributed directly through the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Funding is available through one-time grants to eligible nonprofit organizations including arts organization, local arts agencies, statewide assemblies of local arts agencies; arts service organizations, state or local governments. Grants will be made to either organizations for their own job preservation projects, or to designated local arts agencies eligible to subgrant funds.

Projects eligible for these funds are limited to:

- Salary support, full or partial, for one or more positions that are critical to an organization's artistic mission and that are in jeopardy or have been eliminated as a result of the current economic climate; and/or
- Fees for previously engaged artists and/or contractual personnel to maintain or expand the period during which such persons would be engaged.

### **Special Factors:**

- All applicants for these grants must be previous NEA award recipients from the past four years.
- Organizations, including Cities, are limited to receiving NEA funds through only one source—from the NEA directly, or directly through an entity eligible to subgrant NEA funds including a state arts agency, a regional arts organization of state arts agencies, or a designated local arts agency that is eligible to subgrant or regrant funds.
- Under the NEA ARRA guidelines, funds for subgranting or regranting will be provided only to local arts agencies that are designated to operate on behalf of their local governments or are operating units of city or county governments. These designated local arts agencies generally are arts councils, departments of cultural affairs, or arts commissions.
- The NEA's support of a project may start on or after July 1, 2009. Generally, a grant period of up to one year is allowed.
- No pre-award costs are allowable in the Project Budget. Project costs that are incurred before July 1, 2009, will be removed from the Project Budget.

**How to Access Funding:** Applications for these grants are due no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on **April 2, 2009**. Complete application information is available at: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/recovery/index.html>.

**Federal Contact:** National Endowment for the Arts Agency Contacts  
<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP10/Contacts.html>

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time.

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## **Public Financing Provisions**

**Overview:** The ARRA includes several financing methods that might be beneficial to Oregon cities. The law expands the types of projects that can be financed on a tax-exempt basis, creates several new categories of tax-exempt and tax-credit bonds, provides issuers the ability to issue governmental obligations as either taxable tax-credit bonds or subsidy bonds, and increases the tax benefits afforded to holders of tax-exempt bonds. Many of these provisions apply only to obligations issued in 2009 and 2010.

**Additional Information:** The U.S. Treasury Department has released guidance on the Build America Bonds program. Build America Bonds provide a deeper federal subsidy to state and local governments (equal to 35 percent of the taxable borrowing cost) than traditional tax-exempt bonds and because of this federal subsidy payment, state and local governments will have lower net borrowing costs. This feature should make Build America Bonds attractive to a broader group of investors.

A simple example: If a state or local government were to issue a Build America Bond and paid to the bondholder \$100 of interest on the bond, the Treasury Department would make a payment directly to the state or local government of \$35. Thus, the state or local government's net interest expense would be only \$65 on a bond that actually pays \$100 to the bondholder.

The capital projects these bonds would fund include work on public buildings, courthouses, schools, transportation infrastructure, government hospitals, public safety facilities and equipment, water and sewer projects, environmental projects, energy projects, government housing projects and public utilities.

A Treasury Department Fact Sheet on Build America Bonds is available here:  
<http://www.treas.gov/press/releases/docs/BuildAmericaandSchoolConstructionBondsFactSheetFinal.pdf>

IRS Notice 2009-26, on the issuance of Build America Bond is available here:  
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-26.pdf>

Additional information regarding all of the ARRA financing opportunities is available in a Public Financing Update written by the law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe at:  
<http://www.orrick.com/fileupload/1657.pdf>

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## **COBRA Provisions**

**Overview:** The ARRA includes changes to the health benefit provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, commonly referred to as COBRA. Under the new law, employees who lose their jobs involuntarily between September 1, 2008 and December 21, 2009 and were enrolled in their employer's health plan at the time they lost their job will be required to pay only 35 percent of the cost of their COBRA coverage if they wish to participate in their former employer's health insurance plan for the first nine of 18 months for which they are COBRA eligible. Employers, including cities and towns, will be required to pay the remaining 65 percent of the premium, but will be entitled to a credit for that payment on their quarterly payroll tax return..

**Additional Information:** More information about the ARRA's COBRA provisions can be found on the U.S. Department of Labor and Internal Revenue Service web sites. In addition, City County Insurance Service (CIS) members may contact CIS for assistance.

Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/cobra.html>

Internal Revenue Service

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204505,00.html>

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-27.pdf>

CIS

<http://www.cciservices.com/Default.aspx>

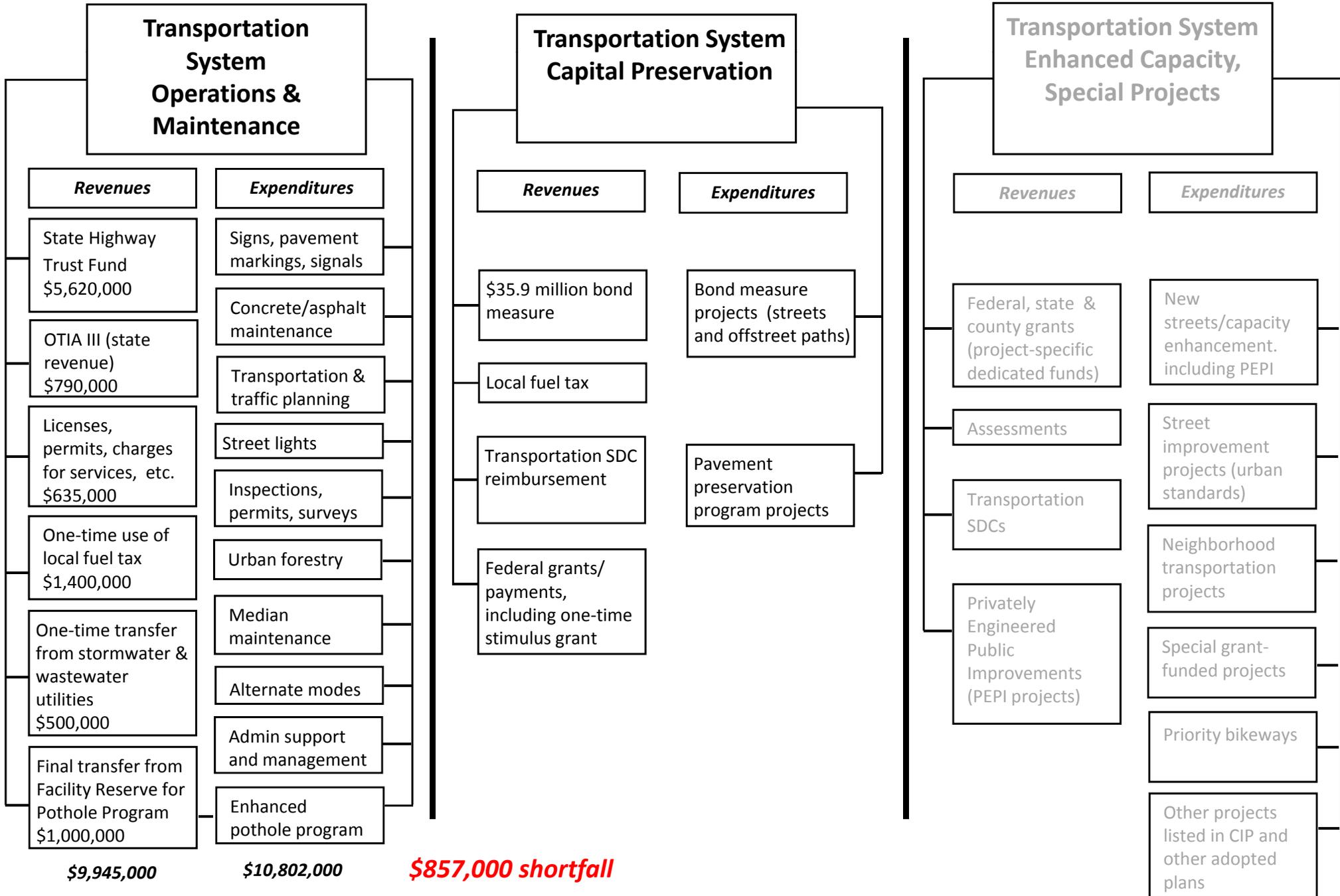
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## **Busy Road Work Season Gets Under Way in Eugene**

Road work ahead. That's becoming a very common sign around town as Eugene Public Works Department starts repairing more than 80 streets around town.

Money from Eugene's local gas tax combined with voter-approved bond funds and other sources of revenue add up to one of the busiest road repair summers in years. If everything goes as scheduled, the City of Eugene will spend more than \$30 million on 25 major Eugene road repair and improvement projects in 2009. All told, that would fix almost 80 lane miles on more than 80 city streets (to put that in perspective, Eugene has about 1,300 lane miles of streets, and the total cost of repairing all the streets in town is estimated at more than \$170 million).

"Even though we have a long way to go, we're starting to make significant progress on the backlog of major street repairs," said Public Works Director Kurt Corey. "But we can't declare victory yet because we still have to meet the challenge of funding our ongoing street operations and maintenance."

One of the mainstays for road repair funding is Eugene's 5-cent-per-gallon local fuel tax. In 2009, the local gas tax, coupled with a portion of the charges paid by new development for transportation system impacts and more than \$1 million in federal highway funds, will pay for nearly \$7.5 million in asphalt paving repairs. That includes slurry seals on more than 60 streets in six areas around town plus major overlays on a dozen streets: Sixth Avenue (High to Washington), Seventh Avenue (High to Washington), 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Garfield to Tyinn), Bertelsen (11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>), Country Club (Willagillespie to Southwood), Crescent (Shadowview to Coburg), Danebo (Roya to -11<sup>th</sup>), Fox Hollow (E. Amazon to Donald), McKinley (Fifth to 11<sup>th</sup>), Royal (Waite to Terry), Seneca (Roosevelt to Seventh Place), and Roosevelt (Maple to Beltline).

The work on Roosevelt began last fall and is wrapping up this spring. Work on Royal and Danebo avenues began this week, with major construction scheduled to start next week.

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Eugene voters in November 2008 approved a \$35.9 million bond measure to fix 32 streets and three miles of offstreet bike and pedestrian paths. The first four bond measure projects, estimated to cost a total of about \$3 million, will be done this summer. The projects are: Bailey Hill Road (18<sup>th</sup> to Bertelsen), Goodpasture (Norkenzie to Delta Highway), Railroad (Van Buren to Chambers), and the Amazon Path (19<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> avenues). The first bond measure project will likely be the Bailey Hill Road reconstruction, which tentatively is scheduled to begin in late June.

The Eugene City Council last spring budgeted \$1 million from the City's general fund for increased street repair services in the fiscal year that ends June 30. Most of those funds were spent last fall; however, two projects will be done this spring: Riverview (16<sup>th</sup> to Floral Hill plus a small portion of Floral Hill), and Cross Street (Garfield to Cleveland).

Another way streets are repaired is by improving them to City standards. Street improvement projects are funded, in part, by assessments paid by abutting property owners. Three street improvement projects are proposed for 2009. Improvements to Maple Street (Elmira to Roosevelt) and Elmira Road (Bertelsen to Maple) have been approved by the city council, and work is scheduled to begin in mid-June. The council also is scheduled to consider extending Chad Drive from Old Coburg Road to Game Farm Road and to improve three streets (Crest, Storey, Friendly) in the Crest Drive area. Total cost of constructing these improvement projects is estimated at almost \$11 million.

Rounding out the list are three projects that don't use city road funds but are part of, or have an impact on, the city's transportation system. Federal stimulus funds will help pay for constructing a new bicycle-pedestrian bridge over Delta Highway and making improvements in the parking area around Eugene Train Depot. Local stormwater funds will pay for enhancing a portion of upper Amazon Creek, which will require a month-long closure of Fox Hollow Road. These three projects total almost \$8 million.

Travelers who want to avoid street and lane closures, detours and traffic delays can get information in a number of ways.

Call the metro roadwork hotline at 541-984-8484 for weekly updates on area road projects.

Go to [www.eugene-or.gov/pw](http://www.eugene-or.gov/pw) for road project updates and other "traffic relief" information.

For the most current updates, go to [Twitter.com/EugenePW](https://twitter.com/EugenePW).

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# Public Correspondence

May 6, 2009



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**From:** donotreply@ci.eugene.or.us  
**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2009 8:18 PM  
**To:** \*Eugene Budget Committee  
**Subject:** Message from the Web Site

A message has been sent from the public website.

Sender Name : Warren Weisman  
Sender Email : [weiswar@yahoo.com](mailto:weiswar@yahoo.com)

Sender Message : An enormous green jobs potential would be to re-tool one of the Country Coach or Monaco plants to make CNG buses that could be run on biomethane. AC Transit in Oakland, California would be a potential partner for 638 buses and you could sell 100 of them to LTD and municipalities all across the country are looking for 40-foot low floor CNG buses.

You could employ over 400 people switching the secondary clarification treatment system at the E-SWPCF to slow sand filtration or reverse osmosis and save \$100 million dollars from the 2004 Facilities Plan and sell \$20-30 million/yr of ammonia fertilizer that is now being destroyed by secondary treatment.

You could also find a manufacturer willing to make Stirling engines  
<http://www.stirlingbiopower.com> and convert the city district steam system to on-site CHP.

Could invite a manufacturer of Chrysler's GEM neighborhood vehicles to Eugene-Springfield.

Could also encourage switching from lumber construction to magnesium oxide cement construction and recycled steel, which has a higher thermal mass and is stronger for taller, mixed-use buildings.

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Sender Name : Nancy Ellen Locke  
Sender Email : [n\\_e\\_locke@hotmail.com](mailto:n_e_locke@hotmail.com)

Sender Message : In Support of the Spay/Neuter Clinic in the City of Eugene!!

I live in the City of Eugene and I wish to state my very strong support for the Spay/Neuter Clinic that also offers the vaccine clinic for pets. Not only is it an inexpensive way to have a pet fixed and protected from a plethora of illnesses - it is also a wonderful way to support the mental health functions pets serve in our lives along with the public health services of having vaccinated and healthy pets in our neighborhoods. I feel that this public service serves the community in a far deeper capacity than might casually meet the eye at first glance. Please support and maintain the Spay/Neuter clinic and the vaccine clinic also.

Thank you,  
Nancy Ellen Locke  
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