

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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SUBJECT: FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS UPDATE

The City of San Antonio currently has been awarded and is managing 22 Federal Stimulus grants totaling over \$134 million. The awards include funding for capital infrastructure and direct services in the areas of public safety, streets and infrastructure, health and social services, and energy efficiency. As designated by the awarding federal agencies, Federal Stimulus grants received by the City of San Antonio have various spending timelines ranging from one year to over three years. Through December 2010, the City of San Antonio had spent nearly \$56 million in Federal Stimulus Funds. For the remainder of FY 2011 (January – September), planned Federal Stimulus expenditures total approximately \$49 million. In FY 2012 and FY 2013, planned expenditures are estimated at \$24 million and \$5 million, respectively. In addition to the funds awarded, the City has two competitive grant applications in process awaiting notification of award totaling \$725,000.

The following paragraphs provide more detail on how our \$134 million in Federal Stimulus grants are being utilized in the areas of Public Safety, Streets & Infrastructure, Energy Efficiency, and Health & Human Services.

The City currently has been awarded approximately \$20 million in Federal Economic Stimulus funds related to public safety initiatives. These grants and initiatives include the following:

- Through a COPS Grant of \$10.3 million over three years, the City hired 50 new uniform police officers which currently are on patrol;
- The City purchased and installed 375 mobile data computers to aid in communication with central dispatch which was funded with a \$2 million Byrne Justice Assistance Grant; and
- The City is constructing two new fire stations, #50 in the Toyota Area and #51 in the IH10 / Dezavala Area, which are scheduled to be complete in November 2011. A portion of the construction costs will be funded through a \$7.3 million Assistance to Firefighters Grant received by the City.

The City of San Antonio also is managing over \$31 million in streets and infrastructure projects funded with Federal Economic Stimulus Funds. These projects include the following:

- Jones Maltsberger/281 Intersection Improvement project-completed;
- Seven low water crossing improvements-completed;
- Five local street projects are currently underway;

- Projects funded with Community Development Block Grant: 10 local infrastructure projects have been completed and 14 additional projects are in progress; and
- Airport baggage handling system of \$9.4 million completed its first phase (Terminal B) with the final phase (Terminal A) to be completed by June 2011.

Nearly \$37 million in Federal Stimulus funds managed by San Antonio are to support energy efficiency initiatives. The initiatives include:

- 1,515 households have been weatherized and San Antonio is ranked first in the State in funds expended and total households weatherized;
- 42 propane power light-duty trucks were purchased through an Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology Grant
- Installation of a solar array at the San Antonio Airport parking garage to offset energy consumption funded by an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant; and
- Upcoming initiatives in FY 2011 and beyond include small business retrofit revolving loans, energy retrofits, a bike share program, and community tree planting rebates.

Over \$46 million federal economic stimulus funds have been provided to the City of San Antonio for health and human services programs and initiatives to include:

- 1,650 additional child care services through the \$15.3 million Child Care Services grant award. Federal Stimulus Funding for grant expires in June 2011 and children currently being transitioned to City's traditional Child Care Services grant funding;
- 600 child learning computers were purchased and installed as part of a \$3.4 million Head Start grant;
- 1,500 households have received case management, monthly residential rental, and utility assistance funded by Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing grant of nearly \$6 million; and
- In FY 2011, many of the initiatives funded with the \$15.6 million Communities Putting Prevention to Work (Obesity) Grant will begin. Some of these initiatives include a restaurant recognition program helping people make healthier food choices, physical activity and salad bar workshops, pedestrian/cyclist initiatives, and the installation of outdoor fitness stations.

The two attached documents provide additional information on our stimulus efforts and include a summary report on the total Federal Stimulus funds received by the City to-date and a progress report card.

Attachments