



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS . 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE . AVONDALE, AZ 85323

WORK SESSION
October 5, 2009
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR ROGERS

1 ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2 AMERICAN RECOVERY REINVESTMENT ACT 2009 UPDATE

City Council will receive an update regarding American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 progress and responsibilities. For information and discussion only.

3 ADJOURNMENT

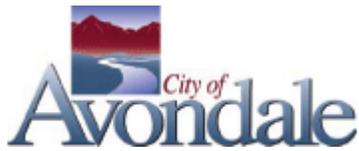
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmen Martinez".

Carmen Martinez
City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

SUBJECT:

American Recovery Reinvestment Act 2009 Update

MEETING DATE:

October 5, 2009

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Janeen Gaskins, Grants Administrator (623)333-1025

THROUGH: Charlie McClendon, City Manager

PURPOSE:

Staff will update the City Council regarding the American Recovery Reinvestment Act and the City's progress and responsibilities related to the funds awarded.

BACKGROUND:

On May 11, 2009 City Council heard a presentation on the purpose, process and progress of Avondale's efforts toward the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009. The presentation invited the City Council to review an interactive web-link for grant information and outlined the process that staff use to determine if a grant is worthy of pursuing.

DISCUSSION:

Over the last six months the City of Avondale has applied for 16 Avondale initiated grants and one regional grant funded through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act. As of September 25, 2009, nine of those grants have been awarded; and one regional grant has been denied. All of the other grant submittals are pending approval.

Despite cumbersome grant applications and incomplete guidance, the City of Avondale has been awarded \$4,590,853 thus far. Four of the awarded grants were competitive totaling \$1,264,171 or 28% of awarded funding. This is a common phenomenon and may change as formula based grants are usually quickly determined as opposed to lagging competitive grants announcements.

City staff members have been spending down ARRA funding as quickly as possible. Larger projects require additional planning meetings and in some instances, require additional City Council approval. ARRA funding contracts have been detailed and outline specific provisions for compliance with the American Transparency Act. Additional reporting requirements associated with these grants include:

- Reporting on Recovery.gov (duplicate reporting)
 - Total amount of ARRA funding
 - Amount spent
 - Details list of projects
 - Evaluation
 - Estimated jobs
 - Reporting \$25,000 or more
- Coordination of sub grantees
- Coordination of vendors

- Environmental savings tracking
- Made with American products, specifically steel and iron compliance
- Other common grant requirements
 - NEPA
 - Davis Bacon
 - MBE/WBE/DBE
 - LEP
 - Civil Rights compliance
 - SEFA

The City of Avondale continues to follow the previously outlined internal process. The ARRA Team ensures funding opportunities are pursued for the purpose of benefiting residents of the city and offsetting costs associated with the economic downturn. The team guards against unnecessary grant submittals that may have a harsh impact to the city's current budget and/or resources. The team brings large and/or controversial grants before the City Council for guidance when necessary.

Grant professionals believe that additional ARRA funding will be forthcoming. Unspent ARRA funding will be rolling back around with different provisions but similar intentions. The first formal nationwide reporting date is October 10, 2009 and program evaluation will follow. Overall stimulus funding evaluation will be available for the world to view via the World Wide Web (Recovery.gov).

The attached chart has been developed to give you a quick description of ARRA grant activities. For more up-to-date information, residents will be encouraged to visit Avondale's ARRA website: <http://arra.avondale.org/>

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The ARRA funding has the potential to help the city leverage funding to support the general fund and accelerate other projects. The drawbacks of the funding are heavily associated with the monitoring requirements, on-going reporting, and the inability to sustain projects while losing human resources to budgetary cuts.

The Grants Administrator and Finance and Budget staff will have additional work to oversee and will be responsible for more than double the grant activity in previous years. It should be noted that some of the grant funding can be used for administrative purposes, however this support must be directly associated with the grant and tracked accordingly. Indirect costs cannot be attributed to the grant awards because the City of Avondale does not have an approved indirect cost schedule. Such a schedule would allow the city to use a small portion of the grant funding to cover indirect costs associated with staff time, building space and other grant related incidental costs.

The original estimated amount of ARRA funding benefit in the previous staff presentation was \$5-7 million.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information and discussion only. Updated reports will be presented to City Council on a periodic basis.

ATTACHMENTS:

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 [Grant Activity Chart](#)

PENDING GRANT ACTIVITY

	Agency	Project Manager	Grant Type	Project Name	Requested \$	Match \$	Awarded \$	Project Description
1	EPA to WIFA	Water Resources (11hours)	Competitive	Tertiary Project	\$2,650,000	\$50,000	Pending Approval	City to provide A+ effluent to Municipal & non-municipal users. A Meeting A+ standard allows City to irrigate Park with reclaimed water, discontinue use of ground water for irrigation purposes.
2	DOJ Edward Byrne Memorial (JAG)	Police	Competitive	Southwest Advocacy Center	\$1,077,398	\$0	Pending Approval	Joint venture with other Police Departments to support the Advocacy Center
3	DOJ Edward Byrne Memorial (JAG)	Police	Competitive	CAT	\$407,554	\$0	Pending Approval	Funding to support the CAT team that will be hired with COPS funding
4	DOJ Edward Byrne Memorial (JAG)	Police	Competitive	Civilian Range Master	\$95,038	\$0	Pending Approval	Funding for a Civilian Range Master that will train Police Officers
5	FEMA	Fire		Fire Department Construction Grant	\$5 million	\$0	Pending Approval	To provide funding that would support the construction of the Fire Station located at EMCC
6	USDOT	Admin	Competitive	Avondale Park and Ride Project	\$33.5 million	\$0	Pending Approval	Funding to support the construction of a park and ride site as noted in the park and ride study

DENIED GRANTS

	Agency	Project Manager	Grant Type	Project Name	Requested \$	Match \$	Awarded \$	Project Description
1	EPA National Clean Diesel Assistance Program	West Valley Coalition	Competitive JOINT EFFORT	West Valley EPA Grant	\$16,100	\$0	Denied	West Valley Collaboration. Avondale seeking retrofitting for vehicles and generators totaling \$16,100

AWARDED GRANTS

	Agency	Project Manager	Grant Type	Project Name	Requested \$	Match \$	Awarded \$	Project Description
1	Department of Homeland Security FEMA	Emergency Food and Shelter	Competitive	Housing and Shelter	\$45,000	\$0	\$22,500 * \$11,250	Funding to support emergency housing assistance.
2	Department of Health & Human Services to AAA	Parks Recreation Library and Facilities	Competitive	Senior Nutrition Program 2010	\$78,425	\$13,984	\$78,425	Senior Nutrition Programs to allow for addition meals
3	Department of Health & Human Services to AAA	Parks Recreation Library and Facilities	Competitive	Senior Nutrition Program 2009	\$16,065	\$3,015	\$16,065	Senior Nutrition Programs to allow for addition meals
4	HUD-CDBG	NFS	Formula	CDBG –R	\$132,695	\$0	\$132,695	Use funding to support existing projects.
5	DOJ COPS	Police	Competitive	COPS Hiring	\$1,376,628	\$0	\$1,147,190	Provides staffing for the Police Department. Six entry level officers
6	FHWA/ADOT Transportation	Engineering	Formula	North of I-10	\$2,035,200	\$0	\$2,035,200	I-10 and Dysart Road Mill and Overlay
7	FHWA/ADOT Transportation	Engineering	Formula	South of I-10	\$179,699	\$222,094	\$179,699	Dysart Road, Van Buren to I-10 east ½ street Mill and Overlay
8	DOJ Edward Byrne Memorial (JAG)	Police	Formula	Radios and Advocacy Center	\$272,479	\$0	\$272,479	Radios connection fee to be transferred to Glendale Services and funding to support the South West Valley Advocacy Center Regional Program for abused victims.
9	Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant	Admin	Formula	EECBG Meetings 7	\$706,600	\$140,820	\$706,600	Full Energy Plan for all city departments and funding to support lighting in the City Center
* Funding adjustment pending due to time/funding constraints.					\$4663,092	\$4,590,853	\$4,590,853	