

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Economic Development Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
July 13, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Update on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding for Riverside County

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors Receive and File the attached ARRA Update Report

**BACKGROUND:** On June 2, 2009, the Board of Supervisors designated the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA as the County Economic Recovery Funds Stimulus Officer and designated the Economic Development Agency (EDA) as the lead agency for ensuring that ARRA funds are received and used in accordance with federal and state mandates. EDA has been aggressively pursuing grant opportunities and coordinating a variety of other ARRA activities. The attached report summarizes those activities.

Departmental Concurrence

Robert Field  
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:** N/A

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

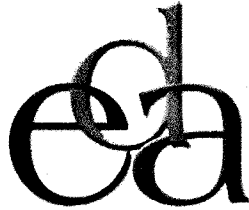
**County Executive Office Signature**

BY: Jennifer L. Sargent

- Dep't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

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**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
Economic Development Agency

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act  
Riverside County Update  
July 13, 2009**

**Executive Summary**

As designated by the Board of Supervisors on June 2, 2009, the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA has been designated the County Economic Recovery Funds Stimulus Officer and has thus chartered various activities related to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) resources available to Riverside County. Having a history of building infrastructure and operating workforce and housing programs that support county and constituent needs, EDA and FM began functioning as economic stimulus programs in their own right long before the phrase became so prevalent, and have now grown into a billion dollar economic engine. The designation by the Board is a natural fit for agencies that have years of experience in stimulating and revitalizing communities.

ARRA requires unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability in expenditures and contains built-in measures to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. Funding that is awarded comes with strict requirements for use, reporting, and publication of results of expenditures. In order to meet these requirements, EDA has taken the lead in many activities including grant research and identification, coordination of application submittals, development of the RivCoRecovery website, and creation of the Recovery Task Force

**Grant Coordination**

EDA has a team assigned to research and identify funding opportunities. Once identified, EDA has been coordinating with both internal and external departments on program identification and application processes. ARRA funding is distributed to the local level via two methods, formula and competitive grants.

Formula grants are distributed to the county based on several factors including population, unemployment and poverty levels, foreclosure rates, and other need factors that are specifically delineated in the ARRA legislation for each program. It is estimated that the County has received over \$175 million in formula grants to this point.

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## Formula Grant Funding Received

Healthy Homes Demonstration Program	\$875,000
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program	\$4,276,900
Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (via HPRP)	\$290,000
Community Development Block Grant-Recovery	\$2,797,049
Rapid Response Funding	\$1,093,945
Adult Program	\$4,098,959
Youth Program	\$9,447,056
Dislocated Worker Program	\$7,359,695
Community Service Block Grant	\$3,394,806
Weatherization Assistance Program	\$7,639,783
FY 2009 Brownfield Cleanup Grant	\$200,000
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant	\$6,591,600
Increase in FMAP- Adoption Assistance Program	\$1,181,000
Increase in FMAP- Foster Care Program	\$3,025,000
In-Home Supportive Services	\$21,200,000
I-10 Palm Drive Interchange	\$4,574,000
SR 91/Van Buren Interchange	\$16,101,000
I-215/Clinton Keith Interchange	\$10,000,000
SR 60/Valley Way Interchange (Rubidoux)	\$4,482,000
I-10/Bob Hope Interchange	\$34,912,000
Capital Transit Assistance Program	\$31,877,013
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$175,416,806</b>

Competitive grant funding is discretionary whereby projects are selected that best conform to program guidelines. Funding is not guaranteed. The County is aggressively pursuing various grants and it is unknown how much funding the County will receive.

## Competitive Grants Applied For or Deadline Approaching

Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2)	\$40,000,000
Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant	\$5,000,000
Strengthening Communities Fund Grant	\$312,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,312,500</b>

## RivCoRecovery.com Website

One of the main requirements of ARRA is that grantees maintain a transparent and public process related to grant opportunities, spending, reporting, and job creation and retention. EDA has created the RivCoRecovery.com website to help accomplish those requirements. The site has been launched and is designed to communicate detailed information about the

County's ARRA activities to the Board, Executive Office, County departments, and the general public.

### **Recovery Task Force**

On July 28, 2009, the Stimulus Officer will convene the first meeting of the Recovery Task Force with County departments that have been identified as having received or are potential recipients of ARRA funding. The purpose of the Task Force is to ensure coordination of all applications for funding and compliance with Federal and State program requirements of ARRA. At the Task Force meeting, the Stimulus Officer will also be introducing a Memorandum of Understanding that departments will enter into with EDA that will outline roles and responsibilities in order to comply with those requirements.

Additionally, the Task Force will facilitate communication amongst departments about best practices for grant applications and other, non-ARRA grant opportunities.