

Economic Stimulus Workshop

presented by

State Senator Chris Smith

& St. John Missionary Baptist Church



City of Boynton Beach

Focus on

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

Funding Opportunities

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

- The purpose of the Recovery Act is to create and save jobs, jumpstart our economy, and build the foundation for long-term economic growth.
- The Act includes measures to:
 - Modernize the nation's infrastructure
 - Enhance America's energy independence
 - Expand educational opportunities
 - Increase access to health care
 - Provide tax relief
 - Protect those in greatest need

ARRA Stimulus Funding is available:

- **Through State Agencies**
- **Through Federal Agency formula programs**
- **Through Federal Agency discretionary (competitive) grant programs**

The City Goes Into Action:

- Assigned staff person in City Manager's Office to coordinate stimulus funding research, application and tracking.
- Created a Stimulus Funding Team to take the lead on specific grant opportunities.
- Work in coordination with the City's existing Grants Coordinator and city-wide Grants Team.

U.S. Department of Justice

- **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant:** Awarded **\$265,908**. Funds will be used for 2009 Holiday Police Deployment Overtime and the purchasing and upgrading of Police equipment.
- **COPS Hiring Recovery Program:** Awarded **\$1,948,352** (over a 3 year period). Funds will be used to rehire 8 officers who are currently scheduled to be laid off at a future date due to budget cuts.

U.S. Department of Justice

- **Local Youth Mentoring Initiative:** Requested **\$345,479**. Funds will be used to continue the Youth Violence Prevention Project and all associated programming, and to add position of a Teen Program Assistant.

U.S. Department of Transportation

- **Seacrest Blvd. & Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Streetscape Project: Allocated \$1,998,838.**
 - Funded through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). City is a Sub-Recipient.
 - Funds will be used to make improvements to the streetscape that will increase safety, encourage redevelopment and improve the quality of life for the neighborhood.
 - Improvements will include raised median sections, mill and resurface of road, landscaping, irrigation, street lighting, signing and pavement marking.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA

- **Assistance to Firefighters Grant:** Requested **\$226,492**. Funds will be used for two projects.
 - Project 1 is to develop a comprehensive firefighter safety and survival program specifically designed to enhance rapid intervention team (RIT) capabilities.
 - Project 2 is to retrofit all current diesel powered apparatus with a “direct source capture diesel exhaust extraction system” to significantly reduce or eliminate exposure hazards associated with diesel exhaust emissions.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA

- **Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants:** Requested \$2,097,683. Funds will be used to complete a comprehensive renovation of Fire Station 3 in accordance with the most recently approved requirements and codes developed by the International Code Council and NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standards.

U.S Department of Energy

- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG):** Allocated \$658,900. Funds will be used to create an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy, Revolving Energy Fund for energy efficiency “retrofits” for homeowners, and Public Facility energy efficiency retrofit.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R):** Allocated \$142,780. Funds will be used to augment the EECBG Revolving Energy Fund for very low and low-moderate homeowners.
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP):** Allocated \$2,963,311. Funds will be used for the purpose of assisting the City in the redevelopment and reuse of abandoned and foreclosed homes.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program – 2 (NSP2): Requested \$20,000,000.**
 - The City of Delray Beach and Boynton Beach have applied jointly as the Delray Beach/Boynton Beach NSP2 Consortium.
 - Funds will be utilized as a “Single Integrated Program” rather than a collection of disparate programs to stop the decline in targeted neighborhood home values.
 - Funds will benefit persons whose income does not exceed 120% of the area’s median income and at least 23% must be used for the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed and vacant homes that will be used to house individuals and/or families whose incomes do not exceed 50% of the area’s median income.

U.S. Department of Commerce

- **Broadband Technology Operations Program.**
 - Palm Beach County's Grant Application - \$15M
 - Boynton Beach to become a participating agency with the Palm Beach Broadband Coalition.
 - Digital Inclusion Project – provide broadband internet access to underserved areas.
 - Municipal connectivity to the Florida LambdaRail (FLR).

Stimulus Funding Opportunities

Awarded	\$ 2,214,260
Allocated	\$ 5,763,829
Requested	<u>\$22,669,654</u>
Total	\$30,647,743

The City of Boynton Beach will continue to seek out new grants and funding opportunities to benefit the community and improve the quality of life for our residents. We will also continue to look for opportunities to partner with other agencies in order to make a regional, sustainable impact that meets with the intent of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Reporting & Transparency

- Quarterly reporting of expenditures and progress updates through prescribed formats. (Each grant and/or funding agency has different reporting formats)
- Independent Auditing
- Posting to dedicated websites
 - Recovery.gov
 - Flarecovery.gov

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- **Residential Greening Program (CDBG-R):**
 - Intended to assist elderly homeowners of single-family detached houses located within the program target area. Income limits apply and funds are available on a first come, first serve basis.
 - Includes replacement/installation of energy efficient central air conditioning units, weather stripping and/or insulation, energy efficient doors and windows and electrical upgrades as needed to accommodate energy savings.

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- **Home Improvement Program**

- Code violations, health, and safety issues are the main concerns regarding our assistance to the residents of Boynton Beach.
- Single-family detached property, owner occupied and located within city limits of Boynton Beach. Subject to income limits.
- Eligible repairs may include: ceilings, doors, electrical, hot water heaters, insulation, plumbing, roofs, structural, termite damage, toilets, walls, windows.

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- **Homebuyer Opportunity Program**
 - Distributed through and operated under the SHIP program.
 - Provides down payment assistance loans to first time homebuyers for owner occupied primary residences.
 - Must be repaid by the income tax refund homebuyer is entitled to under the "First Time Homebuyer Tax Credit."

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Boynton Beach CRA

(Community Redevelopment Agency)

- **Commercial Facade Improvement Grant Program**
Program developed to assist local businesses in improving the exterior of their buildings.
- **Community Meeting Grant**
Program designed to assist HOA's and Community Groups located in the CRA District to pay fees associated with utilizing City facilities for meetings.
- **Direct Incentive Programs**
Program designed to provide incentives for the creation of art in public spaces, public parking, etc. Interested developers please contact CRA staff.
- **Home Buyer's Assistance Program**
Program designed to assist first time home buyers in the CRA district.

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