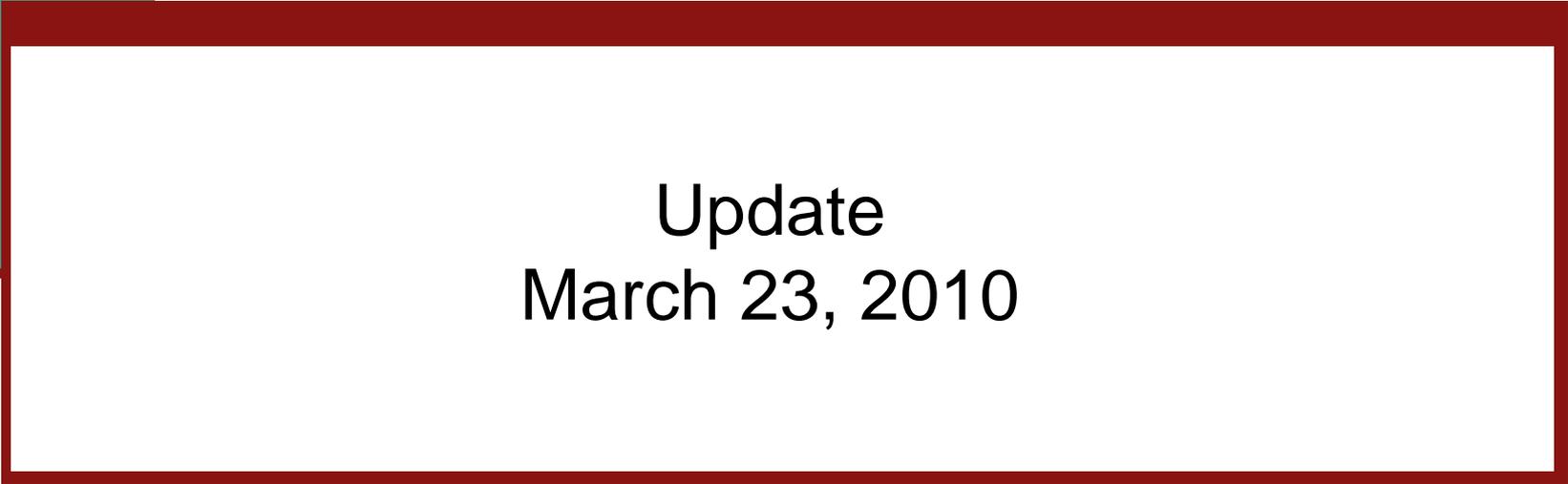




Implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act



Update
March 23, 2010

Stimulus Efforts to Date

- In 2008-9, staff efforts were aimed at identifying and applying for stimulus grants
- While staff still looks for new grant opportunities, more time today is spent in implementing programs paid for with ARRA funds

Grants Being Implemented

- Energy Efficiency & Conservation
- Transportation (FHWA/VDOT)
- TIGER
- IDEA (Early Intervention/Children)
- CDBG/Lacy Court Rehab
- Aging
- CSBG
- Workforce Training
- Public Safety

Energy Efficiency & Conservation

- \$1.37K awarded for various energy conservation programs
- Partnering with Dominion VA Power to retrofit 34 streetlights with LED fixtures in areas near Braddock Rd Metro—installation expected to be completed by June 2010

Energy Efficiency & Conservation

- Replacing 60-85 traffic lights with LED bulbs—installation expected to begin in Fall
- Green fleet vehicles—10 vehicles to be purchased in late 2010 and early 2011—grant funds will pay the difference between the cost of a regular vehicle and a green vehicle

Energy Efficiency & Conservation

- Energy Audit for 7 City buildings (including City Hall, Court House & Torpedo Factory)—procurement process underway—energy retrofits to be done as indicated by audits
- Green Jobs Training—procurement process for training vendors underway—training to begin next month
- Other projects still in development: Green Revolving Loan Fund and Green Building Resource Center

Energy Efficiency & Conservation

- Other projects are still in development
- Green Revolving Loan Fund—City staff has been exploring regional partnerships and plans to issue a Request for Information shortly
- Green Building Resource Center—contract vendor to develop (2010-2012)

Transportation--Trolleys (FHWA/VDOT)

- \$2.4M provided for purchase of King Street hybrid trolleys
- City procurement plans approved 3/17/2010 by Commonwealth Transportation Board
- Delivery of trolleys expected in late 2011

Transportation—Eisenhower Trail (FHWA/VDOT)

- \$750K provided to construct a pedestrian-bike trail underpass beneath Eisenhower Ave at Cameron Run
- Will connect existing trail on south side of Eisenhower Ave to Holmes Run Greenway
- Working with VDOT to award contract in April; construction: summer 2010 to 2012

Transportation (TIGER)

- \$8.5 million awarded for construction of a transitway on Route 1 between Monroe Avenue and East Glebe Road
- \$670,000 allocated for planning new facilities to assist priority transit service in the Beauregard-Van Dorn Corridor
- Awaiting approval to begin projects and draw down funds

IDEA (Early Intervention)

- \$144K awarded to run a parent resource and training center for families of children with disabilities
- Contract employee hired
- Contractor to begin working with families in April

Head Start Quality Initiative

- \$127K awarded to increase program quality by increasing staff support and benefits
- Salaries and health care benefits increased
- Tuition reimbursement provided
- Classroom materials & equipment purchased
- Head Start Playground built at Patrick Henry

Head Start Expansion

- \$258K provided
- New classroom added; additional children also enrolled in some existing classrooms
- Funds used to hire and train personnel, and purchase furniture and supplies for new classroom

CDBG (Lacy Court)

- Loan agreement signed for \$353,003 to be used at Lacy Court for rehabilitation projects to improve energy efficiency
- Projects out to bid

Aging

- \$35K awarded to improve nutrition for seniors
- 59 seniors have received 683 breakfasts at St. Martin's Senior Center
- 78 seniors have received 688 Saturday meals from Meals on Wheels
- 104 seniors have received 960 shelf stable emergency meals

Community Service Block Grants (CSBG)

- 50 low-income patients assisted with dental services in 2009 (program still ongoing)
- Homeless prevention and Rapid Re-Housing has provided rental assistance to 160 low-income households
- Utility assistance and education has been provided to 41 low-income households
- 12 ex-offenders have been trained so that they have greater employment opportunities and a smaller likelihood of recidivism

Workforce Training

- \$219K provided to JobLink in ARRA funds under the Workforce Investment Act
- Aimed at those who have lost their jobs
- 48 clients trained (or in training) thus far

Public Safety (Byrne Grant)

- \$324K awarded to fund projects for Police, Sheriff, and Court Services
- Police have purchased specialized fingerprinting equipment and tactical ballistic blanket panels
- Police awaiting delivery of equipment for firearms training, and making IT upgrades

Public Safety (Byrne Grant)

(continued)

- Sheriff's Office has upgraded Court House security with new or upgraded security camera and PA systems
- Structural improvements to improve Court House security also underway
- Additional mentors for at-risk youth have been recruited and trained (Court Services)

Domestic Violence

(assisting those who identify as gay, lesbian, etc.)

- \$37K provided to train various staff to respond to incidents involving lesbian, gay, bisexual, etc.
- Over 100 staffers have been trained
- “Train the trainer” workshop held for Police, Office on Women, Dept of Human Services

Grants Denied

- Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (COG Consortium)
- Alexandria Library Public Computer Education Center
- Energy Training Partnership
- Transitional housing/support to crime victims
- Support for victims of domestic violence
- Family Drug Treatment Court

Still Waiting . . .

- Fire Station Construction grant proposal
- Seeking funds to reconstruct/renovate Cameron Rd station, and construct new station in the Eisenhower Ave area
- Awards for this highly competitive grant program are expected to be announced in Fall 2010

Plans for Additional Grants

- Staff continuing to search for additional grant opportunities