


MEMORANDUM NO. 09-157

DATE: July 2, 2009

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SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update

The City has been actively pursuing grant funds through the Recovery Act. In addition to receiving allocations from block grants, the City is pursuing competitive opportunities as well. Summarized below are applications the City has made in addition to updates on allocations received.

**ALLOCATIONS**

Program Name	Funding Requested	Date Submitted	Cash Match Req'd	Date of Award
Homeless Prevention	\$858,872	5/19/09	N	Unknown
CDBG R	\$557,744	6/2/09	N	Unknown
Byrne Grant	\$663,572	5/4/09	N	Unknown
Energy Efficient Block Grant	\$100,000 of \$2,036,000	6/25/09	N	Expected within 60-90 days of application submission

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing

Funds will be used to provide financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to individuals and families who are homeless or would become homeless but for having access to these resources.

An RFP was released and closed June 12, 2009. The City received three bids. The evaluation and recommendation committee was convened on June 24. The committee's recommendation will be forwarded for Commission approval on July 21, 2009.

### CDBG-R

The City is proposing a revolving loan program. Grants, no-interest loans, low-interest loans, or a combination of each in value up to \$35,000 for every full-time equivalent ("fte") job created and/or retained. The maximum amount of funding provided for each job created/retained will be based on factors including the salary paid for the position created. At least fifty-one percent (51%) of all jobs created must be filled by persons of low- and moderate- income as defined by the U.S. Department of HUD.

### Byrne Grant

Local/Formula: Police will receive \$663,572. The funds will be used to retain four School Resource Officers and update Crime Scene Investigation equipment. There is no cash requirement and the application was submitted on May 4, 2009.

### Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

A request for \$100,000 of the \$2,036,000 allocation was submitted on June 25, 2009 for the development of a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and an action plan. There is no cash match required and staff expects the application to be reviewed and funds awarded within sixty to ninety days of submission.

## **COMPETITIVE GRANT REQUESTS**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>	<b>Date Submitted</b>	<b>Cash Match Req'd</b>	<b>Date of Award</b>
<b>Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Grant</b>	\$822,457	5/5/09	No	Did not get funded
<b>Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project</b>	\$1,017,776	4/06/09	No	July 2009
<b>Local Youth Mentoring Initiative</b>	\$500,000	4/17/09	No	August 2009
<b>COPS</b>	\$3,243,444	4/14/09	No	Unknown
<b>Byrne State Pass Thru</b>	\$259,215	6/3/09	No	August – Sept. 2009
<b>Byrne Competitive</b>	\$215,266	4/27/09	No	August 2009
<b>Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds</b>	\$10,000,000	May 2009	No	FY 2010
<b>Fire Station Construction Grant</b>	Up to \$15,000,000	7/09/09	No but encouraged	Sept. – Dec. 2009
<b>Neighborhood Stabilization Funds 2</b>	Unknown	7/17/09	No	Unknown

### Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Grant

The City's Fleet Services Division proposed to retrofit 16 heavy-duty trucks, and purchase two hybrid trucks. Fleet Services identified a number of diesel-powered medium and heavy-duty trucks that qualify for in-service upgrades of their emissions systems. The retrofitted vehicles will emit less nitrogen oxide, particulate matter, and air toxins

If awarded, the funding will be used to purchase and install sixteen (16) Selective Catalytic Reduction Systems and purchase two (2) Hybrid Aerial Devices.

This project was not funded.

### Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grant

\$1,017,776 in grant funds was requested for the fabrication and installation of 110 light poles and 220 Florida Wildlife Commission approved street light fixtures.

City staff has worked with lighting manufacturers, FDOT and FWC to design a permanent recessed light fixture to comply with FWC lighting criteria, including a non-visible source from the beach and zero tolerance of light on the sand, while at the same time providing for lighting on the roadway and sidewalk.

The project will result in 24 acres of restored habitat due to the decrease in the lighting visible from the sand providing a prime turtle-nesting habitat and an increase in the hatching success in this area of the beach. Through minimizing light sources, the number of turtle nests is expected to increase thereby increasing the number of healthy hatchlings making their way into the ocean. If awarded, funds will be used toward the replacement of the City-owned lights on the east side of SR A1A.

### Local Youth Mentoring Initiative

A grant application for \$500,000 was submitted to implement a program for the City's at-risk youth to encourage those teens to seek alternatives to delinquent behaviors while exposing them to a culture of entrepreneurship. The program will incorporate a newly formed mentorship initiative with participation in the City's TORT (Teens on the Right Track) program, as well as expanded involvement in the Honey Project. The Honey Project is a program designed to improve the employability and entrepreneurial development of at-risk youth. The program will include an educational component, to assist youth with obtaining a high school diploma; mentoring, and non-violent conflict resolution; as well as training in, and exposure to entrepreneurial activities.

Anticipated Date of Award is August 2009. There is a no cash match requirement for this grant.

### Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Grants

A grant application in the amount of \$3,243, 444 was submitted to fund twelve frozen vacant police officer positions. If awarded, the grant will pay officer salaries for three years. No cash match was required.

### Byrne Grants

State/Pass-Thru: The City submitted an application requesting \$259,215 to combat trafficking of Methamphetamine & Prescription Pills and to provide drug prevention education to High School Students. No cash match was required. The application was submitted June 3, 2009.

Competitive: The City submitted an application to address mortgage fraud and vacant properties crimes. An application was submitted on April 27, 2009 requesting \$215,266. No cash match was required.

### Firefighter Assistance Grants

The grant application is currently under development. The City is seeking funding for the construction of 2-3 fire stations. The request amount may be up to \$15,000,000. The application is due July 10, 2009.

### Neighborhood Stabilization Program – 2

The City will partner with Broward County on this application for additional funds to acquire foreclosed properties, rehabilitate properties, resell properties to homebuyers, eliminate blight due to abandoned properties, and stabilize communities. The application is due to HUD by July 17, 2009 and it is expected that the County will prepare it.