



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brenda Jones Fox, County Manager

DATE: December 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Potential Stimulus Funding

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The Stimulus Committee continues to seek funding opportunities for County projects and programs through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

Please see the attached charts for the latest information on current allotments for Guilford County as well as a pending grant application.

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Current Allotments

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Safety Net ARRA	Subsidized Childcare Allocation. As of October 31, 2010, the Department of Social Services has received \$3,040,072.78.
Safety Net ARRA	As of October 31, 2010, the Foster Care & Adoption Assistance Programs have received \$233,280.05. As of September 30, 2010 \$218,047.35 was received and as of August 31, 2010 \$202,796.58 was received.
Safety Net ARRA	Work First applied for and received ARRA funds and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency Contingency Funds to establish Subsidized Employment programs for eligible participants. Social Services was approved for \$1,245,374.40. As of October 31, 2010, \$188,816.50 has been spent.
Safety Net ARRA	Child Support has been allocated funding over a two-year period, receiving \$1,103,768.94 through October 31, 2010.
Transportation	Lake Brandt Greenway Atlantic & Yadkin Trail Parking Lot (Bicycle/Pedestrian Project) award of \$300,000. Through October 31, 2010, expenditures total \$233,147.19. The parking lot is complete.
Transportation	Bicentennial Greenway Phase 5 – Segments 4 and 5 (Bicycle/Pedestrian Project) award of \$600,000. As of October 31, 2010, expenditures total \$332,450. The project is 80% complete but will not be able to be finished until early spring because of delays in getting two prefabricated pedestrian bridges.
Transit	Expansion Vehicles for non-urbanized area award of \$131,520 is for six 20-ft. Equipped Light Transit Vehicles. All six vans have arrived and been paid for. Decals have been placed on vehicles and quarterly reports are due to the state.
Energy	On July 16, 2010, the County was awarded \$40,000 for its application to the State Energy Office for the Student Energy Internship and Fellowship Program. The County will use one sustainability fellow to assist with energy audits of county buildings; analyze energy audits and recommend savings; perform energy surveys; provide training on energy usage for employees; review billing rates of each energy provider; develop training for facilities employees and write energy-related grants. Student recruitment has begun.
Energy	The County was awarded a grant from Triangle Clean Cities Coalition for assistance with the purchase of five hybrid vehicles. The County will receive \$2,000 for each vehicle for a total of \$10,000. The Toyota Prius Hybrids arrived on June 30, 2010. Grant reimbursement has been requested.

<p>ARRA Bonds</p>	<p>Application for \$17,147,000 Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) approved by Board of Commissioners. These funds will be used for two schools on the 2008 construction bond list, saving approximately \$6 million in interest. It is proposed that the bond money will be used to fund portions of upgrades planned for Allen Middle School and Grimsley High School. In March 2010, the County sold \$82.5 million in Build America Bonds for capital projects. On May 20, 2010, the Board approved the installment purchase of Certificates of Participation for school capital maintenance items totaling \$16,843,000. On June 17, 2010, the Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution of Findings Related to Financing Authorized by N.C.G.S. 160A-20 for issuance of the bonds. Guilford County has budgeted \$1,773,000 to be received in fiscal year 2010-11 for Debt Service. As of October 31, 2010, \$486,158.75 has been received.</p>
<p>ARRA Bonds</p>	<p>On November 19, 2009, the Commissioners adopted a resolution designating Guilford County a Recovery Zone for the purposes of issuing Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. Pending final approval by the State, the anticipated allocation for the County is \$6,537,000 for Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and \$9,805,000 for Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. On September 16, 2010, the Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution for approval in principle of special purpose project for the Urban Hotel Group, LLC and the financing thereof with Recovery Zone Facility Bonds in the principal amount of up to \$26,000,000. This proposal faces a December 31, 2010 deadline for special tax-exempt financing unless the program is extended to 2011. See http://www.ncrecovery.gov/opportunities/zoneBonds.aspx for more info.</p>
<p>Other Funding</p>	<p>The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council was awarded \$136,528 from the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Community Based Youth Gang Violence Prevention Grant Initiative. This grant is for prevention programming and completion of a juvenile gang assessment. As of October 31, 2010, \$100,127 has been received and \$111,996.97 has been spent.</p>
<p>Other Funding</p>	<p>The Sheriff's Department received \$435,688 in Recovery Justice Assistance Program funds from the Department of Justice. This grant will provide funding for patrol vehicles, bulletproof vests, pistols and shotguns. As of October 31, 2010, \$435,688 has been received, \$330,202.12 has been earned, and \$306,271.44 has been spent.</p>

Pending Grant Application

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Energy	The County's application for the State RFP for Energy Efficiency for County and Municipal Buildings was submitted on January 15, 2010. The County applied for \$200,000 for relamping the High Point Courthouse, the Bellemeade Center and the Bur-Mil Park Building. Awards were announced on May 18, 2010; the County was not a recipient. A new grant for \$381,990 for was submitted on August 10, 2010. This grant was not awarded to Guilford County. All of the programs funded with state energy recovery dollars have now closed.