

THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The act has five major strategic objectives:

1. To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery
2. To assist those most impacted by the recession
3. To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health
4. To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits
5. To stabilize state and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

The stimulus package commits a total of \$787 billion to significant programs nationwide, including transportation, infrastructure, energy efficiency, housing assistance and public safety. Its purpose is to quickly revitalize the economy and, as such, all funds must be spent within the next three years. Like many other cities, Norwalk received ARRA grants to fund projects that will aid in economic recovery and benefit the community. This portion of the City's website is dedicated to inform Norwalk residents of these projects and their status.

ARRA Section 5307 – \$1,094,189

- Nineteen bus shelter improvements \$995,000
- Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Transportation Center Pedestrian Plaza Improvements \$99,189 (Project is also funded with other federal, state, regional and local funds.)

Status: Application is in the final stages of FTA approval.

Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) – \$414,537

Norwalk plans to rehabilitate local streets in the neighborhood bounded by Fidel Avenue, Rosecrans Avenue, Carmenita Road and Mapledale Avenue. This project also includes constructing ADA compliant curb access ramps.

Status: Awaiting response for application submitted on 6/5/09.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) – \$935,700

- Installation of energy savings roof at the Arts & Sports Complex \$332,700
- Design and installation of energy savings roof at City Hall \$412,700
- Civic Center Parking Structure energy saving lighting replacement \$98,000
- Vehicle Maintenance Bay energy saving lighting replacement \$18,800
- High efficiency HVAC unit replacement at Social Services Center - \$73,500

Status: Awaiting response for application submitted on 6/24/09. Confirmation of fund award expected in September.

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) – \$633,782

Norwalk will be working with a non-profit organization to provide financial assistance through rental assistance, utility deposits and payments, hotel/motel vouchers and stabilization services such as case management, housing search and placement, legal services, and credit repair.

Status: Project approved for funding and currently awaiting award documents from HUD. Issued request for proposal for non-profit organizations to provide HPRP professional services on 6/19/09.

Justice Assistance Grant Award (JAG) – \$235,486

Norwalk will counter the decrease in staffing by hiring a Gang and Narcotic Abatement Detective to address nuisance activity and abating criminal activity, plan criminal abatement operations, and write search warrants related to ongoing problem locations.

Status: The grant has officially been awarded. The City is awaiting the City of Los Angeles to enter into a professional services agreement so funds may be distributed.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) – \$1,340,249

Norwalk will use its NSP funds to purchase and redevelop foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties and then sell or rent the properties to low and moderate income families for the purpose of stabilizing communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment.

Status: Awaiting response for application submitted on 6/11/09.

Regional Surface Transportation Program – \$3,209,000

- Front Street rehabilitation from San Antonio Drive to Rosecrans Avenue, including replacement of damaged curb and gutter and construct ADA compliant curb access ramps. \$500,000.

Status: Funds obligated for project. Bid opening set for September and construction expected to start in October or November 2009.

- Studebaker Road rehabilitation from Imperial Highway to Alondra Boulevard, including replacement damaged curb and gutter and construct ADA compliant curb access ramps. \$2,086,000.

Status: Funds obligated for project. Awaiting agreement from Caltrans prior to Council authorizing advertising for bids.

- Firestone Boulevard rehabilitation from Hoxie Avenue to Imperial Highway, including replacement of damaged curb and gutter and construct ADA compliant curb access ramps. \$623,000.

Status: Application approved and currently awaiting fund obligation from Caltrans and Federal Highway Administration.

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