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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Report on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funding and Activities for the Period of April 2009 to September 2009

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report on the County of Santa Clara's funding and reporting activities related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for the period of April through September 2009.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact to the County General Fund as a result of approving the recommended action.

CONTRACT HISTORY

None.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

On a quarterly basis, the Administration has reported on the status of the County's receipt of ARRA funding and our transparency and accountability activities. In addition, departments have sought, at various times, Board approval of ARRA competitive grant applications.

On October 10, 2009, all ARRA fund recipients were required to submit their first quarterly reports to the Federal Government for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. Following a thirty-day comment and revision period, the reports were finalized. This report provides information on the ARRA funds received by County departments, the status of County departments' grant applications for ARRA funds, and County jobs retained or created with ARRA funds.

Increase in Funding

ARRA provides direct funding to the County through time-limited formula funding increases, additional funds through one-time formula grants, and expanded grant opportunities. ARRA funding is generally provided through December 31, 2010, which is one quarter into Federal Fiscal Year 2011 and halfway into the County's Fiscal Year 2011. There are exceptions to this general principal, and some competitive grant programs will extend beyond this date. At this time, the estimated overall ARRA benefit to the County is **\$159.8 million**. This amount is based on increases to formula funding and additional formula grant funds, such as, Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF), Title IV-E, Highway Infrastructure Investment Formula, Community Development Block Grant Formula, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, and Justice Assistance Grant Formula.

The increase in the FMAP rate will provide the County with an additional **\$15,409,283** for the time period of July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. Both the Social Services Agency and Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital Agency receive FMAP funds. The County's Fiscal Year 2010 Approved Budget includes the anticipated revenue from the FMAP increase.

Additional formula grants have provided the County with **\$5,629,197** in funds. The breakdown on these funds and corresponding programs is as follows:

Infrastructure Investment Formula (Roads)	\$3,800,000
Community Development Block Grant Formula	\$ 469,256
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program	\$ 717,484
Justice Assistance Grant Formula	\$ 642,457*

*The County administers the Justice Assistance Grant Formula funds for most of the law enforcement agencies in the county. As the administrator, the County received \$2,565,061. The \$642,457 amount is the County's share of the funds for its justice programs.

The Roads Department used the Infrastructure Investment Formula funds on pavement rehabilitation projects. The funds paid for the completion of the Montague Expressway Pavement Rehabilitation project as well as the County Unincorporated Roads project, which repaired portions of Moorpark Avenue, South Bascom Avenue, Tully Road, and White Road.

The Office of Affordable Housing (OAH) is the recipient of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Formula and Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds. The CDBG funds are being used to rehabilitate a dormitory at the Mariposa Lodge, a women's substance abuse treatment facility utilized by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Services. Following a Request for Proposals process, the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds were allocated to EHC LifeBuilders, Community Technology Alliances, and Sacred Heart Community Services Agency to assist people who have lost or who are at risk of losing their homes.

The County's share of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds is supporting projects in the Office of the Sheriff, the Office of the Public Defender, and the Department of Correction. The Office of the Sheriff is using its funds to add a crime analyst position to its Cold Case/Crime Unit. The Office of the Public Defender is expanding its Expungement Program to all residents of the county with misdemeanor convictions by adding one and a half staff positions, a full-time Office Specialist position, and a half-time Attorney, to the program. The Department of Correction intends to use JAG funds to conduct an evaluation of current inmate programs to determine their effect on reducing recidivism.

ARRA Competitive Grants

County departments have also pursued and benefited from the expanded grant opportunities provided in ARRA. During this first reporting period, County departments submitted twelve grant applications to various Federal agencies. Three grant awards totaling **\$1,398,739** have been approved, six were not approved, and three are still pending. The awarded grants include one for the Office of the Sheriff in the amount of \$782,866, which funds three management analyst positions over a two-year period to provide crime analysis, intelligence sharing, and coordination support to the office and other law enforcement agencies. The Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System received two grants totaling \$615,873 to expand health care services to homeless patients in the county. These funds will help manage the increased demand for health care services by homeless patients and to renovate some clinical suites at the Valley Health Center at Bascom.

State-Administered ARRA Grants

The State also received ARRA funds, and a portion of this money is being used to expand some State-administered grant programs that fund local agencies. As a result, the Office of the Sheriff and the District Attorney's Office both received additional grant funds from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA). The Office of the Sheriff received a \$250,000 grant from the Sexual Assault Specialized Response Unit Program. These funds will add one Deputy Sheriff position to the department's Sexual Assault Investigation Unit and pay for enhanced victim services. The District Attorney's Office received \$60,770 from the Victim Witness Assistance Program - Victims of Crime Act

Grant and the Victim Witness Assistance Recovery Act – Violence Against Women Act Stimulus Grant. These funds will help pay the salary and benefits costs for Victim Advocate positions. The attached table provides information on all grant applications submitted by County departments.

Jobs Retained or Created

The County's receipt of ARRA funds has resulted in our ability to retain 79 and add 43.5 new County positions for a total of 122.5 positions. All of the *retained* positions are in the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System. The *new* positions include 37 in the Social Services Agency, 5 in the Office of the Sheriff, and 1.5 in the Office of the Public Defender.

BACKGROUND

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Act provides a variety of financial mechanisms, including tax credits and cuts, infrastructure funding, and benefit protections intended to create jobs and stimulate the economy. ARRA provides funding until December 31, 2010, or into Fiscal Year 2011.

On January 27, 2009, the Administration presented a report to the Board of Supervisors that provided information on the opportunities to seek Federal funding from ARRA. The Administration also provided the Board with status reports on April 21, 2009 and September 11, 2009.

The Administration created a website to provide information on the County's ARRA activities. The site can be viewed at www.Recovery SCC.org.

ATTACHMENTS

- County of Santa Clara ARRA Grant Summary

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA DEPARTMENT'S
GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR ARRA FUNDS**

April 2009 – September 2009

Grant Program	Applicant Department	Amount Requested	Description of Application	Status of Application
GRANTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING				
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Community Development Block Grant Program	Office of Affordable Housing	\$469,256	Funding will be used to rehabilitate a dormitory at the Mariposa Lodge, which is a women's substance abuse treatment facility utilized by the County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services.	Approved for Funding
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Homelessness Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program	Office of Affordable Housing	\$717,484	These funds will be used to provide services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.	Approved for Funding
FUNDING RECEIVED BY OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING		\$1,186,740		
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	Office of the County Executive	\$642,457	Formula funds are allocated to local law enforcement agencies to help prevent, fight, and prosecute crime. The County is the lead agency for grant submittal/administration. The amount to law enforcement agencies in the county is \$2,565,061. The County's share is \$642,457, which will fund programs in various County public safety departments.	Approved for Funding

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FUNDING RECEIVED BY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE		\$642,457		
U.S. Department of Transportation - Highway Infrastructure Investment (Surface Transportation) Formula Grant	Roads and Airports Department	\$3,800,000	Funds will be used to complete the Montague Expressway Pavement Rehabilitation project and Pavement Rehabilitation of County Unincorporated Roads project, which will repair portions of the following streets: Moorpark Avenue, South Bascom Avenue, Tully Road, and White Road.	Approved for Funding
FUNDING RECEIVED BY ROADS AND AIRPORTS DEPARTMENT		\$3,800,000		
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration - Increased Demand for Services Grant	Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System	\$196,368	This funding will allow the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program to manage the increased demand for health care services by two fast-growing groups of homeless patients: jobless workers who have lost their homes and health insurance and working poor homeless who are uninsured.	Approved for Funding

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration - Capital Improvement Program	Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System	\$419,505	Funding will be used to support renovation of the Valley Health Center Bascom, which serves the largest proportion of homeless patients. The clinical suites that house high-risk obstetrics and pediatric specialty services will be renovated, providing for improved patient flow for these services, and resulting in a more comfortable environment for patients.	Approved for Funding
FUNDING RECEIVED BY SCVHHS		\$615,73		
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs - Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program	Office of the Sheriff	\$782,866	Requested funds would pay for three management analyst positions over two-years to assist the Sheriff's Office in the apprehension of criminals and solving crimes through the application of analysis, intelligence sharing, and coordination with other law enforcement agencies.	Approved for Funding

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California Emergency Management Agency's Justice Assistance Program - Specialized Response Unit Program Grant	Office of the Sheriff	\$250,000	This grant award will fund a multi-disciplinary approach to sexual assault incidents. The funds will pay for one Deputy Sheriff position to be assigned to the Sheriff's Office Sexual Assault Investigation Unit and also fund rape crisis advocacy services.	Approved for Funding
FUNDING RECEIVED BY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF		\$1,032,866		
California Emergency Management Agency's Victim Witness Assistance Program – Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant	District Attorney's Office	\$36,318	Funding will support the salary and benefits costs of a Victim Advocate. Victim Advocates help to relocate victims and witnesses who remain in jeopardy after the initial crime; assist in obtaining restraining orders; ascertain the seriousness of injuries and losses suffered as a result of crimes; and other advocacy.	Approved for Funding
California Emergency Management Agency's Victim Witness Assistance Recovery Act – Violence Against Women Act Stimulus Grant	District Attorney's Office	\$24,461	Funding will support the salary and benefits costs of a Victim Advocate. Victim Advocates assist crime victims and help determine the losses suffered as a result of crimes.	Approved for Funding
FUNDING RECEIVED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE		\$60,779		

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GRANTS SUBMITTED; AWAITING DECISION				
Health Resources and Services Administration – Facilities Investment Project	Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System	\$2,643,343	Funding would renovate the 2 nd and 3 rd floors at Valley Health Center at Bascom to improve access to comprehensive prenatal and pediatric care for homeless patients.	Grant Application Submitted; Awaiting Decision
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Program - Fire Station Construction Grant	Santa Clara County Fire Department	\$4,594,307	The grant will fund the construction costs to rebuild the Quito Fire Station in Los Gatos.	Grant Application Submitted; Awaiting Decision
U.S. Department of Transportation - Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Program (TIGER)	Roads and Airports Department	\$25,200,000	Funding will be used to made various roadway and traffic operations improvements as part of a sustainable Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project on County expressways.	Grant Application Submitted; Awaiting Decision

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GRANTS NOT SELECTED FOR FUNDING				
Internet Crimes Against Children Initiative (ICAC) Research Program	District Attorney's Office	\$2,607,724	Funds would provide support, training, tools, and strategies to law enforcement agencies county-wide to effectively investigate and prosecute child exploitation cases. Funds would also improve the DA's effectiveness in preventing, investigating, and prosecuting technology-facilitated child exploitation and Internet crimes against children.	Grant Application Not Selected for Funding
Internet Crimes Against Children Initiative (ICAC) Task Force Training and Technical Assistance Program	District Attorney's Office	\$2,924,628	Funding would provide support, training, tools, and strategies to law enforcement agencies county-wide to effectively investigate and prosecute child exploitation cases. The grant will also improve the DA's effectiveness in preventing, investigating, and prosecuting technology-facilitated child exploitation and internet crimes against children.	Grant Application Not Selected for Funding

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U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention - Local Youth Mentoring Initiative	Probation	\$500,000	The proposed Mentoring Program will recruit volunteers to mentor Probation youth, with an emphasis on youth exiting the Enhanced Ranch Program. Probation applied for the maximum grant award of \$500,000 over a four-year period.	Grant Application Not Selected for Funding
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs - Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program	Probation	\$2,288,474 \$1,307,884	OJP recommended submission of an application with two funding options in the grant application to maximize the chance of receiving an award. Probation requested \$2,288,474 to fund 10 Deputy Probation Officers and 1 Supervising Probation Officer (Option 1); or \$1,307,884 to fund 5 Deputy Probation Officers and 1 Supervising Probation Officer (Option 2). This staff would supervise and implement delinquency prevention strategies and activities for youth returning from six to eight months in the County ranches; wards on formal supervision; and/or youth at risk to commit crimes. Grant funding would last for a period of two years.	Grant Application Not Selected for Funding

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U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs - Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program	District Attorney's Office	\$469,679	Requested funds would pay for two paralegal positions to address real estate and mortgage fraud.	Grant Application Not Selected for Funding
Clean Cities FY09 Petroleum Reduction Technology Projects for the Transportation Sector	Facilities and Fleet	\$767,000	Requested funds would pay used in the following manner: \$176,000 to install four Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; \$25,000 for five hybrid plug-in conversions, \$36,000 for a CNG security bus; \$30,000 for three CNG sedans; and \$500,000 to install a CNG/Hydrogen retail refueling station.	Grant Application Not Selected for Funding