

Local Understanding & Accessibility of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

What “Stimulus” means to our community

County Level Overview of the ARRA

- Strengthens working relationships between federal, state and local governments
- Grants can be distributed to county through a formula or via a discretionary channel
- Many programs have very limited time frames, requiring vigilance in tracking deadlines for both application and use of funds
- Of the nearly \$800B in the bill, less than half is available in grants/formula adjustments that can stimulate the economy and/or shore up state budgets
- Less than \$100B (about 1/8th of total funds) is available nationwide for state & local competitive grant programs

Grants and the ARRA

- Some grants can be received directly from the federal agency coordinating the program, while others must “pass-through” the state
 - For example:
 - Approximately \$13.2M in Diesel Emission and Petroleum Clean-Up program dollars will go to the Florida DEP; however, \$3.7M pass-through to local governments
 - Additional CDBG dollars were allocated directly based on existing formula to eligible municipalities and counties
 - NSP dollars from the TARP were distributed using a formula, but in ARRA will be done through competition

When will funding get to “Main Street?”

- Some funding is already flowing into Florida’s economy
 - Additional unemployment compensation was released to the state in mid-March
- Grants were/are expected to be released according to the following schedule
 - Formula grants March -May
 - Competitive grants May -July
 - Infrastructure projects June-July

What Stimulus Funds does Broward County Anticipate?

- Airport Improvement Program \$5.7 million
- Community Development (CDBG) \$1.03 million
- Transportation
 - Capital Assistance Program \$35 million
 - Surface Transportation \$3.8 million
- Byrne/JAG
 - State Solicitation \$3.4 million
 - Local Solicitation \$4.4 million
- Emergency Food & Shelter \$ 91,018

Formula Grants in the Community

- DOL Senior Employment Programs (will pass through state and AAAs to 2008 grantees)
- Child Care Development Block Grants for child care financial support; targeted outreach and education; targeted educational support to provide higher quality of care
- Community Services Block Grants received an additional \$1B and expanded eligibility to 200% of poverty guidelines
- Senior Nutrition programs, disbursed using formula by DOEA and AAAs (with 15% match requirement)
- Public Housing Assistance funds (\$3B distributed using 2008 formula and \$1B competitively) for development, modernization and financing; priority to “shovel-ready” projects

Other Recipients of Stimulus Funds in Broward County

Cities

- Community Development Block Grants
- Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants

School Board

- Education grants

Health Centers

- Expanded services for uninsured patients

Workforce One

- Employment and workforce services dollars

What do these awards mean for Broward businesses and residents?

- Construction jobs are associated with some of these projects and will be advertised and tracked by subcontractors with whom Broward County does business
- If you are interested in doing business with Broward County, please register by visiting our website at <http://www.broward.org/business.htm>
 - Once registered as a vendor, you will receive notifications of solicitations, invitations to negotiate and other request for letters of interest (RLI) opportunities

ARRA funds will help our community by:

- Financing improvement projects that might otherwise have been delayed
- Creating jobs and boosting the local economy
- Easing the strain on nonprofits/governments struggling to help meet the demand for increased services
- Promoting innovative practices to improve infrastructure
- Renewing our commitment to serve as partners in public service in addressing the challenges our nation faces

What competitive grant applications has the County submitted?

- Coastal & Marine Habitat Restoration
- National Endowment for the Arts
- STOP Violence Victim Services
- COPS Hiring Recovery Program
- Internet Crimes Against Children Program
- Edward Byrne/JAG Competitive Grants
- Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing
- Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas & Energy Reduction (TIGGER)

What competitive grants are still available?

- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (local governments, non-profits and other businesses are eligible to apply)
- Strengthening Communities Fund
- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grants
- Energy Efficiency Grants (competitive state & federal)
- Port Security
- Broadband Technology Expansion
- Assistance to Firefighters

How can eligible applicants identify stimulus opportunities under ARRA?

Check Florida's Recovery Website

<http://flarecovery.com>

or

The US Government Grants Site

<http://grants.gov>

The Community and the ARRA

- How do you access competitive opportunities as a community-based organization, municipality, or business?
 - Make sure you have a project concept that will be competitive and begin gathering data and statistics on how it will impact jobs & economy
 - Check www.Grants.gov and other funding opportunity websites, daily
 - Take advantage of all of the resources available at the County's website <http://www.broward.org/recovery/welcome.htm#>
 - Attend a grant training course through the Human Services Department <http://www.broward.org/programdevelopment/welcome.htm>
 - If you are interested in working collaboratively with the county on an ARRA grant opportunity, please contact our Stimulus Grants Coordinators Linda Ross or Elizabeth Prior (contact info in last slide)

What is Broward County government doing to pursue all possible stimulus funds?

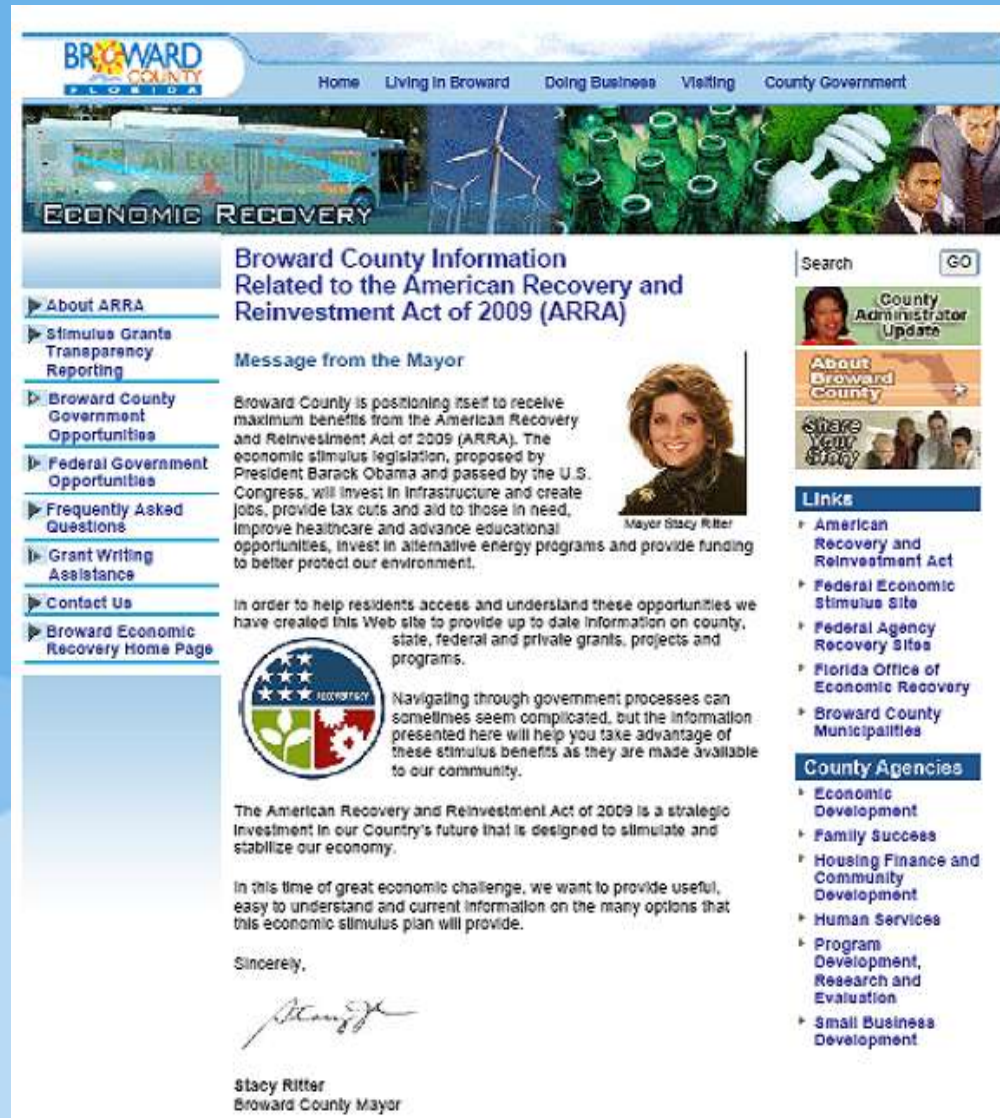
Broward County has instituted a Stimulus Grants Coordination Office to:

- Centralize the identification, development, review, approval and tracking for grants/ contracts resulting from ARRA
- Assure that Broward County is a competitive as possible in applying for Stimulus funding
- Work with community wherever feasible
- Reduce duplication, miscommunication
- Meet specialized tracking/transparency requirements

How will Broward County government implement the required reporting measures?

Broward County
Economic Recovery
Website

<http://www.broward.org/recovery>



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Message from the Mayor

Broward County is positioning itself to receive maximum benefits from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The economic stimulus legislation, proposed by President Barack Obama and passed by the U.S. Congress, will invest in infrastructure and create jobs, provide tax cuts and aid to those in need, improve healthcare and advance educational opportunities, invest in alternative energy programs and provide funding to better protect our environment.

Mayor Stacy Ritter

In order to help residents access and understand these opportunities we have created this Web site to provide up to date information on county, state, federal and private grants, projects and programs.

Navigating through government processes can sometimes seem complicated, but the information presented here will help you take advantage of these stimulus benefits as they are made available to our community.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is a strategic investment in our Country's future that is designed to stimulate and stabilize our economy.

In this time of great economic challenge, we want to provide useful, easy to understand and current information on the many options that this economic stimulus plan will provide.

Sincerely,

Stacy Ritter

Stacy Ritter
Broward County Mayor

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- Family Success
- Housing Finance and Community Development
- Human Services
- Program Development, Research and Evaluation
- Small Business Development



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