

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Ed Shikada

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

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INFORMATION

SUBJECT: JULY UPDATE ON RECOVERY ACT PROJECTS

In March 2009, an information memorandum was sent to Council to provide an update on the City's Recovery Act efforts. Since then, Council has been kept apprised of Recovery Act opportunities and grant applications through various Council agenda items. This information memorandum provides an update on Recovery Act efforts, particularly activities throughout the month of July.

City staff has been actively engaged in tracking and pursuing funding opportunities made available through the Recovery Act, many of which established short timelines for response in July:

Aviation: A final grant application, with bid information, was submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Taxiway W Phase 1 pavement improvement project in the amount of \$5.2 M. Grant award anticipated in August; construction is anticipated to start in September and complete by early 2010. City received draft grant agreement from the TSA for the Terminal B bag system for \$20.9 million. Grant award anticipated by early September.

Energy: Pursuant to Council action in June, the City submitted the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) application to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on June 25th, seeking funding in the amount of \$8.8 M. Grant funds will be used for Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Activities and to support Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Activities in the community.

Staff has submitted an application in the amount of \$2.7 M for the DOE Solar Market Transformation grant for a "Green Vision Education and Demonstration Center" project. This project concept was developed to leverage interest from a variety of partnering organizations to showcase clean technologies. The City has successfully solicited and obtained commitments of donations and in-kind partnerships from the Redevelopment Agency and several public and private entities for the required 50% funding match.

Housing: The City, in partnership with the Housing Trust of Santa Clara and Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley, submitted an application seeking \$25 M through the Neighborhood Stabilization Funds (NSP2) program. If awarded, these funds will be used to stabilize neighborhoods by purchasing, rehabilitating and reselling foreclosed properties in highly impacted neighborhoods. Grant awards will be announced later this Fall.

Public Safety: A grant application seeking \$15 M was submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, for the construction and remodel of fire stations in San José. Grant awards will be announced by September 2010.

Unfortunately, San José was not selected as one of the grant recipients for the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). The City had applied for \$8.8 M to fund 25 police officers. Rankings for this grant were based on fiscal need and crime statistics. Since small (under 150,000) and large (over 150,000) cities competed in two separate pools for the funding, it appears that San José did not rank high due to the City's relatively good financial condition and low crime rate, in comparison with the other large cities.

Technology: Recently released program guidance for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) is being reviewed by staff. These competitive grant funds are expected to be awarded in phases, with a grant application deadline of August 14th for the first allocation of funds.

Transportation: The City partnered with the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to advocate for the BART Extension to San Jose and Capitol LRT to Eastridge projects for funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. These Recovery Act funds will be awarded on a competitive basis, with an emphasis on projects with national or regional significance. Earlier this month, the MTC announced it would seek \$50 M for the BART Extension to San Jose as part of the grant application to be submitted by September 30, 2009.

Bids were received for the Street Resurfacing Tier 1 project on July 30th. Staff is currently evaluating the bids to determine the lowest responsive bidder and will proceed accordingly with a recommendation to the City Manager for award. The Tier 2 project has received environmental clearance and is anticipated to bid in early 2010.

Water: Staff has received notification of a \$6.46 M grant award from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for South Bay Water Recycling Phase 1C Improvements. Staff is working to finalize the grant agreement with the Bureau and will bring forward to Council later this summer for consideration and appropriation actions.

Workforce: And finally, we are pleased to inform the City Council that the City recently received its first actual receipt of Recovery Act funds. A wire transfer in the amount of \$65,843 was received on July 28th, as our first progress payment for Adult, Youth and Displaced Workers employment and training programs. To date, the Summer Youth program has successfully placed approximately 850 low income youth into summer positions at various public agencies, including the City of San José and local non-profit organizations.

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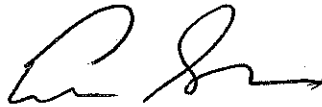
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Additional information on the City's efforts related to the Recovery Act can be found by visiting the City's Recovery Act webpage at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/recoveryact>.

Please contact Ashwini Katak at (408) 535-8147 if you have any questions.

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Ed Shikada
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