



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Pinellas County Board of County Commission

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General Provisions of the Act

- Provides that funding is temporary, intended to preserve and create jobs, and to make investments in infrastructure, energy and science, unemployment assistance, and state and local stabilization.
- Dedicates additional funds to improved oversight, including the Inspector General and Government Accountability Office.
- Establishes a new Executive Branch-level board to oversee funding.

General Provisions of the Act

- Requires federal agencies to include expenditure plans prior to obligating funds.
- Provides additional reporting requirements to ensure greater accountability.
- Requires certification by state and local officials that the spending is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

Frequent Questions

- How will the Recovery Act work?
- What is the timetable for disbursement of funds?
- What are the requirements for transportation stimulus projects?
- When will the competitive grant process begin?

Frequent Questions

- Is match funding required?
- What is the timetable for funds to be spent?
- Will there be reporting requirements?

BCC Formula Grants

- Aviation Grant - \$5.35 million
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding - \$870,000
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program - \$3.7 million
- Federally Qualified Community Health Centers (FQCHC) - \$155,000
- Homeless Emergency Shelter Grants - \$1.2 million
- Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) - \$520,000

Other Community Formula Grants

- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Agency - \$15 million
- WorkNet Pinellas – Approximately \$4 million
- Housing Authorities - Approximately \$4.4 million
- Community Health Centers - \$442,516
- Municipal Governments: EECBG, Homeless Assistance Grants, JAG



Competitive Grants

- Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- COPS Hiring Program
- Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program
- Office of Violence Against Women
- Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies

Transportation

- State Funds - \$24.1 million
 - US 19 (SR 55) from N of Whitney Road to S of Seville Blvd (Reconstruct)
 - US 19 (SR 55) from S of Seville Blvd to N of SR 60 – Frontage Roads and Interchange (Reconstruct)
- Local Funds - \$20.1 million
 - US 19 (SR 55) from North of Whitney Road to North of SR 60, Interchange (New)



Transportation (continued)

- Recommended Enhancements
 - East Avenue from Turner to Drew Streets (City of Clearwater – Pinellas Trail): \$1.3 million

Next Steps

- Explore Partnerships
- Refine Tracking Mechanism
- Website
- Continue to Monitor Grant Announcements
- Pursue Eligible Grants
- Refer to Community Agencies/Businesses
- Reports



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