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TO: Oakland Budget Labor Working Group
 FR: Joe Brenner, IFPTE Local 21
 RE: Federal Stimulus Funding to City of Oakland

Thanks for Michael Pandolfo of SEIU for providing additional information regarding the impact of the federal stimulus on Oakland.

Federal Stimulus Package

The federal economic stimulus package – the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, H.R. 1 – which was signed into law February 17, 2009, provides \$787 billion nationwide. The stimulus package is aimed at reinvigorating the nation’s economy, through investment in health care, energy, infrastructure, labor and workforce development, education, and public safety, and includes funding for states and local government. Funds will be made available on two bases: 1. Formula basis, where specific amounts will be provided in different areas; 2. Competitive basis where, for example, state and local jurisdictions can apply and compete for funds.

Impact on States

The State of California is expected to receive approximately \$31 billion in aid, a significant portion of which will be available to address California’s budgetary problems. In addition to these funds, California may potentially receive significant additional federal funds through applying for competitive grant funding through the ARRA, for which the state and other entities, including local governments, may apply.

Local Impact

Formula-based ARRA funding to Oakland as of March 31, 2009:

City Agency	Formula Allocation	Amount
Oakland Housing Authority	Public Housing Capital Fund	\$10,575,376.00
	Federal Highway Admin Surface	
CEDA	Transportation (road repaving & sidewalks)	\$ 6,000,000.00
CEDA	Community Development Block Grant (housing)	\$ 2,259,921.00
Human Services	Community Services Block Grant	\$ 600,000.00 ¹
Human Services	Homelessness Prevention Fund	\$ 3,459,120.00
Public Works	Brownfields Remediation	\$ 400,000.00
Public Works	Energy Efficiency & Conservation	\$ 3,000,000.00 ²
OPD & Possibly Human Services	Justice Assistance Grant Program	\$ 3,300,000.00
Total		\$29,594,417.00

¹ The Community Services Block Grant allocation to the City may exceed this amount-wait for verification.

² The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant allocation for the City may exceed this amount.

Note: To receive the ARRA's formula-based allocation of \$2,259,921.00 for the Community Development Block Grant, the City will have to amend the FY2008-09 Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development. This request is before the Community Economic Development Committee on April 28th.

Additional Expected Formula-based ARRA funding to Oakland:

The City of Oakland is also expected to receive formula allocations in the following areas:

- **Workforce Development grants**
 - **Head Start grant**
time. Note: during the Bush administration, Oakland used more than \$1 million in General Fund money to offset cuts. The City is hoping that increased federal funds for Head Start will free up general fund money to help reduce the deficit.
 - **Violence Against Women grant for law enforcement services**
 - **Oakland Police** are expected to get additional federal funds from the Department of Justice under the **Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)** for prevention, education, and other supplemental programs. At this time, the amount is unknown.

Competitive Grants

The City expects to aggressively compete for other available grants, including for:

- **Workforce Development**
- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation**
- **Public works projects**
- **Early Head Start**
- **Economic Development**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Violence Prevention**
- **Fire-Fighting Infrastructure**
- **Transitional Housing and Family Violence Supportive Services**
- **Broadband Technology.**

- **Upcoming deadline: U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program.** The City seeks to submit an application for **\$59.9 million** to hire police officers (approximately 100 officers) and cover costs for unbudgeted sworn personnel. This application will be going before the Public Safety Committee on April 7th. The City of Oakland is applying competitively for **\$52 million** from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to hire. Note: in the 1990s Oakland was able to hire more than 50 officers for over four years with such funds.

Other ARRA Funds Appropriated

Community Health Centers

- **\$338 million** ARRA funds released by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to expand services offered at community health centers nationwide. Health Centers in Oakland that will receive funding through the recovery package include:

Children's Hospital and Research Center of Oakland - \$118,590

La Clinica De La Raza - \$876,377

West Oakland Health Council, Inc. - \$458,165

- **Infrastructure**

- **State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP)**

\$12.6 million will be used to rehabilitate the Fruitvale Avenue Bridge from the total of nearly \$565 million the State has received for SHOPP projects, including work on rural and urban highways for bridge preservation and roadway safety. These projects are first in line to receive infrastructure-focused ARRA funding.

- **More than \$30 million** appropriated for dredging to deepen the Port of Oakland's channel by 50 feet. This project is expected to generate:
 - 8,800 additional jobs
 - \$1.9 billion of increased annual business revenue
 - \$62 million of increased annual local taxes

- **Other County Area Specific Projects**

- **\$300,000** for Oakland Grow Our Own Police Recruitment Program
- **\$250,000** for prisoner re-entry programs
- **\$250,000** for violence prevention coordination between Oakland and the County
- **\$190,000** for Oakland Unified teacher training
- **\$237,000** for Green Energy Job Training at Peralta College
- **\$190,000** for Cypress-Mandela pre-apprenticeship job training
- **\$190,000** for a Fruitvale Cultural Arts Center

City of Oakland Process Regarding Future ARRA Funding

According to the ARRA Status Report from Dan Lindheim, dated March 31, 2009, at the Mayor's request, the City Administrator has convened an interdepartmental planning committee to engage in city-wide coordination efforts.

“The planning committee will meet weekly to ensure that information is distributed in a timely manner to the appropriate City departments, agency collaboration on competitive grants operates smoothly, grant-writing and other resource needs are identified and addressed proactively, and the City uses the stimulus funding to build on existing initiatives and green technology innovations, such as the Green Jobs Corp.

The City Administrator and the Mayor's office are working closely with the City's federal and state lobbyists to monitor grant information and opportunities for Oakland.”