



CITY OF INGLEWOOD

Office of the City Administrator



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Impact of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act City of Inglewood Monday, March 08, 2010

Program:

Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds for Cities and County (Manchester Blvd.)

Funding:

\$3,561,000

Project Description:

Manchester Boulevard Corridor Roadway Improvement Project will preserve and rehabilitate the existing roadway (grind and overlay) between Ash St and Crenshaw Blvd. The project is approximately fifty percent complete. The project will be complete on April 12, 2010.

Status:

The Manchester Boulevard Project is under construction.

Number of Jobs Created:

17 full-time jobs

Project Lead:

Glen Kau, Director, Public Works Department

Program:

CDBG-R Formula Allocations

Funding:

\$600,607

Project Description: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income.

Additionally this project provides for the repair/replacement of sidewalk, curb-gutter, driveway approaches, pedestrian ramps, and street paving.

Under the Recovery Act, recipients are given priority on projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement. The Recovery Act of 2009 directs that CDBG-R grantess, like the City of Inglewood, are to use these funds for projects that maximize job creation and economic benefit.

Status:

On August 20, 2009, the City of Inglewood was awarded CDBG-R funding. The award included three funding areas:

1. infrastructure (street, sidewalk, curb repair),
2. Assistance to DBE to gain access to construction jobs,
3. Administration cost.

Construction bids will be let out the week of March 15, 2010 and Construction is estimated to start the week of April 26, 2010.

Number of Jobs Created:

Approximately, 4 full-time jobs, within a twelve month period, will be created by the street, sidewalk, and curb repair program.

Project Lead:

Glen Kau, Director, Public Works Department
Pamela Thigpen, Grants Manager

Program:

Byrne JAG Law Enforcement Grants

Funding:

\$498,273

Project Description:

Based upon a specific formula, created by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, the City of Inglewood Police Department is eligible to receive \$498,223 in Recover Act - Justice Assistance Grant federal funds. The must be used specifically to support law enforcement efforts.

On May 1, 2009, the Police Department submitted a grant application through the City of Los Angeles (which has been assigned by DOJ to handle administrative and financial oversight of JAG projects). In line with the President's purpose for the Recovery Act (to create jobs and promote economic growth), the application requests \$448,446 to hire three

(3) additional full-time custody officers for the Police Department's Jail/Custody Section. The level of funding requested will fund salary and benefits of two (2) of the positions for two (2) years; and one (1) of the position for three (3) years. The City is required to pay the City of Los Angeles a 10% administrative fee for their role in providing oversight.

Status:

Currently, the Inglewood Police Department is recruiting to fill these positions.

Number of Jobs Created:

3 Custody Officer Positions, fully funded for 3yrs

Project Lead:

Captain Martin Sissac, Office of the Chief of Police

Program:

Department of Labor Youth Grants - Workforce Investment Act

Funding:

For 200+ Inglewood Summer Youth Employment Program

Project Description:

The project is funded through a partnership with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. The City of Inglewood has 161 youth employed this summer in various jobs including summer youth camp monitors, Human Resources Department, and a unique summer performing arts program, which will perform the play FAME on Thursday, August 15, 2009.

Status:

The Summer Youth Program ended in August of 2009.

Number of Jobs

The City of Inglewood employed approximately 161 youth over the summer.

Project Lead:

Mawusi K. Watson, Chief of Staff to the CAO

Program:

Homelessness Prevention Fund Formula Allocation

Funding:

\$918,344

Project Description:

The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance and housing relocation & stabilization programming for the homeless, as well as, to allocate monies for data collection & evaluation, and for administrative cost.

Status:

The contract with HUD has been executed. Funding is available for draw down and a case manager was hired on February 22, 2010. The CDBG Division anticipates that it will begin taking applications and providing client assistance on April 1, 2010.

Number of Jobs Created:

1 Case Manager Position

Project Lead:

Pamela Thigpen, Grants Manager

Program:

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

Funding:

\$1,039,000

Project Description:

A total of eight energy efficiency related projects were submitted with a total value of \$1,039,000 million. The projects were recently re-reviewed to determine priority and planning for implementation and/or construction. Furthermore, this project's status information was recently submitted to EECBG on February 25, 2010 as required. The overall estimate project schedule commences on June 2010 and will be completed by June 2011.

The projects are in the initial stages of preparation for implementation:

1. Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Community Outreach Program (55K Budget + EECBG) - The project will fund the hiring of a qualified consultant to provide Inglewood businesses with information and assistance necessary to facilitate their access to outside grant and loan funding that is available to replace older, less fuel efficient and more polluting heavy duty vehicles and equipment. Funds will establish a long-term, on-going program.
2. Develop Energy & Climate Action Plan (\$75K Budget + EECBG) - The project will fund the hiring of a technical consultant to develop an Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) for the City of Inglewood that will include a greenhouse gas emission inventory.

3. City Hall Light Retrofit (\$45K Budget/\$10K EECBG + Rebates) - The project will fund the replacement of approximately 1,000 T-12 light fixtures with T-8s in the City Hall Building.
4. Parking Structure No. 1 Lighting Retrofit (\$133K Budget/\$72K EECBG) - the project will fund the replacement of approximately 185 lighting fixtures with LED fixtures in the City Hall Parking Structure. EECBG grant funds will cover design, build, and reposition new LED fixtures. Equipment cost will be paid for by the City. Start of the project should be coordinated with approval of LED utility rebates.
5. Rogers Park Whole Building Retro-Commissioning (\$545K Budget/485K EECBG + City Funding)- The project will fund the energy efficiency retro-commissioning of Rogers Park facility with 10 new HVAC roof top systems, 50 new windows, and a cool roof. The project needs to be completed prior to Solar System installation (Project #7). Project costs exceed EECBG funding; City will contribute roughly \$100,000 towards the project.
6. Street Light LED Upgrades (\$209K Budget + EECBG) - The project will fund the equipment costs for upgrading of 340 high pressure sodium street lights with LED light fixtures on various City streets. The labor cost will be incurred by the City. The start date of this project should be coordinated with utility LED street light billing rate adjustment.
7. Solar Demonstration Project (178K Budget/ \$130K EECBG + Rebate) - The project will be combined with the EE retrofit project for Rogers Park facilities, which will fund a demonstration of solar energy that benefits the community. Solar panels will generate approximately 34,000 kWh of electricity annually. Project start date is contingent on completion of EE retro-commissioning project.

Status:

The Department of Public Works submitted an application on June 25, 2009 for the use of the funds. Several areas are being proposed including the upgrading of street lights with LED fixtures to reduce energy usage and cost, retrofitting Roger's Park with energy efficient lighting and constructing a solar demonstration project at Roger's Park and more.

Number of Jobs Created:

Projects have not started; therefore, jobs have not been created.

Project Lead:

Rick Longobart, Manager, Fleet Management Public Works Department

Program:

COPS Hiring Recovery Program

Funding:

\$3,029,500

Project Description:

On April 14, 2009, the City of Inglewood submitted a grant application for the COPS Hiring Recovery Program. The City requested approximately \$10 million in funding to hire a minimum of 30 additional police officers at entry-level salary. The level of funding requested will pay for the salary and benefits of all the additional police officers for three (3) years.

The Inglewood Police Department's budget is currently authorized 221 sworn positions. This level of sworn personnel is insufficient to handle the crime suppression, prevention, and intervention needs of the City. This fact is made evident by the increasing gang violence within the City. For example, as of May 27, 2009, the number of gang related homicides that have occurred within the City is 12 (the most recent occurring yesterday, May 26th); slightly over two (2) homicides per month. The City's current budget constraints (primary due to decreased property tax revenue) prohibit funding the positions with general funds.

At the conclusion of the grant, the City plans to continue funding the positions beyond the one (1) year required by the COPS Office. A potential source of local funding will be the planned closing and redevelopment of the Hollywood Park Race Track into retail space and residential units. This project will present the city with an opportunity to enter into a Developer Agreement, which will levy a fee on the project through 2029. This will include a revenue stream that is specifically dedicated to funding additional sworn and civilian positions within the City's Police Department the City anticipates receiving under this grant.

Due to budget constraints, the City of Inglewood has had to eliminate the 30 vacant police officer positions. In doing so, the City of Inglewood also asked for guidance on how to handle the grant based upon the changed financial circumstances of the City. The City will be able to hire the ten police officers with the COPS grant, which will be accomplished in the City's fiscal year 2009-2010.

Status:

City was awarded funding for 10 police officers. IPD is in process of hiring these officers.

Number of Jobs Created:

10 Police Officers

Project Lead:

Captain Martin Sissac, Inglewood Police Department

Program:

Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program (through Clean Cities Program)

Funding:

\$1.5 Million

Program Description:

The Federal Government passed a \$787 billion stimulus package in February 2009, called the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The ARRA includes \$300 million in grant funds under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) of 2009. A portion of these funds is targeted at the replacement of older trucks. Qualifying customers may receive a grant to cover 25% of the cost of a new vehicle.

Status:

Unfortunately, the City did not receive federal funding for this program.

Number of Jobs Created: none.

Project Lead:

Rick Longobart, Manager, Fleet Management Public Works Department

Project Lead:

Captain Martin Sissac, Inglewood Police Department

Program:

Senior Nutrition Program

Funding:

\$152,000

Program Description:

Since 1975, the City of Inglewood has received grant funds from the federal Older Americans Act Grant Act of 1965, Titles B and C to operate a nutrition program for seniors living in Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lennox, and Ladera Heights. The nutrition program consists of congregate meals at four senior centers, and home-delivered meals to the frail, home-bound seniors.

On July 1, 2008, the City was awarded a four-year contract, by the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging (AAA), to provide nutrition services for senior citizens. On January 15, 2010, the City was notified that it would also receive ARRA funds.

The State of California has directed that the grant recipients, like the City of Inglewood, spend the ARRA money first, so all the funds can be exhausted by June 30, 2010; therefore, clients in the City's program will be transferred over to the ARRA contract until all the

money is expended and then transferred back to the original grant program. In addition to eliminate waiting lists for home-delivered meals and “turn-a-ways” at the sites, we will be able to add a breakfast program at three sites and deliver cold suppers to the seniors when their hot lunch is delivered.

Status:

The City’s Senior Nutrition Program in operating under the ARRA contract.

Number of Jobs Created:

Senior Nutrition Staff positions were retained by receiving this grant.

Project Lead:

Sabrina Barnes, Director, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department