


Intergovernmental Stimulus Effort Steering Committee Update

Presentation to the
Community Action Network
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Topics covered in this presentation

- Overview of collaborative effort
- Status of ARRA funding in Austin/Travis County
- Success stories
- 2010 Work Plan

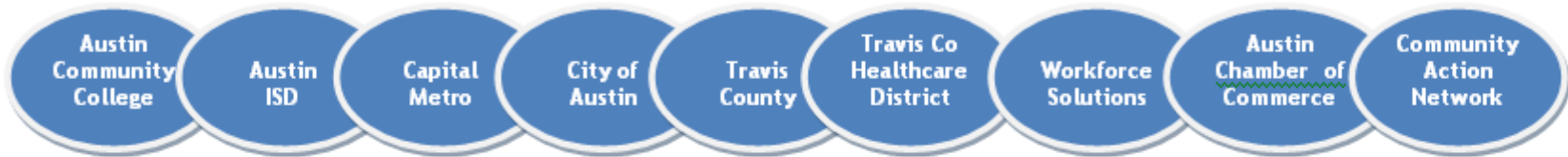
Overview of Collaborative Effort

- *Goal:* Maximize use and regional impact of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funding
 - address short-term economic hardship
 - transformational investment in infrastructure, technology and human capital
- *Structure:* Steering Committee and eight subcommittees

Organizations Engaged on Steering Committee

- Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Austin Community College
- Austin Independent School District
- Capital Metro
- Central Health (f/k/a Travis County Healthcare District)
- City of Austin
- Community Action Network
- Travis County
- University of Texas at Austin
- Workforce Solutions

Intergovernmental Stimulus Coordination Steering Committee



Guiding Principles

Collaborate & Guide Flexible Process	Identify Shared Priorities & Goals	Align Collaboration with Community Goals	Plan Ahead	Thoughtfully Invest One-Time Funds	Seek Funding for Shared Priorities	Maximize Economic Impact	Evaluate Outcomes	Demonstrate Accountability & Transparency	Communicate Openly & Regularly
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Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with Title 1 IDEA Funds • K-12 Literacy • Dropout Recovery • English Language Learners • College & Career Readiness 	Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Grid • Alternative Energy 	Family Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Assistance • Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-housing • Public & Affordable Housing Preservation Revitalization • Community Development • Weatherization 	Healthcare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Centers • Health Information Technology • Research & Development • GIS Mapping • Prevention 	Public Safety & Law Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Enforcement & Crime Reduction • Prosecution Initiatives • Training • Crime Prevention • Reentry • Victims • Community Restoration • Technology for Information Collection and Sharing 	Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband for Underserved Populations • Wireless Mesh • Continued Build out of GAATN Network • Joint Data Center 	Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Generating Economic Recovery & Sustainability • Safe Routes to Schools • Shared Alternative Fuels and Fleets 	Workforce Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Training, Certification, Placement in High Demand Occupations (energy, health, weatherization) for Disadvantaged & Underserved Pops. • Career Readiness & Supports • Small Business Development & Entrepreneurism (Green Energy, Manufac, Health IT)
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Action to Access Existing Stimulus Dollars

Action to Access Future Stimulus Dollars

Advocacy for Access to Stimulus Funds Needed but not Available

Accomplishments

- Intergovernmental Stimulus Coordination Steering Committee created (met 7 times)
- 8 subcommittees created (meeting quarterly)
- Resolutions adopted by taxing entities
- Public event with 200 participants to share information on funding received
- Inventory of stimulus funding
- Developed 2010 Work Plan

Stimulus Funding to Austin/Travis County Community - Approved only

TOTAL: \$489,748,412

- Education \$69,187,958
- Energy \$52,521,763
- Family Sustainability \$16,034,183
- Federal/General Services \$122,241,000
- Healthcare \$2,849,170
- Public Safety & Law Enf. \$1,686,006
- Research (UT) \$55,860,788
- Technology \$12,648,577
- Transportation \$147,127,640
- Workforce Dev. \$9,591,327

Stimulus Funding – Moving Forward

- Received funds in 2009
- Spending funds in 2010 (plan to report later in yr)
- Will need to define “jobs created” to report on that in future
- Will continue to track new funding from feds
- Partners to coordinate advocacy efforts

Collaboration Success Stories

- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
- Weatherization
- Workforce Development



HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING

COLLABORATIVE SUCCESSES

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) Overview

- **HPRP has three primary goals:**
 - **PREVENTION:** Prevent people from becoming homeless whenever possible
 - **DIVERSION:** Intervene when people enter shelters and divert them into housing (where possible/appropriate)
 - **RAPID RE-HOUSING:** Move people who become homeless into permanent housing as quickly as possible

HPRP Funding to Austin/Travis County

- **Total: \$6,004,327 received**
- City of Austin thru Caritas - \$3,062,820
- State funding strengthens case management services to help special populations:
 - Caritas/Housing Stability Collaborative - \$1,000,000
 - Caritas/Right at Home Pilot Project - \$600,000
 - LifeWorks Youth and Family Alliance - \$1,000,000
 - Any Baby Can HPRP Program - \$341,507

HPRP Partners

- **City of Austin**
- **Caritas**
- **LifeWorks**
- **Any Baby Can**
- ACC Foster Care Alumni
- AIDS Services of Austin
- AISD Project Help and Special Education Dept.
- ATCIC ECI Program
- Austin Tenants Council
- Capital Area Food Bank
- Catholic Charities
- Consumer Credit Counseling
- Easter Seals ECI
- Faith community
- Family Connections

HPRP Partners

- Foundation Communities
- Foundation for the Homeless
- Front Steps
- Goodwill
- Homeless shelters
- Moving & Grooving
- National Association for Down Syndrome
- SafePlace
- Texas Advocacy Project
- TX Rio Grande Legal Aid
- Workforce Solutions
- Wright House Wellness Center

HPRP Services

- Short/medium term rental assistance
- Housing relocation & stabilization
- Housing search
- Mediation
- Utility payments
- Security and Utility Deposits
- Credit repair
- Legal services
- Moving costs
- Case management
- Outreach
- Other related costs
- HMIS
- 5% Administration

HPRP - Populations Served

- **Target population:** Adults and families who can be rapidly re-housed and/or at risk of homelessness
- **Special populations:** Adults and families facing a sudden or significant loss of income or foreclosure
 - Homeless adults/veterans/documentated refugees
 - Families with at least 1 child under 18
 - Survivors of sexual assault & domestic violence
 - People who lack a GED or low level skills
 - Children w/ chronic health issues or CPS involved
 - Ex-offenders/homeless adults with a history of incarceration plus at least one physical, behavioral health, developmental disability

HPRP - Service Goals (over 2 years)

- **COA thru Caritas**
 - 400 households / 1,000 persons
- **Caritas/Housing Stability Collaborative**
 - 335 households / 840 persons
- **Caritas/Right at Home Pilot Project**
 - 945 persons
- **LifeWorks Youth and Family Alliance**
 - 600 families
- **Any Baby HPRP Program**
 - 200 families

HPRP- Jobs Created

- **Focus of funding is not on job creation but services**
- **Types of positions created:**
 - **HPRP Specialists** - Expand outreach and identify/ assess/qualify potential clients
 - **Housing Locators/Inspectors** – Identify/inspect available housing; negotiate & follow-up with landlords
 - **Mediators** – Provide current tenant/landlord mediation services; serve all HPRP clients, both prevention and re-housing

HPRP- Community Benefit

- Stabilizing families, diverting homelessness
- Unprecedented level of collaboration
- Expanding capacity to serve individuals and families impacted by the economic downturn
- Providing outreach and assistance to those who have not relied on the safety net in the past
- Tracking customer information through Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) across initiatives



WEATHERIZATION COLLABORATIVE SUCCESSES

Weatherization Overview

- Reduce energy costs for low-income families by improving the home energy efficiency while ensuring their health and safety.
- For households under 200% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines:
 - with elderly, people with disabilities, children under 6
 - expending more than 11% of their household income for energy
 - with high residential energy use (Over \$1,000/yr)

Weatherization: Partners

- Austin Energy (City of Austin)
- Travis County
- Texas Gas Service
- Austin Water Utility
- Neighborhood Housing & Community Development
- Non-profits, faith-based, and neighborhood organizations to assist with outreach

Weatherization - Allowable Activities for Eligible Households

- \$6,500 max per home
- Labor, material and program support
- Health/Safety (20% limit)
- Admin. (5% limit)
- Audits & inspections
- Attic, wall & floor installation
- Solar screens, doors
- Air infiltration
- Replacement of qualifying appliances (HVAC, window A/C, refrigerators, space heaters)
- Benefit/cost ratio > 1

Weatherization - Funding to City of Austin and Travis County

- Total of \$10,344,863 to City of Austin & Travis County through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs thru 8/21/2011.
- COA/Austin Energy received \$2.9M of \$5.8M.
- Travis County received \$2.3 of \$4.5M.
- Remainder of funds will be obligated depending on success of program

Weatherization - Planned Benefit to the Community

- 850 to 1,000 homes by 8/21/11 in Austin w/ \$5.8M
- 1,200 units/homes in Travis County w/ \$4.5M
- Reduce cost-burden of utility bills to low-income families
- Help make homes more affordable & comfortable
- Every \$1 invested produces return of \$2.73 in energy-related improvements

Weatherization - Planned Benefit to the Community

- Collaboration minimize duplication & admin costs:
 - Same applications
 - Shared resources
 - Shared weatherization contractors
 - Same pricing structure
 - Share energy auditors

Weatherization - Jobs

- 4 positions at Austin Energy
- 4 positions (estimated) at Travis County
- 10 Auditors (Test-in)
- 24 Contractor solicitations (Davis Beacon certified)
- 10 Inspectors (quality assurance verification)
- Weatherization work will stimulate further job creation

Weatherization – Outreach

- Collaborating with community-based organizations to assist with outreach and applications in following zip codes:
 - 78702, 78721, 78723, 78724, 78741, 78744, 78745
- Weatherization makes homes affordable, lowers demand for public assistance, and keeps more money in local community.

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATIVE SUCCESSES

Workforce: Overview of Funding

- **Total: \$9,309,750 received**
 - Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult - \$893,010
 - WIA Dislocated Worker - \$1,242,060
 - WIA Dislocated Youth - \$2,213,498
 - Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF) \$4,961,182
- **Additional \$5,258,114 (Recent Awards)**
 - DOL Energy Training Partnership Grant - \$4,800,000
 - CSBG Awarded to WFS by City of Austin - \$458,114

Workforce Solutions Partners

- **WIA Adult/Dislocated Worker:** Career Centers & Short-term training with ACC
- **WIA Summer Youth Employment:** Goodwill in partnership with American Youth Works, Communities in Schools, & LifeWorks
- **Child Care & Development Fund:** Child care providers & facilities participating in quality initiatives
- **Energy Training Partnership Grant:** Austin Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Center, Imagine Solar, other states
- **City of Austin Neighborhood Centers**

Workforce – Community Benefit to Date

- Expanded Career Center staff to meet increased demand
- Add'l 421 individuals received WIA training/support
- Provided 679 low-income youth ages 14 – 24 with summer jobs
 - Over 100 youth worked on “Viva Verde” green projects
- Increased average number of children served through child care by over 750

Workforce – Community Benefit and Future Service Goals

- Funded new training programs in:
 - Certified Nurse & Medication Aides
 - Project Management
 - Information Technology certificates (Cisco & LAN),
 - PV Solar Installation
 - Weatherization Technicians
 - Power Line Installation & Repair
- Expect to serve 319 individuals at Neighborhood Centers under COA funding
- Expect to provide solar electrical skills training to 1,000 individuals from entry-level to journeyman electricians under DOL grant

2010 Intergovernmental Stimulus Coordination Work Plan

- Regularly update inventory of stimulus funding
- Identify opportunities for future collaboration
- Identify areas needing advocacy
- Develop joint presentation with update on stimulus effort, funding and success stories
- Inform policy-makers, business sector, non-profit community, media, and others
 - Annual report (jobs and spending in 2010)
- Regularly post information on caction.org

Questions?

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