

## St. Louis County: ARRA Update

April 26, 2010

Project Name/ Description	Dollar Amount	Federal Agency	Types of Jobs Generated by ARRA funding	Other Info:
Midway Park Sanitary Sewer Project	\$811,000	Army Corps of Engineers	Construction	
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant	\$467,800	Department of Energy	Technical Consultant(s); Construction	Projects include: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy Development, Technical Consultant Services for Building Energy Audits and Benchmarking Budget and Energy Efficient Courthouse Window Retrofit and Upgrade
Community Development Block Grant - Recovery Program (CDBG-R)	\$654,860	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	local construction jobs	Projects awarded include:  City of Cook - Water Tower Replacement Project of \$250,000  City of Chisholm - Northwest Area Infrastructure Project of \$404,860
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)	\$1,001,832	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	HPRP-funded jobs are positions involved with direct service to clients and agency support staff positions. Positions include: youth counselor, housing specialist, homeless and prevention case managers, paralegal, legal secretary, youth advocate, and HMIS-related staff support persons.	The purpose for HPRP is to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re- housed and stabilized.

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Rice Lake Road (CSAH 4)	\$3,074,752	Federal Highway Administration: Highway sub- allocation	Road construction	Mill & Overlay from Trunk Highway #194 (Mesaba Ave.) to Arrowhead Rd.  Reclaim & Overlay from CSAH 32 (Arrowhead Rd.) to CSAH 9 (Martin Rd.)
Trunk Highway 169 (MnDOT) subsidence project in Hibbing	\$200,000	Federal Highway Administration	Road construction	CSAH 5 from intersection of TH 169 heading north
Mesabi Trail Construction	\$1,407,834	Federal Highway Administration	Ped/Bike Trail construction	Giants Ridge to TH 135 (1 miles S. of Embarrass River)
Bryne Justice Assistance Program (JAG)	\$43,608	Department of Justice	N/A	Funding used for equipment and witness support programs (no salaries allowed)
Port Security Grant Program	\$98,000	FEMA	N/A	Funding used for purchase of assault boat
Superior National Forest- Community Wildfire Protection Plan	\$180,000	United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service	N/A (this is pass through money to the Superior National Forest)	Funding for grant program awarded to the Superior National Forest to reduce the threat of wildfires in high- risk areas identified in Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The ARRA funds are strictly for hazardous fuels (balsam fir, dead trees and brush) clean up. St. Louis County is the fiscal agent.

**Note:** Due to stimulus funding, several changes have occurred in federal reimbursement schedules that will positively impact St. Louis County, although they are not grant dollars received and have no direct job creation role. Federal Medical Assistance Program (FMAP) payment share has increased for payments from 2008-2010. This will result in additional reimbursement to St. Louis County for these clients. In addition, the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) restores the federal match for Title IV-D child support.

In addition, there are two ways in which citizens in St. Louis County will benefit from Health Care/Social Services ARRA funding. The first way is through funding that is available to help individuals injured by the economic downturn, for example through extended unemployment benefits

available through the state unemployment office and through new COBRA provisions that helps these individuals extend their health care benefits. ARRA funding also has expanded eligibility for the Food Support Program. This includes unemployment insurance changes, COBRA Premium payment changes, food support benefit changes, and crisis funds extended. The second manner in which Health Care/Social Services ARRA funding helps states and/or counties continue to administer and deliver needed services. This includes enhanced federal funding that St. Louis County received for Food Support program administration which will help offset the increased number of applicants for assistance caused by the economic downturn. This was a one-time payment, and no further funds will be awarded. There are some other changes that assist St. Louis County in continuing to operate these programs by providing federal funding that offsets State reductions. These dollars fund and extend funding to programs that are of significant economic benefit to the people of St. Louis County. For example, there is an increase in reimbursement for some Medicaid services from 50% to 61+%.

Increase Health & Human Service Funding due to ARRA (in St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Department):

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Child Welfare- Targeted Case Mgmt	\$1,833,968	Health & Human Services	This additional reimbursement on certain services and activities has been used to continue the level of staffing required to meet the increased demand for services due to the recession and its impacts.  The funding received is also being used to invest in one-time projects that will enhance the efficiency and service-delivery mechanisms. These investments will allow the department and its staff to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible in meeting the needs of those in the community.	
Mental Health – Targeted Case Mgmt	\$253,778			
VADD – Targeted Case Mgmt	\$26,860			
FS Admin Cost Allocation ARRA	\$62,816			
Title 4D Incentive ARRA	\$438,136			
IVE FC Maintenance ARRA	\$89,176			
Rule 5	\$19,663			
Credits on MMIS bill	\$95,588			
subtotal	\$2,819,985			