



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Local Government Forum
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WMSRDC

WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



Welcome

James Rynberg

- Chairperson, WMSRDC Board of Directors
- Mayor, City of Fremont



Overview

Sean Dey

WMSRDC Executive Director

Who Is WMSRDC?

- WMSRDC is designated by federal, state, and local governments as a regional planning and development agency serving the West Michigan counties of Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana. WMSRDC operates programs in economic development, transportation, homeland security, environmental planning, community development, information & communications, etc.
- A twenty-one member board comprised of local elected and appointed officials directs agency policy and has final authority over its activities.

The mission of the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission is to promote and foster regional development in West Michigan through cooperation amongst local governments.



Overview of the ARRA

■ ARRA Review (total: \$787 Billion, Michigan: \$18.44 Billion (2.34% of Total))

■ General Principals & Requirements

- 50% of funds initiated within 120 days of enactment
- Funds available for obligation until 9-30-2010 (first come first served)
- Buy American
- Davis Bacon & Competitive Bidding Process Applicable
- Applicable environmental review under National Environmental Police Act (NEPA)

■ Transparency/Accountability

- Certifications
- Reporting (Recovery.gov)
- Review Boards



WMSRDC ARRA Project List

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- History of List Development
- List Distribution
- 476 Projects totaling \$650,053,000
 - Lake - \$22,478,000
 - Mason - \$85,923,000
 - Muskegon - \$364,886,000
 - Newaygo - \$90,798,000
 - Oceana - \$1,216,000
 - Northern Ottawa County - \$84,752,000



Economic & Community Development

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Economic Development Administration (EDA)

- \$150 million in Grants
 - **\$50 million for economic adjustment assistance** with priority given to areas experiencing sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring
 - **Up to \$50 million** may be transferred to federally authorized federal-state regional commissions
- Follow General EDA Guidelines
- 90 to 120 days “shovel ready”
- Apply directly to EDA, working through WMSRDC
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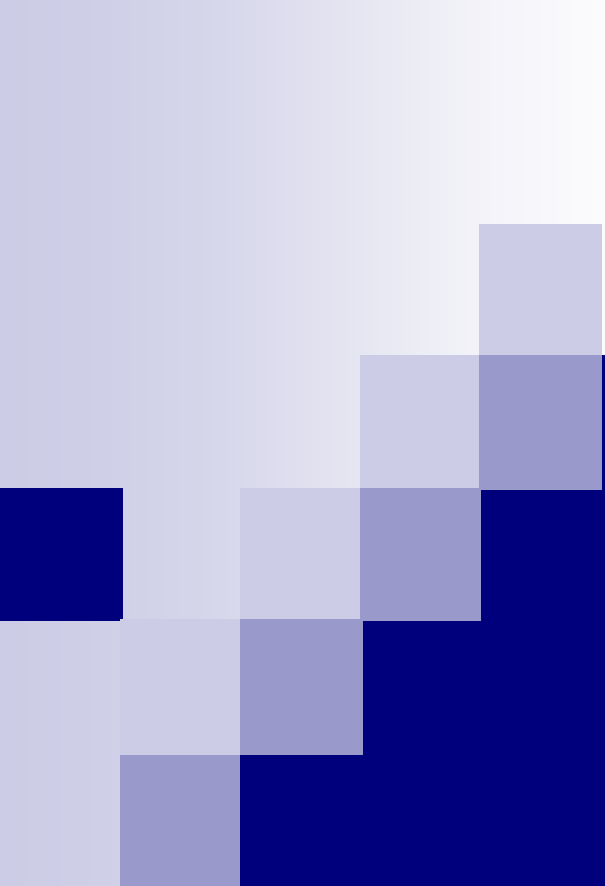
Community Development Block Grants

- CDBG funds available through 9-30-2010 (first come first serve)
- Distributed through formulas used in FY08
- \$1 billion nationally
 - Approximately \$39 million to Michigan
 - MEDC and MSHDA
 - Three Entitlement Communities
 - Cities of Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, and Norton Shores
- Work With & Apply To MEDC
 - Bill Kratz (517) 373-9121 or kratzw@michigan.org
 - Joe Agostinelli (517) 242-5480 agostinellij@michigan.org



USDA – Rural Development

- Community Facilities Grants: \$63 million
- Community Facilities Direct Loans: \$67 million to support \$1.171 billion Program Level
- Subject to Existing Regulations
- High Priority: Public Safety and Health Care Projects
- Work with and apply to USDA
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Transportation

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Federal Highway Infrastructure

- **\$27.5 Billion** in General Funds
Apportioned to States for highway infrastructure improvements.
- Funds must be apportioned to the states within 21 days of enactment.
- Compliance with Federal Highway Administration Planning guidelines

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- **\$853,159,319** estimated for Michigan's ARRA funds
 - **Metropolitan Planning Areas**
 - 5-50,000 (Small Urban) \$13,000,000
 - 50,000-200,000 (Small MPO) \$29,000,000
 - 200,000+ (TMA) \$124,000,000

■ Rural Programs

□ \$39 Million

- Lake \$348,000
- Mason \$356,000
- Muskegon \$480,000
- Newaygo \$652,000
- Oceana \$446,000

■ Transit

□ \$6.9 Billion Formula Funding

- 5307, 5311, 5340

■ Enhancement Program

- \$25,000,000 estimated
- Statewide Competitive

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USDA Rural Development

Water and Waste Disposal Program

- New funding of \$1.8 billion will be used to leverage \$3.7 billion
 - \$2.82 billion to direct loans
 - \$968 million to grants

USDA Rural Development

Water and Waste Disposal Program

- Eligible Activities...same as existing programs

- Lowest income areas
- Health and safety violations

- Work with and apply to:

USDA – Rural Development

3260 Eagle Park Dr. NE Ste 101

Grand Rapids, MI 49525-4569

(616) 942-4111 ext. 6



EPA Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

- \$4 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants
- \$2 billion for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants



EPA Clean and Drinking Water

State Revolving Funds

- No less than 20% of funds shall address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements
- At least 50% of funds for forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, grants or combination



EPA Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

- Eligible Activities:

- Priority for projects on state priority list

- Deadline for Drinking Water – 2010 list: May 1, 2009

- Deadline for Wastewater – 2010 list: June 1, 2009

- Projects must be under contract or construction within 12 months of enactment of bill or will be redistributed

EPA Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

■ Contacts

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Environmental Programs

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Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NOAA Fisheries Restoration Center

- \$150 million through a competitive, fisheries restoration grants program
- FFO to be released by the end of February, 2009
- Turn-around time likely will be 30 days.
- Awards are expected to range from \$1.5 to \$10 million.



NOAA Project Readiness

- Design/engineering should be complete, or able to be completed quickly
 - Project completion within 12-18 months
 - Permits should be in hand or applied for
- Eligibility:
 - Public agencies (state, local and tribal);
 - Non profits; for-profit entities; academic institutions; and international organizations



NOAA Priority Areas

- Fish passage (dam removal, fish passage structure)
- Shoreline restoration (wetland creation, erosion prevention, barrier island creation, vegetative planting, invasive species removal)
- Marine debris removal (includes debris accumulated over benthic habitats)
- Habitat restoration in Great Lakes AOCs, including Muskegon Lake and White Lake



NOAA Application Process

No Cost Share requirements

- Non-federal funding increases competitiveness
- Submit proposals at www.grants.gov (register, have DUNs #)

Selection Criteria

- Job creation, economic development;
- Project goals and how they will be monitored;
- Applicant qualifications

Allowable costs

- Equipment, if linked to the restoration and staff if needed to implement or oversee the project.

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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

■ \$100 ml for Brownfield

- Direct from EPA to Local Governments
- No funds are subject to cost-share requirements
- To ensure goal of creating jobs quickly, awards will be for proposal submitted under competitions initiated within the past 18 months.

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- Ron Smedley, MDEQ
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EPA

- \$200 ml for Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST Trust Fund Program)
 - Cleanup under Solid Waste Disposal Act
 - Bill waives the state matching requirements of the Act
- **Contacts**
 - **Kevin Hill**, Region V EPA: (312) 886-6087, hill.kevin@epa.gov
 - **Steve McNealy**: (703) 603-7164
 - Information on regional, smart growth approaches to petroleum brownfield cleanup.
 - **Conan Smith**, MI Suburbs Alliance: (248) 546-2380
 - Cooperative Agreement with EPA's "smart growth program" to assist local governments to prioritize shovel-ready projects for petroleum brownfield sites.
 - **Jennifer Leonard**, National Vacant Properties Campaign:(202) 207-3355

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- \$2 billion for Construction
 - Only for projects previously funded (designed)
 - Priority is for projects that can be completed
 - \$200 ml for water related environmental infrastructure
 - \$500 ml major rehab of inland waterway locks and dams
 - \$200 ml other deep-draft and coastal navigation projects
 - \$400 ml flood control and storm damage reduction
 - \$150 ml for Continuing Authorities
 - \$100 ml hydropower rehabilitation
 - \$250 ml for environmental restoration
- 1.9 billion for Operation and Maintenance

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- \$100 million
 - Through Maritime Administration for Small Shipyards
- \$2.075 billion
 - For O&M, including dredging (funds derived from Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund)
- Contact
 - David Gerczak, Outreach Coordinator Detroit District Office
 - (313) 226-3387
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 - Web Site: <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil>

US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)

- Resource Management
- Habitat Restoration
- Construction
 - \$ Dollar amount unknown at this time (Dept. of Interior)
- Contact
 - Bob Kavetsky, FWS Lansing Office
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Other Environmental Programs

- **USDA NRCS: \$290M – Watershed & Flood Protection**
 - \$145 ml for purchase & restoration of floodplain easements; No more than \$30 ml in any one state.
 - Contact county conservation district
- **USDA NRCS – \$50M for Watershed Rehabilitation**
 - \$50M for watershed projects that can be fully funded and completed with ARRA funds.
 - Contact county conservation district or RC&D
- **National Park Service – \$589M for preservation and repair of historical resources and critical infrastructure**
- **Forest Service – \$650M for forest roads, bridges, trails, removal of fish passage barriers and watershed restoration**
- **Bureau of Land Management – \$125M for rehabilitation of trails, lands for remediation of abandoned mines and wells.**



Energy, Communication & Other Programs

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USDA Rural Development Broadband

\$2.5 Billion for grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure in rural communities

- 75% of area served by project shall be rural without sufficient access to high-speed broadband service
- Priority given to projects giving end users choice of more than one service provider
- Priority given to projects involving rural electric and telephone co-ops
- Priority given to projects ready to go and can be completed with funding
- Cannot receive funding from Broadband Technology Opportunities Program if receive funding from this pot
- Contact the USDA Rural Development Office at:
 - (616) 924-4111 ext. 6



Department of Commerce

NTIA – Broadband Deployment

\$4.7 Billion for New Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (TOP)

- \$3.89B for broadband deployment and expansion
- \$200M for competitive grants for public computer centers
- \$250M for competitive grants to encourage broadband use
- \$350M for State Broadband Data and Development Grants & Development National
- \$10M for DOC Inspector General
- Contact the Department of Commerce at:
 - (202) 482-2000

Department of Energy

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

- **\$3.2B for New Program Authorized in 2007**
 - Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA)
 - \$2.8B for State and Local Formula Grants
 - \$400M for DOE Competitive Grants
- Develop and implement comprehensive energy efficiency strategies
- Contact the Department of Energy at:
 - (202) 586-5000



Department of Energy

State Energy Program

\$3.4 Billion for State Energy Program

- For the Secretary of Energy to make grants only if the Governor of state:
 - Ensures that state or applicable units of local government have the authority to adopt building codes that will improve energy efficiency
 - Extent to which the state will prioritize the grants toward funding energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, including building retrofits
- No state match necessary
- No limitation on using funding for equipment purchases or installation of equipment and materials
- Contact the Department of Energy at:
 - (202) 586-5000

Department of Energy

Weatherization Assistance Program

- **\$5 Billion**
- Expands eligibility by increasing the maximum income from 150 percent to **200 percent of the** poverty level and the allowable level of investment per home from \$2,500 to **\$6,500 to** achieve greater energy savings
- Updates assistance for previously weatherized units from Sept. 30, 1979 to **Sept. 30, 1994**
- Contact the Department of Energy at:
 - (202) 586-5000



What We Can Do Now!



Regional Councils and Local Officials: Action Plan for Stimulus Implementation

- **Establish strategic priorities at regional and local levels**, especially those projects related to overall federal policy goals of job creation/retention, renewable and alternative energy, infrastructure improvements, school improvement and
- Be prepared to **demonstrate results and accountability**
- **Set up meetings TODAY** with federal and state partners who may oversee and have control of federal stimulus money



Questions



**Thank You for
Coming!**