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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

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From: CMAP Staff

Re: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Implementation

The following is a brief update of CMAP's assistance in coordination and implementation of selected elements from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the region.

Transportation

CMAP's transportation committee has included all ARRA programs submitted by the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), the CMAP Council of Mayors, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Metra and Pace into the region's Transportation Improvement Program. CMAP anticipates that additional ARRA transportation funds will come to the region through the rail programs, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants and Transit Investment for Greenhouse Gas & Energy Reduction (TIGGER) grants included in ARRA. The three service boards of the Regional Transportation Authority (CTA, Metra, and Pace) have fully programmed the \$414 million available to them and have obligated \$364 million. Of the \$414 million available, CTA programmed \$240 million, Metra \$141 million and Pace \$33 million. CMAP further anticipates that \$217 million of the \$282 million in ARRA funds available to IDOT will be obligated by the end of September. In fact, IDOT ranks among the top in the nation for the implementation of ARRA. More than half of the local ARRA funds programmed by CDOT and the CMAP Council of Mayors have been obligated. The CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee will set a policy on redistribution of unspent local ARRA funds at its September meeting to ensure that no funds are lost to the region. An expenditure report detailing where the funds have been programmed and amounts obligated is attached.

Regional ARRA Coordinating Council

The Regional ARRA Coordinating Council has been meeting monthly and working on the development of targeted strategies to assist in building initiatives that could maximize and leverage ARRA resources throughout the region. The group recently administered a survey to recipients of housing, workforce development, energy, and weatherization funds. The results of

the survey will help inform the actions of this group. Examples of current initiatives the Council is supporting and assisting in the coordination of include: information sharing on specific ARRA programs, workforce development strategy development and collaboration, and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) collaboration and implementation. Brief descriptions of the ARRA programs we are providing information on as well as evaluating the potential for collaboration and coordination are provided below:

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants:

Thirty-nine municipalities and six counties in the region are eligible for formula grants from the newly created Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) program. Applications were due to the Department of Energy (DOE) on August 10th and awards have yet to be announced. The total eligible amount to northeastern Illinois local governments is more than \$76 million. The Council, and particularly the Center for Neighborhood Technology, is working with municipalities in the development of their strategies, encouraging projects with long-term impact, and coordinating with neighboring jurisdictions. The State of Illinois also submitted an application for EECBG funds; their proposal identified regional planning agencies as having a central role in the allocation of these funds to local governments. This proposal has not yet been approved by DOE.

State Energy Plan:

On August 14th, the State of Illinois' State Energy Plan was approved. Applications for approximately \$100 million in funds for local governments, non-profits, and the private sector are now available through eight grant programs. The potential for residential projects is limited, which may constrain the role of the Council for this program beyond information sharing. The applications are due in October.

Workforce Development:

Formula grants have been distributed to the nine Workforce Investment Boards serving the seven county region. The funds are flowing through the existing Workforce Investment Act programs for adult training, dislocated worker training, and youth programs. There are several competitive grant programs open, including the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's (DCEO) sector based initiative which will allocate 10% of Illinois' \$165 million stimulus Workforce Investment Act funds to programs that focus on either healthcare/healthcare IT, manufacturing, transportation/distribution/logistics, or green initiatives. In addition, \$750 million in nationally competitive grants are being administered by the Department of Labor. The focus of these funds is on green jobs, health care, and other high growth and emerging industries. The ARRA Coordinating Council is exploring what types of collaboration may assist applications submitted from the Chicago area as well as the development of strategies to build sustainable programs. In addition, the Council is considering opportunities to connect the populations served by the housing and weatherization ARRA programs to worker training resources.

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP):

HPRP will provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. Illinois will receive \$70 million in funding; an existing formula is used to make direct allocations to county and municipal governments. Grants are approved on an ongoing basis by the federal agency, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and all are expected to execute in September. Funds may be sub-allocated to local governments and private nonprofit organizations that provide homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services, utilizing either a formula allocation or Request for Proposal process. It is likely ARRA HPRP funds will be used to fill the existing backlog, especially since there were significant cuts in the State budget to homeless prevention funds.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP 1 and 2):

CMAF formed a consortium of local governments and non-profits, known as the Chicago Metropolitan Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Consortium (CMNSPC) for the purposes of implementing the NSP2 Program in partnership with other units of general local government, which include: the municipalities of Aurora, Berwyn, Cicero, Elgin, and Joliet; the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kendall, Lake, and Will; and the Illinois Housing Development Authority. Additionally, the consortium includes Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago as a non-profit member. The application was submitted July 17th and requests a grant amount of \$78.7 million (see full application here: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/policy/housing.aspx?ekmense=c580fa7b_8_18_398_5) December 1st is the last day for HUD to notify selected applicants. The ARRA Coordinating Council will help identify and support coordination between the NSP activities and other resources and programs.

CMAF also continues to coordinate the efforts of recipients of NSP1 program funds. CMAF has created and managed the NSP Coordinating Council and maintains an active NSP listserv. The NSP Coordinating Council includes all of the jurisdictions receiving NSP1 dollars and local HUD Community Planning and Development staff. The NSP Coordinating Council, which meets quarterly, provides a platform to share information, exchange best practices, discuss needed trainings, leverage additional assistance and maximize regional impact. Additionally, CMAF, in partnership with Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus and Business and Professional People for the Public Interest, is developing a best-practice manual for addressing foreclosures. The manual will include model ordinances and case studies from around the region of communities taking measures to address vacant buildings as a result of foreclosures.

Weatherization:

The State of Illinois was awarded \$240 million to weatherize homes or households that meet income criteria; the funds are distributed by formula to each county's Community

Action Agency (CAA). The amount provided to CAAs through the stimulus is a significant increase to previous years' funding. There are numerous opportunities to link these funds to other programs, including NSP and EECBG. The Council is working with the administering entities of these funds to identify how to assist in establishing linkages and coordination to promote the success of this program.

CMAP Recovery Blog

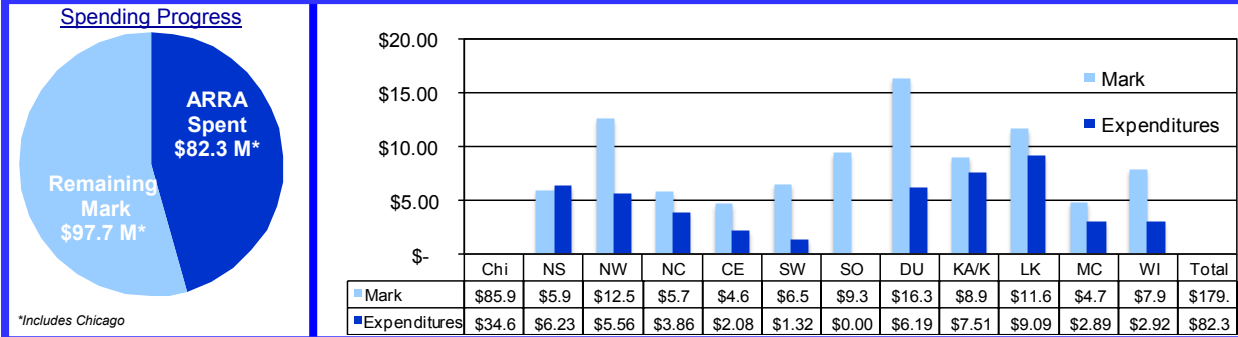
CMAP created a recovery blog, "Regional Response to ARRA" (<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/recovery>) in February to track major developments relating to stimulus funding coming to the region. The blog is updated two to three times a week with information relevant to grant recipients and residents of the area alike. As an aspect of the Council's project of information sharing, the blog allows us to post information on new grant opportunities, upcoming deadlines, news items, and the best ways to track stimulus money coming to the region. Updates on the Regional ARRA Coordinating Council's activities will also be included on this blog, as well as helpful data and analyses. Our blog reaches out to the larger CMAP audience with mentions in CMAP's Weekly Update emails.

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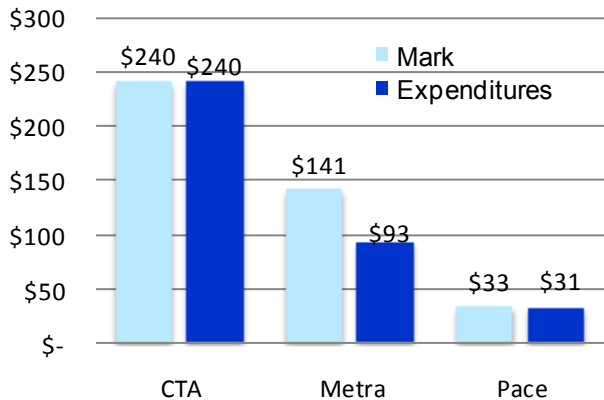
CMAP Region ARRA Expenditure Report

The Suburban Councils received \$94 million in ARRA funding and Chicago received \$85.9 million. About \$82.3 million are scheduled to be let by the end of September, 2009.

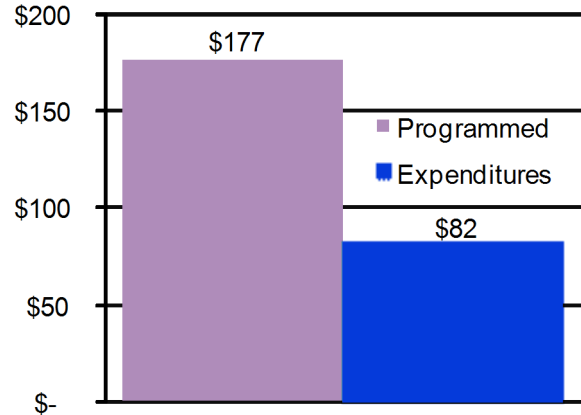
Local Share: Mark and Expenditures (Thru the September Letting)



ARRA Transit Expenditures



Total Local Programmed and Expenditures



The CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee will consider a policy at their September 15, 2009 meeting for redistribution of local ARRA funds that have not been spent.

State Share: Program and Expenditures (Thru the September Letting)

