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Report Tracks Stimulus Money in Chicago Area

Produced by [Ashley Gross](#) on Wednesday, June 23, 2010

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Local governments in the Chicago region have gotten more than \$5 billion in stimulus money since last year. But in some cases, they haven't doled out the money yet.

Stimulus money has gone to everything from job training to road resurfacing. But a new report says some programs – like one to improve energy efficiency - have hardly gotten off the ground. Annie Byrne with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning helped write the report.

BYRNE: I think to be honest I was a little surprised at how little had been spent, but in reality once you start talking to the different local governments, you hear about all the challenges that they're facing.

Byrne says local governments are strapped for cash themselves and have had to cut staff. That's made it harder to start up new programs like the one on energy efficiency.

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