

## COMMERCE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Total ARRA Funds Available \$6,139.9

Total ARRA Budget Request \$0.0

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG)

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$679.9

Total Budget Request: \$0 Capital

**Purpose:** Provide funding for standard allowable CDBG activities meeting low-income benefit requirements, including but not limited to; property acquisition; code enforcement; clearance / rehab / reconstruction / construction of buildings; public and social services (15% limit); planning and capacity building; nonprofit development activities; economic development assistance; relocation; technical assistance; housing services and homeownership assistance. Expansion of an existing program.

**Timing Issues:**

- Funding is available until September 30, 2010
- Recipients prioritize projects that award bid-based contracts within 120 days from funding availability
- Up to 1% may be used for management and oversight of the programs, grants, and activities

**Other Restrictions**

- Grantees prepare an action plan amendment. HUD will process the plans in an expedited manner, execute grant agreements, and make funds available in each grantee's line of credit
- Secretary of HUD may waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation in connection with the obligation if necessary to expedite or facilitate the timely use of this funding and if it is not inconsistent with the overall purpose of the statute (42 U.S.C. 5301)

**Sub-Recipients**

- Funding will be distributed to communities that received funding in FFY08

### COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS (CSBG)

Total ARRR Funds Available: \$3,960.0

Total Budget Request: \$0 Capital

**Purpose:** The CSBG is designed to provide a range of services which assist low-income people to attain skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. The program may also provide low-income people immediate life necessities such as food, shelter, medicine, and other items. Expansion of an existing program.

**Requirements:**

- 1% shall be reserved by states for benefit enrollment coordination activities
- All funds (after the 1% above) distributed by the states directly to local eligible entities
- States can increase the income eligibility ceiling from 125 percent to 200 percent of the Federal poverty level for services furnished under the CSBG Act during fiscal years 2009 and 2010

**Timing:**

- The entire amount is available upon enactment

**Sub-Recipients:**

- Distributed to eligible Community Action Agencies (CAA) - RuRAL CAP is only CAA in Alaska

### SERVE ALASKA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$1,500.0

Total Budget Request: \$0 Operating

**Purpose:** Provide grants to national, state, local governments and to non-profits for performing volunteer programs. Expansion of an existing program.

**Timing Issues:**

- Funding must be obligated within 30 days upon notice of award
- Funding must be spent within two years of receiving the funds

**Other Restrictions**

- An additional \$89 million of funding is provided for existing AmeriCorps grantees and can be used for increases in grants made prior to September 30, 2010, if the Chief Executive Officer for Community for National and Community Service deems it appropriate to waive the cost-sharing requirements

**Sub-Recipients**

- Grants will be given to existing AmeriCorps grantees

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