

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

Total ARRA Funds Available \$262,795.4

Total Budget Request \$463,391.8

New Authorization: \$340,205.4

Fund Source Change: \$123,186.4

√SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$175,461.5

Budget Request: \$332,137.7 total. Of this \$275,771.5 is Federal ES FY09 Capital, \$56,366.2 is fund source change from Fed to Federal ES. Excess authority of \$156,676.2 is requested to accommodate potential contingent funding.

Purpose: Provide additional funding for road and bridge construction projects eligible under CFR Title 23. Federal Highway Administration provides these funds to state DOTs to support public transportation projects consistent with the flexible funding procedures under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Priorities of the program include improving road safety, emphasis on projects in economically distressed areas, provide gas pipeline logistical benefits, leverage other funding sources, and assure construction can begin in 2009. No state match is required.

Timing Issues:

- 50% of the funds must be obligated within 120 days
- Remaining 50% must be obligated within one year

Other Restrictions

- All funds flow through the state DOT
- 67% of the funds must be used on any public highways or roads
- 19% of the funds must go to state & local projects in communities with populations less than 5,000
- 11% of the funds are for projects in communities with populations greater than 200,000
- 3% of the funds must be used for transportation enhancement projects (sidewalks, bike paths, waysides, etc.)
- Use it or lose provisions apply
- All project phases must have been completed in accordance with federal regulations
- All projects must be in a current State Transportation Improvement Program

Recipients

- The Department will award construction contracts through a competitive bid process and oversee the construction projects

√TRANSIT

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$9,083.9

Budget Request: \$9,083.9 Federal ES FY09 Capital

Purpose: Federal Transit Administration will provide funding to Alaska DOT&PF for the Capital Transit Assistance Program for non-urbanized areas. Distribution of the funds by the state is guided by 49 USC. Transit funding can only be spent on capital expenditures such as: buses, bus stops, transit administrative buildings, passenger services and administrative vehicles. No state match is required.

Timing Issues:

- 50% of the funds must be obligated by September 1, 2009
- Remaining funds must be obligated by March 5, 2010

Other Restrictions:

- Projects must be a high local or regional priority
- All environmental findings must be met
- Funds can only be used for capital projects and not for operating expenses
- Use it or lose it provisions apply
- All project phases must have been completed in accordance with federal regulations
- All projects must be in a current State Transportation Improvement Program

Recipients:

- Funds will be provided to non-profits and communities through the existing competitive transit grant process. Applications will be scored using current program criteria.

√Aviation

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$78,250.0

Budget Request: \$122,170.2 total. Of this, \$55,350.0 is Federal ES FY09 Capital, and \$66,820.2 is a fund source change from Fed to Federal ES. Excess authority of \$43,920.2 is requested to accommodate potential contingent funding.

Purpose: Provide construction funds for airport projects. The primary purpose of the projects is to improve airport safety and or capacity. The Federal Aviation Administration provides these funds through discretionary grants which provide the planning and development of a safe and efficient national airport system. These projects could enhance capacity, safety and security, as well as for aircraft noise compatibility planning and programs. Rural airport system projects with high evaluation board scores and the ability to construct in 2009 are considered highest priorities. No state match is required.

Timing Issues:

- 50% of the funds must be obligated within 120 days, although Federal Aviation Administration's goal is to have 100% obligated in 120 days
- Remainder must be obligated within one year

Other Restrictions

- Funding will be provided via grants to DOT&PF following the FAA's Discretionary Fund program
- It is exclusively FAA's decision as to what projects are selected in the discretionary funding program
- Top priority are projects that can be completed within two years
- Projects cannot already be in the normal Airport Improvement Program (projects cannot be swapped between AIP and discretionary fund types).
- Use it or lose provisions apply

Recipients

- The Department will award construction contracts through a competitive bid process and oversee the construction projects