



From the Desk of Lieutenant Governor Matthew Denn
Reviving Delaware
Weekly Stimulus Update
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As I complete my first week as chairman of the Governor's Stimulus Solutions Group, I wanted to give you an update on our activities as we try to help revive Delaware's economy, ensure that Delaware gets every dollar to which it is entitled from the federal stimulus bill, and carefully monitor that money as it flows into Delaware.

Yesterday, the General Assembly's Clearinghouse Committee gave three of our state agencies approval to apply for some of the federal stimulus grants that have the earliest filing deadlines. These grant applications, if they are approved by the federal government, will bring important new services and new jobs to Delaware. The grants we will be submitting over the next several days are:

- A request for nearly \$14 million in weatherization funds, that will help Delawareans make their homes more energy efficient and create jobs for the Delawareans who will perform this work.
- A request for \$1.7 million in clean diesel technology projects. Those projects will show us how to make our air clean, and will create jobs for those who work on them.
- A request for 15 additional Capital Police officers funded through the federal government's COPS program.
- A preliminary list of broad areas where we would propose to use \$24 million in new federal funds for energy conservation projects operated through our State Energy Program. We will be seeking the public's input on the specifics of how those funds should be distributed.

The state will also be using approximately \$155 million in federal stimulus funds to help us close the historic budget deficit that the Governor discussed yesterday. Obviously every dollar in federal stimulus money that we have been able to use for this purpose allows us to reduce the pain that Delawareans feel as we work together to deal with this crisis.

Starting late next week, I and members of my staff and other members of the Governor's Stimulus Solutions Group will be having forums throughout the state to allow members of the public to have their say about the use of federal stimulus funds. In the interim, you can always make suggestions through our web site, www.recovery.delaware.gov. We will also be working as fast as possible to update our web site to allow the public easier access to the funding opportunities arising through the federal stimulus bill.