



From the Desk of Lieutenant Governor Matthew Denn

Reviving Delaware

Weekly Stimulus Update

April 8, 2009

As chairman of the Governor's Stimulus Solutions Group, I am writing 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.

This week, the General Assembly's Clearinghouse Committee gave approval to 11 different federal stimulus grants that state agencies will be submitting to apply for some of the federal stimulus monies. These grant applications, if they are approved by the federal government, will bring important new services and new jobs to Delaware. Many of the grants this week focus on keeping Delawareans safe from crime. Some of the major grants are:

- A request for over \$400,000 to enhance the Delaware Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force's ability to pursue, investigate, and prosecute the proliferation of technology-facilitated child exploitation and victimization in Delaware.
- An application to place 40 AmeriCorps members, aged 17-26, in small teams to conduct conservation activities in our state parks throughout Delaware.
- A request for nearly \$11 million to aid law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and our correctional system in fighting crime.
- An application for \$175,000 to provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- A request for over half a million dollars for the Senior Community Service Employment program, which provides subsidized part-time community employment for low-income individuals, aged 55 and older.

The Clearinghouse Committee, as explained more in my March 27th update (<http://www.recovery.delaware.gov/documents/reviving-de-update-2.pdf>), is another check and balance built into our government to make sure that we are fully accountable for the money with which we have been or will be entrusted.

Don't forget that I and members of my staff, along with other members of the Governor's Stimulus Solutions Group, continue to hold forums throughout the state so that you can have your say about the use of federal stimulus funds. You can see the schedule of these "Stimulus Suggestion Box" sessions at <http://recovery.delaware.gov/meetings.shtml> and they are posted below. Alternatively, you can make suggestions through our web site, <http://ideas.delaware.gov>.

Stimulus Suggestion Box Meetings

Thursday, April 9th

12:30 pm

Tatnall Building, 3rd Floor, Dover

Wednesday, April 15th

12:30 pm

Carvel Building, 10th Floor, Wilmington

Thursday, April 16th

4:00 pm

Delaware Tech-Owens Campus, Arts & Science Center, Room 346, Georgetown

Thursday, April 23rd

4:30 pm

Tatnall Building, 3rd Floor, Dover