

# ARRA 2009: Programs of Municipal Interest

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# DOT: Transportation

- ❖ \$129.4 million in ARRA \$ to NH DOT
- ❖ \$14.9 million of this is for municipal projects
- ❖ 85 Fed-eligible municipal projects on DOT list
- ❖ 85 projects = 3X as much \$ as is available
- ❖ Funding on a first-come, first-served basis
- ❖ NH DOT has notified all cities/towns on their list



# DOT: Transit

- ❖ \$13.5 million ARRA \$ for in NH mass transit systems
- ❖ NH DOT has released the list of transit capital projects which qualified for ARRA funding:

<http://www.nh.gov/dot/recovery/documents/fta.pdf>

- ❖ Additional information at the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) web page:

[www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/guidance.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/guidance.htm)





# EPA/NH DES: WATER

- ❖ \$39.5 million for clean water projects
- ❖ \$19.5 million for drinking water projects
- ❖ NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) recently held a public hearing on the **Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)** & the **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)** Intended Use Plans (IUP) and Project Priority Lists (PPL) for projects funded in part through the ARRA
- ❖ Municipal projects have been identified & prioritized



# EPA/NH DES: WATER

- ❖ These IUPs and PPLs are preliminary and will not be finalized until after the close of the public comment period which closes on April 10<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ CWSRF and DWSRF are loan programs, not grants
- ❖ All available ARRA \$ goes toward loan principal forgiveness
- ❖ Projects will have 50% of borrowed principal forgiven at the time of loan repayment
- ❖ Borrowers must appropriate the entire amount of the project cost before a loan agreement may be executed





# EPA/NH DES: WATER

❖ The preliminary list of wastewater projects is @:

[http://des.nh.gov/recovery/documents/dw\\_preapps\\_final\\_epaid.pdf](http://des.nh.gov/recovery/documents/dw_preapps_final_epaid.pdf)

❖ The clean water projects were divided into 3 categories:

- (1) wastewater projects
- (2) energy efficiency projects
- (3) green projects

❖ Details of the three clean water projects are @:

[http://des.nh.gov/recovery/water\\_funding.htm](http://des.nh.gov/recovery/water_funding.htm)



# EPA/NH DES: DIESEL

❖ NH DES has completed its solicitation of proposals for the use of ARRA funding received through the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA), details of which are @:

<http://des.nh.gov/recovery>

❖ The US EPA has issued application guidelines for the various DERA programs and funding options, to which NH DES will be applying based on their collected proposals from municipalities and other eligible entities





# EPA/BROWNFIELDS

- ❖ ARRA provides \$100 million to the EPA Brownfields Program for clean up, revitalization, and sustainable reuse of contaminated properties...**\$1.8 million to NH**
- ❖ Grant \$ will be allocated to projects based on a competitive review of project proposals
- ❖ **Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, & Cleanup Grants:** Information on these 3 programs will be available soon
- ❖ **Job Training Grants:** EPA issued RFA from eligible governmental entities & nonprofits to provide environmental job training projects...closing date 4-20-09





# DOJ: LAW ENFORCEMENT

- ❖ Two US Department of Justice (DOJ) programs have now opened their grant solicitation windows:
- 1. COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)
- 2. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

# DOJ: COPS/CHRP

- ❖ The COPS Hiring Recovery Program is a competitive grant program providing funding directly to law enforcement agencies for newly hired officers, and to positions in danger of being eliminated due to budget cuts
- ❖ CHRP grant applications are due by April 14, 2009
- ❖ 100% funding for 3 years...no local match required
- ❖ After year 3, positions must be funded locally for 1 year
- ❖ For more information: [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov)

# DOJ: BYRNE/JAG

❖ The **Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program** allows states & local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system

❖ **JAG** funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice, and criminal justice-related research and evaluation activities



# DOJ: BYRNE/JAG

❖ Applicants are limited to units of local government listed in the ARRA JAG Allocation list, of which there are many in New Hampshire (see list @):

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>

❖ Full details are available @:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryLocal.pdf>

❖ JAG applications are due by May 18, 2009



# USDA: RURAL PROGRAMS

## Rural Water & Waste Water Disposal Program

- ❖ Provides direct loans & grants for rural water, wastewater, and waste disposal programs
- ❖ Rural = cities and towns with populations under 10,000
- ❖ Nationwide, \$1.38 billion in ARRA funding will be available
- ❖ Direct loans and grants may be used for building, repairing, and improving public water systems, waste collection and treatment systems, and other related costs



# USDA: RURAL PROGRAMS

## Rural Communities Facilities Program

- ❖ The Rural Community Facilities Program provides loans and/or grants to assist communities with a population of less than 20,000 with essential community facilities
- ❖ Nationwide, \$130 million in ARRA funding will be available
- ❖ Monies may be used for building facilities, & the purchase of equipment for fire and rescue, telecommunications, schools, libraries, hospitals, etc.
- ❖ More info. on NH USDA Rural Development web site:  
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/index.htm>



# US HOMELAND SECURITY

## Firefighter Assistance Grants for Non-Federal Fire Stations

- ❖ This is a US Homeland Security/FEMA grant program to assist municipalities modify, upgrade, or construct fire stations
- ❖ Nationwide, \$210 million in ARRA funding will be available
- ❖ Further guidance on the program and its ARRA details is forthcoming
- ❖ There is historical information on the program's web site, which may differ from new rules imposed under ARRA funding

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/>



# HUD/HOUSING PROGRAMS

- ❖ NH cities, towns, and housing authorities are eligible for \$33.5 million in HUD formula allocations
- ❖ View the table of HUD programs & ARRA funding for NH @:

[http://www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebSite/PDFDocuments/NHMA\\_Advocacy/EconomicStimulus/HUD\\_Formula\\_Allocations\\_NH.pdf](http://www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebSite/PDFDocuments/NHMA_Advocacy/EconomicStimulus/HUD_Formula_Allocations_NH.pdf)

- ❖ These allocations represent 75% of the ARRA monies flowing from HUD; guidance on the remaining 25% will be forthcoming over the next few months







# HUD/HOUSING PROGRAMS

| <b>HUD Formula Allocations for New Hampshire<br/>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009</b> |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>Public Housing Capital Fund</b>  | <b>\$7,725,542</b> |
| <b>Tax Credit Assistance Program</b>  | <b>\$8,269,787</b> |
| <b>Homelessness Prevention Fund</b>   | <b>\$5,378,867</b> |
| <b>Community Development Block Grant</b>  | <b>\$3,514,132</b> |
| <b>Project-Based Rental Assistance</b>  | <b>\$8,636,771</b> |



# US DEPT. OF ENERGY/EECBG

## Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program

- ❖ US DOE's EECBG program has \$3.2 billion in ARRA \$
- ❖ \$2.8 billion is for formula grants, with \$400 million to be awarded on a competitive basis
- ❖ The stated purpose of the program is to assist in implementing strategies to:
  - (1) reduce fossil fuel emissions
  - (2) reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities
  - (3) improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, & other appropriate sectors

# US DOE/EECBG

## Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program

- ❖ 68% of the total \$2.8 billion goes to the States' Top 10 municipalities by population
- ❖ Another 28% flows directly to States...in NH, the Office of Energy & Planning (OEP) receives \$9.6 million
- ❖ Of this 28%, OEP is required to pass 60% through to municipalities that were not eligible for the 68% Fed portion
- ❖ These same ineligible municipalities also qualify for the \$400 million portion of the EECBG package, awarded through competitive applications (with guidance forthcoming)



# EECBG NH ALLOCATIONS

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Concord     | \$203,800.00   |
| Derry       | \$133,200.00   |
| Dover       | \$123,400.00   |
| Hudson      | \$104,500.00   |
| Londonderry | \$106,200.00   |
| Manchester  | \$1,049,400.00 |
| Merrimack   | \$116,400.00   |
| Nashua      | \$834,900.00   |
| Rochester   | \$126,500.00   |
| Salem       | \$131,100.00   |



# US DOE/EECBG

## Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program

- ❖ For NH's Top 10, EECBG application deadline is 6-25-09
- ❖ Applications must include a strategy for the use of funds
- ❖ Funds must be obligated within 18 months from the effective date of the award; otherwise, DOE reserves the right to deobligate the funds and cancel the award
- ❖ NH's Top 10 must follow a 3-step registration process directly with the Federal government (FedConnect)
- ❖ 21 days should be allowed for this process



# US DOE/EECBG

## Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program

❖ The 3 steps in the FedConnect process:

Request a DUNS Number:

<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>

Register with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR):

<http://www.ccr.gov/>

E-Business Point of Contact must register in FedConnect:

<https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/>





# US DOE/EECBG

## Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program

❖ For more information on US DOE's EECBG:

<http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/>

❖ Guidance on NH OEP's ARRA portion for Non-Top 10 municipalities is forthcoming @:

<http://www.nh.gov/oep/recovery/index.htm>





# US DOE & NH OEP/ WEATHERIZATION

- ❖ Since '74, through NH OEP, NH's 6 Community Action Programs (CAP) have weatherized NH's low-income homes with funding from the Department of Energy and other sources
- ❖ Weatherization funding under ARRA increases from the usual \$3 million to \$23.2 million
- ❖ Allows for 3,500 more homes...creates 184 new jobs
- ❖ Avg. \$ allowed per dwelling grows from \$2,500 to \$6,500
- ❖ Eligibility raised from 150% to 200% of federal poverty
- ❖ Funds begin to arrive 4-1-09...OEP must move \$ quickly to CAPs in order to obtain full DOE allocation





# COMMERCE/NTIA B'BAND

## Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)

- ❖ ARRA provides \$4.7 billion nationwide for BTOP grants
- ❖ Purposes include providing BB access to unserved and underserved areas (neither term defined in ARRA)
- ❖ Grant-eligible entities include states, political subdivisions, non-profits, & private BB providers (if in public interest)
- ❖ At least one BTOP grant per state
- ❖ 20% match required...some may be waived

# COMMERCE/NTIA B'BAND

## Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)

- ❖ Municipalities do not have to apply through State (DRED), although BTOP may score statewide coalitions more highly
- ❖ US Commerce Department's National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) is conducting "listening sessions" now...public comment period ends 4-13-09...rules, guidance, & grant policies to follow
- ❖ Definitions of "unserved/underserved" may result



# AGRICULTURE/RUS B'BAND

## Broadband Infrastructure Grants & Loans

- ❖ ARRA gives \$2.5 billion to US Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) branch for broadband infrastructure grants and loans in any rural area of the US with populations at or below 5,000
- ❖ 75% of area to be served must have insufficient BB access to facilitate economic development
- ❖ Priority to those who deliver choice in providers, which may favor municipal ventures which augment private services
- ❖ Further RUS guidance forthcoming