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1. Funding Table

A full funding description is provided in the Appendix.

2. Objectives

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA or Recovery Act) funding for Geriatrics and Extended Care (GEC) Grants for State Extended Care will be used for 49 new construction and renovation projects in 23 States that are listed on the FY 2009 Priority List.

3. Activities

GEC identified 49 State Veterans' Home construction and renovation projects in 23 States taken in strict priority order from the FY 2009 State Home Construction Grant Priority List to receive the \$150 million appropriated under the Recovery Act. States were notified by letter on March 5, 2009, of the funding opportunities and informed that the funds will remain available until September 30, 2010. States were advised that the Recovery Act requires extensive reporting from recipients of Federal funds, over and above that which is normally required of States receiving State Veterans' Home construction grants from VA. Funds will be allocated once the States meet all requirements for grant award. The table below describes each grant.

Grants for VA Construction of State Extended Care Facilities Stimulus Expenditure Plan

FY 2009 List Rank	FAI No.	State (Locality)	Description	ARRA Est. VA Grant Cost (000)	ARRA Cumulative Spend Down (000)	ARRA Appropriation Spend Down (000)	VISN	Congressional District
						150,000		
1	09-013	CT (Rocky Hill)	Domiciliary Renovations - Buildings 2, 3 and 4	5,397	5,397	144,603	1	CT-1st
2	55-046	WI (Union Grove)	Upgrade Main Electrical Switchgear	263	5,660	144,340	12	WI-1st
3	29-017	MO (St. Louis)	Emergency Generator, Etc.	944	6,604	143,396	15	MO-1st
4	29-018	MO (Cape Girardeau)	Fire Lane, Hydrant and Lighting	708	7,312	142,688	15	MO-8th
5	29-019	MO (Cameron)	Emergency Generator, Etc.	372	7,684	142,316	15	MO-6th
6	29-021	MO (Mexico)	Emergency Generator, Etc.	372	8,056	141,944	15	MO-9th
7	29-022	MO (Mt. Vernon)	Emergency Generator, Etc.	372	8,428	141,572	16	MO-7th
8	29-023	MO (St. James)	Emergency Generator, Etc.	372	8,800	141,200	15	MO-8th
9	29-024	MO (Warrensburg)	Emergency Generator, Etc.	372	9,172	140,828	15	MO-4th

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10	34-029	NJ (Paramus)	HVAC Replacement, Phase 2	475	9,647	140,353	3	NJ-5th
11	26-016	MI (Grand Rapids)	Code Fire Suppression, Nurse Call Replacement	704	10,351	139,649	11	MI-3rd
12	25-065	MA (Chelsea)	Roof Replacement - Quigley Building	793	11,144	138,856	1	MA-8th
13	18-003	IN (Lafayette)	Facility Upgrade	869	12,013	137,987	11	IN-4th
14	55-047	WI (King)	Replace Resident Wandering Monitoring System	386	12,399	137,601	12	WI-8th
15	36-015	NY (Stony Brook)	Emergency Generator and System Upgrade	470	12,869	137,131	3	NY-1st
16	13-005	GA (Milledgeville)	Dietary Facility Renovation Kitchen Upgrade - Secrest Hall	715	13,584	136,416	7	GA-12th
17	39-023	OH (Sandusky)		260	13,844	136,156	10	OH-9th
18	23-013	ME (Caribou)	Multipurpose Room Addition	354	14,198	135,802	1	ME-2nd
19	19-031	IA (Marshalltown)	Dining & Activity Room Expansion	2,377	16,575	133,425	23	IA-4 th
20	17-027	IL (Quincy)	Bus & Ambulance Garage	565	17,140	132,860	23	IL-17th
21	34-025	NJ (Paramus)	Multipurpose Room Addition	1,415	18,555	131,445	3	NJ-5th
22	55-035	WI (Union Grove)	Aboveground Building Connectors	2,217	20,772	129,228	12	WI-1st
23	17-030	IL (Manteno)	Construct Storage Building	1,610	22,382	127,618	12	IL-11th
24	17-033	IL (Manteno)	Convert/Upgrade Resident Outdoor Activity Space & Staff Offices	2,320	24,702	125,298	12	IL-11th
25	04-003	AZ (Phoenix)	Facility Renovation, Phase 1	364	25,066	124,934	18	AZ-4th
26	39-021	OH (Sandusky)	Corridor Renovation	325	25,391	124,609	10	OH-9th
27	19-030	IA (Marshalltown)	Renovate Medical Clinic Space	727	26,118	123,882	23	IA-4th
28	39-024	OH (Georgetown)	Security Upgrades, Phase 1	330	26,448	123,552	10	OH-2nd
29	39-025	OH (Georgetown)	Security Upgrades, Phase 2	331	26,779	123,221	10	OH-2nd
30	08-015	CO (Walsenburg)	General Renovations	2,045	28,824	121,176	19	CO-3rd
31	23-012	ME (South Paris)	Replace Flooring	353	29,177	120,823	1	ME-2nd
32	55-043	WI (King)	Ceiling Resident Lift System	1,892	31,069	118,931	12	WI-8th
33	49-003	UT (Salt Lake City)	General Renovations	645	31,714	118,286	19	UT-2nd
34	44-011	RI (Bristol)	General Renovations	1,204	32,918	117,082	1	RI-1st
35	51-007	VA (Roanoke)	General Renovations	372	33,290	116,710	6	VA-6th
36	12-015	FL (Daytona Beach)	General Renovation & Facility Upgrade	3,250	36,540	113,460	8	FL-7th
37	55-049	WI (King)	Remodel Laundry Facility	283	36,823	113,177	12	WI-8th
38	48-008	TX (Houston)	160-Bed NHC (New)	8,680	45,503	104,497	16	TBD
39	48-009	TX (Tyler)	160-Bed NHC (New)	8,680	54,183	95,817	17	TX-1st
40	48-010	TX (Pending)	160-Bed NHC (New)	8,680	62,863	87,137		TBD

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41	48-011	TX (Pending)	160-Bed NHC (New)	8,680	71,543	78,457		TBD
42	37-004	NC (Pending - Eastern)	100-Bed NHC (New)	8,147	79,690	70,310	6	NC-1st&3rd
43	37-005	NC (Pending - Western)	100-Bed NHC (New)	8,147	87,837	62,163	6	NC-11th
44	42-021	PA (Spring City)	112-Bed DOM Replacement + 8 Additional Beds	17,109	104,946	45,054	4	PA-6th
45	27-022	MN (Fergus Falls)	Dementia - Special Care Unit - (24 Beds - New)	4,799	109,745	40,255	23	MN-7th
46	55-032	WI (Union Grove)	24-Bed DOM Addition (New)	1,625	111,370	38,630	12	WI-1st
47	49-002	UT (Ogden)	120-Bed NHC (New)	12,573	123,943	26,057	19	UT-1st
48	04-002	AZ (Tucson)	180-Bed NHC (New) & 35 Participant ADHC	18,671	142,614	7,386	18	AZ-7th
49	17-031	IL (LaSalle)	80-Bed NHC Addition	8,308	150,922	(922)*	12	IL-11th

*The estimated shortfall of approximately \$922,000 for project #49 will be funded from the FY 2009 regular appropriation for this program and will be separately accounted for.

Note: Subsequent to the approval of this project list, 4 states have notified VA that they plan to withdraw one project (#25) and defer 6 others (22, 30, 38 40, 41, and 46). Several states anticipate that project costs will be higher than those listed in the table, which date from applications submitted from one to several years ago. Once project costs are finalized, VA will reallocate funds and revise the table.

4. Characteristics

Grant project awards will be made to individual States for up to 65% of project costs (in accordance with 38 Code of Federal Regulations, part 59). The tracking of State Extended Care funding will be by the specific Treasury Appropriation Account Symbol (TAFS) assigned to this program (9/0184B1). This TAFS was established by the Department of the Treasury to distinguish Recovery Act funds for this program.

5. Delivery Schedule

All projects and their phases will be tracked by GEC with input from the Office of Construction and Facilities Management (OCFM) and the States, and appropriate information on project status will be available on VA's Recovery Act Web site. All grants will be made by September 30, 2010.

6. Environmental Review Compliance

The Office of GEC, with input from OCFM, and the State Veterans Homes will review all projects for compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, and other related statutes. The VA General Counsel determined that the National Environmental Policy Act is not applicable to these projects. State Veterans Homes Project managers must comply with all pertinent laws, rules, and regulations.

7. Measures

VHA will use the following five performance measures to assess the impact of the Recovery Act funding. These are new performance measures.

Measure #1

Percent of States that have confirmed the availability and commitment of required State matching funds for ARRA-funded projects (reconfirming original certification).

Performance Table

Targets	Targets
2009	2010
ARRA	ARRA
80%	100%

Other Required Information

New or Existing Measure	Results Data Collection Frequency	Public Accessibility Modality	Results Calculation	Results Data Source	Strategic Goal Link	Strategic Objective Link
New	Monthly	www.va.gov/recovery	Confirmed funding responses from States divided by number of States with Planned Projects (cumulative across FYs)	VHA/GEC Extended Care State Home Project Files	SG 1: Restoration and Improved Quality of Life for Disabled Veterans	SO1.1: Specialized Health Care Services

Impact of ARRA on Performance

Recovery funding provides for additional modification and/or construction of facilities that will provide needed care for Veterans in 23 States.

Measure #2

Percent of ARRA-funded projects that have been obligated.

Performance Table

Targets	Targets
2009	2010
ARRA	ARRA
80%	100%

Other Required Information

New or Existing Measure	Results Data Collection Frequency	Public Accessibility Modality	Results Calculation	Results Data Source	Strategic Goal Link	Strategic Objective Link
New	Monthly	www.va.gov/recovery	Number of projects approved by the Secretary and funding obligated divided by number of projects planned (cumulative across FYs)	FMS and Electronic Contract Management System	SG 1: Restoration and Improved Quality of Life for Disabled Veterans	SO1.1: Specialized Health Care Services

Impact of ARRA on Performance

Recovery funding provides for the funding of 49 projects in 23 States. Projects involve additional modification and/or construction of facilities that will provide needed care for Veterans.

Measure #3

Percent of ARRA funding obligated to ARRA-identified projects (\$ millions).

Performance Table

Targets	Targets
2009	2010
ARRA 50%	ARRA 100%

Other Required Information

New or Existing Measure	Results Data Collection Frequency	Public Accessibility Modality	Results Calculation	Results Data Source	Strategic Goal Link	Strategic Objective Link
New	Monthly	www.va.gov/recovery	Dollar value of obligations incurred compared to the total recovery funding level (\$150M)	FMS and Electronic Contract Management System	SG 1: Restoration and Improved Quality of Life for Disabled Veterans	SO1.1: Specialized Health Care Services

Impact of ARRA on Performance

Recovery funding provides for the \$150 million in funding for 49 projects in 23 States. VA's goal will be to obligate \$75 million in FY 2009 and \$75 million FY 2010.

Measure #4

Percent of ARRA-funded projects obligated that have started.

Performance Table

Targets	Targets
2009	2010
ARRA	ARRA
50%	100%

Other Required Information

New or Existing Measure	Results Data Collection Frequency	Public Accessibility Modality	Results Calculation	Results Data Source	Strategic Goal Link	Strategic Objective Link
New	Quarterly	www.va.gov/recovery	Number of projects started divided by the number of projects obligated (cumulative across FYs)	Input from State Grant Recipients	SG 1: Restoration and Improved Quality of Life for Disabled Veterans	SO1.1: Specialized Health Care Services

Impact of ARRA on Performance

Recovery funding provides for the \$150 million in funding for 49 projects in 23 States. Once projects are obligated, actual work will begin. VA projects that all projects will have begun by the end of FY 2011. A project is considered started/begun when construction has actually begun i.e. ground has been broken for new construction; renovations are being performed; actual physical work is in process.

Measure #5

Percent of ARRA-related renovation/upgrade construction projects that improve energy efficiency.

Performance Table

States are required by law to submit all requirements to receive a grant in FY 2009 by August 15, 2009. Materials submitted will be reviewed by VA Facilities Management to identify components that improve energy efficiency. Targets for Measure 5 will be set in Q1 2010 as projects are finalized.

Results 2006	Results 2007	Results 2008	Targets 2009 Approp.	Targets 2009 ARRA	Targets 2010 Request	Targets 2010 ARRA	2011
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	TBD	TBD

Other Required Information

New or Existing Measure	Results Data Collection Frequency	Public Accessibility Modality	Results Calculation	Results Data Source	Strategic Goal Link	Strategic Objective Link
New	Quarterly	www.va.gov/recovery	Number of projects incorporating energy efficiency divided by the total renovation/upgrade projects	Input from State Grant Recipients and OCFM	SG 1: Restoration and Improved Quality of Life for Disabled Veterans	SO1.1: Specialized Health Care Services

Impact of ARRA on Performance

Recovery funding provides for the \$150 million in funding for 49 projects in 23 States. Projects involve additional modification and/or construction of facilities that will provide needed care for Veterans. A key emphasis of ARRA is to promote the better, more efficient use of energy. VA will focus on energy efficiency when funding projects.

8. Monitoring/Evaluation

The five performance measures listed above will monitor GEC’s progress in meeting the targeted performance.

9. Transparency

GEC’s funding list is included on VA’s Recovery Web site. Grants.gov provides information available to the public on grant opportunities including Recovery Act grant opportunities. Applicants can track the status of their applications using a login function. Grantors can access applications to their programs, also using a login function. [Note: To our knowledge, the site does not provide information about grants that have been issued.]

10. Accountability

GEC has developed a detailed spend plan and performance measures. The new performance measures will track the ARRA-funded State Extended Care projects and purchases. Responsibility for ARRA-related activities will be incorporated in performance assessment of appropriate manager(s). If measures are not met, assessment will be adversely affected unless there is an appropriate justification for the outcome.

11. Barriers to Effective Implementation

GEC has to rely on the States to meet the regulatory requirements by the established timelines.

12. Federal Infrastructure Investments

Not applicable

Grants – State Extended Care Funding Table

Table 1A – Account Summary

	TAFS (pick from dropdown)	Appropriated to TAFS (\$000s)	Program Allocations BA Allocation (\$000s)	Program Allocations Program Name
One account funding one program	Grants for Construction of State Extended Care (36- 0184 2009/2010)	150,000	150,000	Grants for Construction of State Extended Care

**Table 1B – Obligations/Gross Outlays – January 2009 through December 2010
(\$000)**

Planned Obligations and Gross Outlays (\$000s)

Funding Type	Funding Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Obligation	2009									75	75	75	75
Gross Outlay	2009									0	0	0	0
Obligation	2010	75	75	75	75	75	94	113	131	150			
Gross Outlay	2010	0	0	0	2	5.1	9.2	13.3	16.2	20.4			