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How the Federal Economic Stimulus Bill will help Longmont

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On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), but most people know this legislation by the name "federal stimulus." More than \$783 billion dollars are designated for various programs throughout the nation, and the stated purpose of the ARRA is to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; assist those most impacted by the recession; and to invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.

Funding may come from the ARRA to Longmont through several avenues:

1. **Direct allocations to the City** - Community Development Block Grants and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants
2. **The State of Colorado** – grants and competitive processes (including energy, water and transportation funding)
3. **National Competition** – national competitions with funding from federal agencies such as Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Below is a list of grants that the City staff is applying for on behalf of Longmont, as well as a list of formulary dollars the City will receive from the ARRA:

What the City of Longmont is considering applying for

- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program** - purchasing foreclosed homes, rehabilitating them and reselling them at an affordable rate
- **Assisted Housing Green Retrofits** - in support of the Longmont Housing Authority's application to retrofit "green" energy

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- conservation measures on the properties
- **Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)** - short-term rent assistance and other opportunities to keep people from becoming homeless due to foreclosure
- **Smart Grid Technology** - new electric opportunities to manage energy flow based on demand
- **COPS and Edward Byrne Grants** - law enforcement personnel for municipalities
- **Clean Diesel and Alternative Fueled Vehicles** - retrofitting existing diesel motors and purchasing alternative fueled vehicles for the City fleet
- **Assistance to Firefighters Grant** - retrofit/ upgrade fire stations and equipment
- **Water and Wastewater Projects** - infrastructure upgrades
- **Broadband Technology Opportunity Program** - public computing sites

[View the tracking spreadsheet of all federal stimulus grants](#) (PDF, 17 kb).

What is already on the way

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Dollars for Longmont

Federal Agency	Grant Type	City Contact	Dollar Amount
Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	Community Development Block Grant	Kathy Fedler, 303-651-8736	\$144,674
Department of Energy (DOE)	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program	Ron Shaw, 303-651-8379	\$785,100
Department of Energy (DOE)	Weatherization Assistance	Long's Peak Energy Conservation, 720-864-6401	To be dispersed throughout County
Department of Justice	Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	Dan Eamon, 303-651-8433	\$29,339
Total Funds			\$959,113

How you can get involved

[View information on public computing sites applied for in the Broadband Technology Opportunity grant](#) (PDF File)

[Public Input Needed on Neighborhood Stabilization Program Application](#)
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[View the City's application for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds](#) (PDF File)

[Own a small business? Find out how the ARRA can help you](#) (PDF File)

[Check out information on the "Making Work Pay" tax incentive that is part of the ARRA](#)

[Public Input Needed on Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\) Stimulus Funding](#)

[Apply for weatherization assistance through Long's Peak Energy Conservation](#)

[Read about the proposed Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and the Update to City Council on June 2, 2009, including the public ideas on how to use the funds](#)

[Find out about energy conservation and efficiency programs in Longmont](#)

[View the Mayor's letter about Longmont's application for 24 alternative fueled vehicle upgrades](#) (pdf, 329k)

Want to see all of the federal stimulus grant opportunities? Check out www.grants.gov and in the keyword search, type "recovery"

[Check out the federal recovery web site - www.recovery.gov](#)

[Check out the state recovery web site - www.colorado.gov/recovery](#)

The City of Longmont is in the process of applying for funds where possible and appropriate, although in some cases, the City is still waiting for both the state and federal government to send specific directives/deadlines/criteria for the funds. Staff members are working hard to ensure that the residents of Longmont receive benefits from the federal stimulus funding and will continue to update the residents of Longmont on progress. For more information, please contact Sandi Seader, Assistant to the City Manager at sandra.seader@ci.longmont.co.us.

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