



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES REPORT

How Does Final FY2011 Budget Affect Grant Programs?

The President signed a 24-week continuing resolution on April 15th which finalized spending for FY2011. With the bill came a reduction of approximately \$40 billion in spending from FY2010, of this \$23 billion came from discretionary spending program. So how do these reductions affect grant programs?

R.O. Anderson staff has been following some of the major program budgets and has listed some of these cuts as reported from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations in millions of dollars below:

Rural Development

<i>Rural Housing Service Loans & Grants</i>	-\$208.8
<i>Rural Business Loans & Grants</i>	-\$33.2
<i>Rural Utilities Loans & Grants</i>	-\$204.5
<i>Natural Resources Conservation Service</i>	-\$152.5

Commerce

<i>Economic Development Assistance</i>	-\$80.0
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Energy and Water Development

<i>Corps of Engineers, Construction</i>	-\$441.0
<i>Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy</i>	-\$786.3
<i>Water & Related Resources, BOR</i>	-\$37.7

Homeland Security

<i>FEMA - Predisaster Mitigation Grants</i>	-\$35.0
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Interior and Environment

<i>Land and Water Conservation Fund</i>	-\$392.6
<i>Fish & Wildlife Service Grants</i>	-\$168.4

Transportation, HUD

<i>FHWA Surface Transportation Priorities</i>	-\$292.8
<i>FTA, Capital Investment Grants</i>	-\$430.9
<i>FRA, High Speed Rail</i>	-\$2500.0
<i>Community Development Fund</i>	-\$2950.0

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According to the *APA Advocate*, HUD was a popular target for cuts. Although some programs were reduced by 50 percent, this was considered a win in such an economic environment. The Sustainable Communities Initiative was targeted for total elimination; however, the program was retained and received \$100 million in funding.

Although there were cuts in all major transportation programs, high speed rail took the largest hit followed by transit programs. The TIGER program, which was considered a success, received \$528 million for FY 2011 grants, only \$72 million less than FY2010.

There is no doubt that as budgets get tighter, grant competition for limited funding will increase. R.O. Anderson has the private sector resources and expertise to see your projects through preliminary design, environmental review, and grant application processes. Call us at (775) 215-5042 to discuss what opportunities are available for you.

Grant Opportunities

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HUD Announced \$3.09 Million for FY 2011 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program (CA& NV)

Deadline: June 15, 2011

Match: Cost sharing or matching is not required under this grant. However, maximum grant amount is \$500,000.

The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low- and moderate- incomes.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are Indian tribes or tribal organizations on behalf of Indian tribes.

Eligible Activities: ICDBG funds may be used to improve housing stock, provide community facilities, improve infrastructure, and expand job opportunities by supporting the economic development of the communities, especially by nonprofit tribal organizations or local development corporations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Funding Available for Economic Development Planning Efforts (CA& NV)

Deadline: Ongoing

Match: 30 to 50%

The Economic Development Agency's (EDA) Planning Program is one of six economic development assistance programs the agency operates. Under this program, EDA provides assistance to eligible recipients to create regional economic development plans in order to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region. The Planning Program also helps support planning organizations, including District Organizations and Indian Tribes, with Short-Term Planning and State Planning investments designed to create and retain higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, particularly for the

unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of investment assistance include: a district organization; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; state, city or other political subdivision of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Eligible Activities: EDA supports Partnership Planning investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDs). EDA provides Partnership Planning grants to the designated planning organization serving EDA-designated Economic Development Districts throughout the Nation. These planning organizations are typically recognized by the State in which they reside as multi-jurisdictional councils of governments, regional commissions, or planning and development centers. Planning Partnership grants enable planning organizations to manage and coordinate the development and implementation of CEDs to address the unique needs of their respective regions. In addition, EDA provides Partnership Planning grants to Indian Tribes to help organize and assist with the implementation of economic development activities within their areas.

HAZARD MITIGATION

Nevada Announces Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program 2011 Deadlines (NV)

Deadline: NOI due June 16, 2011
Final Application due Nov 17, 2011

Match: 25%

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs provide funding for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages.

Eligible Applicants: Entities eligible to apply for HMA grants include the emergency management agency or a similar office of the states. Eligible sub-applicants include state agencies, Indian tribal governments, local governments/communities, and private non-profit organizations.

Eligible Activities: Eligible activities include hazard mitigation planning, property acquisition and structure demolition, property acquisition and structure relocation, structure elevation, mitigation reconstruction, dry floodproofing of historic residential structures, dry floodproofing of non-residential structures, minor localized flood reduction projects, structural retrofitting of existing buildings, non-structural retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities, safe room construction, infrastructure retrofit, soil stabilization, wildfire mitigation, and post-disaster code enforcement.

Comprehensive Grant Services

R.O. Anderson offers the following grants services:

Money Search: R.O. Anderson can provide you with an in-depth search of available grant opportunities and develop a list of potential funding sources.

Research: If your organization has a written proposal, but has not found the funding source, our firm can locate available funding opportunities. We can also rewrite the proposal to fit the new guidelines and resubmit to the new source.

Proposal Writing: Starting from the project's concept, R.O. Anderson offers grant writing and development services. We will prepare proposals and related documents for submission to and follow-up with the funding source(s).

Grant Administration: R.O. Anderson also offers grant administration services. With a CPA on staff, we are prepared to handle the task of administering the grant so that you can focus on your project.

Ready to get started? We're ready to help you take the next step to obtain funding for your projects. Contact Stephanie Hicks, AICP, Senior Planner/Grants Professional, at (775) 215-5042 or shicks@roanderson.com.

RECREATION

\$1 Million in Funding for Parks and Playgrounds (CA)

Deadline: July 29, 2011

Match: None (Maximum Grant Amounts: \$200,000)

The Infrastructure Fund is designed to support efforts to improve community parks and open space to make them more accessible, viable, and safe for children and youth. Proposals will increase and/or greatly improve park infrastructure and will directly result in creating more welcoming environments. These grants are intended to support proposals that have identified park projects that address the lack of outdoor space for underserved children and youth and that will result in long-term infrastructure improvements that encourage park usage.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include a federal and California tax-exempt organization under IRS Sec 501(c)(3); a public agency, school district, or federally recognized tribe; or a fiscally-sponsored project of a tax-exempt organization. Eligible applicants must have been in operation for at least one full calendar year and lie within the Stewardship Council Service Territory.

Eligible Activities: The proposed project must meet one or more of the following Stewardship Council objectives including: increasing the participation of underserved youth in successful outdoor urban and wilderness programs; improving the cultural relevance of outdoor and park programs to better serve and reflect the diverse youth of California; making the outdoors a more integral part of youth's lives to improve their general health and well-being; improving the infrastructure of community parks and urban open spaces to make them more accessible and welcoming; or supporting coordinated approaches to helping youth get outdoors and to increase their well-being through partnerships among diverse sectors involved in youth development (e.g., health, environmental justice, mental health, education, and juvenile justice).

In Last Month's Issue

WaterSMART: Advanced Water Treatment Pilot and Demonstration Project Grants (CA & NV)

Deadline: May 11, 2011

Match: 50%

Recent technical developments in the field of water treatment permit the use of some impaired waters that previously were unusable. Through this WaterSMART Grant opportunity, Reclamation is making available cost-shared funding on a competitive basis for pilot and demonstration projects that will accelerate the adoption and use of advanced water treatment (AWT) technologies to increase water supply and provide for long term water sustainability.

WaterSMART: Grants to Develop Climate Analysis Tools (CA & NV)

Deadline: May 13, 2011

Match: 50%

Through WaterSMART Grants to Develop Climate Analysis Tools, Reclamation provides cost-shared funding on a competitive basis for research activities that are designed to enhance the management of water resources in a changing climate. Projects will focus on the information gaps outlined in the joint Reclamation and United States Army Corps of Engineers' report titled *Addressing Climate Change in Long-Term Water Resources Planning and Management: User Needs for Improving Tools and Information*. Projects will support ongoing efforts under the SECURE Water Act (Subtitle F of Title IX of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, P.L. 111-11 (42 USC 10364), including efforts within DOI Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs), Basin Studies, and West-Wide Climate Risk Assessments.



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Calendar

May 11, 2011

WaterSMART: Advanced Water Treatment Pilot and Demonstration Project Grants

May 13, 2011

WaterSMART: Grants to Develop Climate Analysis Tools

June 10, 2011

EDA Public Works Program

June 15, 2011

Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

June 16, 2011

NV UHMA Notice of Intent

June 17, 2011

Urban Greening Project Grants

July 1, 2011

Urban Greening Planning Grants

July 1, 2011

Statewide Park Program Round Two

July 29, 2011

Infrastructure Fund

Continuous Filing

EDA Planning Grants

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program

USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Program

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