

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Engineering

**AGENDA DATE:** April 21, 2009

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** R. Alan Shubert, City Engineer (X4423)

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

Resolution that the City Manager be authorized to submit funding requests for projects eligible for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to meet deadlines established by either federal or state agencies. The intent is to have the City submit for all eligible projects and programs. Funding agreements or finalized grants for projects or programs selected for ARRA funding will follow the City's established approval procedures.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

As directed by Council, the City is pursuing opportunities for federal funds, particularly through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The initial allocation of transportation funds have been allocated through the MPO process. However, other funding opportunities remain available and are pending final procedure and rule promulgation by the federal agency delegated the oversight for distribution of funds and project/program execution. Since the funds must be spent according to aggressive federal deadlines, the City anticipates that the federal agencies will require tight timeframes for submittal of eligible projects, program and activities. To maximize the City's opportunities to submit applications to various federal and state agencies on a timely basis, Council is being asked to delegate the authority to the City Manager to submit applications on behalf of the City.

Successful applications will require match allocations and/or funding agreements that will then follow the established procedures for Council approval to commit funds and will be brought before Council for specific approvals.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

None.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

This action does not commit any City funds.

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

CITY CLERK DEPT.  
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\*\*\*\*\* REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION \*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**   
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Engineering, client department should sign also)

*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO**

That the City Manager be authorized to submit funding requests for projects eligible for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to meet deadlines established by either federal or state agencies. The intent is to have the City submit for all eligible projects and programs. Funding agreements or accepting grants for projects or programs selected for ARRA funding will follow the City's established approval procedures.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Mark Shoosmith  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Patricia D. Adauto  
Deputy City Manager for  
Development & Infrastructure  
Services