



**LOUISVILLE AT WORK**

**Stimulus Funding**



## **AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 LOUISVILLE AT WORK TEAM**

### **Team Leaders Meeting Summary October 18, 2010**

- Rick Johnstone called the meeting to order and welcomed members. He reported that Metro TV produced a new 12-minute Louisville@Work video to highlight the local impact of the ARRA funds. The video includes comments from staff along with individuals who directly benefitted from the ARRA dollars. Members will receive an e-mail link to the video.
- Kim Allen presented a brief update on the status of ARRA competitive grants. Since the last Team Leader meeting, the Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL) received \$743,741 in federal funding under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP II). The funding will be used to expand public computers in libraries, provide broadband internet access, and enhance job training and educational resources. Two new teen centers will be added (Bon Air and Main) along with a family computing center (Bon Air) and a new job shop (Southwest). The LFPL will also receive approximately \$15,000-20,000 in BTOP II funding awarded to the Kentucky Arts, Education and Humanities Cabinet to expand public computers at libraries and workforce centers. Additionally, the Boat People SOS, Inc. received \$192,000 in BTOP II funding to provide broadband access, training and education for the Vietnamese immigrant and refugee community in South Louisville. Kim also reported that LMPD received over six million dollars in federal COPS funding (non-stimulus) to add 32 officers.
- Rick Johnstone reported that the ARRA competitive grant process is starting to wind down. Should additional funding opportunities arise, they will be reviewed and a decision will be made on whether or not to apply. He noted that decisions were made not to apply for some grant programs, i.e. the CPPW Mentoring Grant, due to the limited capacity of personnel to take on another major project. A summary of the Louisville@Work Team's efforts will be compiled for the Mayor to document its accomplishments and provide information on lessons learned, i.e. the increased likelihood of a grant award when significant matching funds are available.
- Daro Mott advised members of changes in reporting required by the new federal guidance document published on September 24, 2010. Under the new guidance, clear award descriptions are required for sub and prime recipients and the reporting of expenditures has changed from quarterly to a cumulative grant-to-date basis. He briefly reviewed the recent reporting cycle and thanked departments for their assistance. He asked the Department Directors to continue to emphasize the importance of following the reporting process and timelines established by the Louisville@Work Office. Susan will send members a copy of the latest version of the Reporting Checklist. As a team, no reporting deadlines have been missed. Based on the most recent federal guidance, Daro reported that FederalReporting.Gov is going to be expanded to include non-ARRA grants such as the Education Jobs Fund. Rick thanked Susan and Daro for their attention to detail and assistance in making sure that the reporting process is successful. He reinforced the importance of following the established process, especially since the next reporting cycle will occur after the holidays and following a change in the Mayoral administration.

- Rick called attention to the handout entitled, Louisville Stimulus Grant Spending, and noted that over 50% of the ARRA funds have been expended. In response to a question from Mary Gwen Wheeler, he confirmed that only Metro-related grants were included in the list. Rick also reported that the Louisville@Work dashboard has been updated to over \$533 million in ARRA funds received, a significant increase over the \$150-200 million originally anticipated (the total does not include an estimated \$70 million in Social Security checks received in the community).
- Team Leaders or designees were asked to present brief updates on ARRA grant projects.
- In closing, Rick thanked members and guests for their efforts and for attending. He reported that the next meeting is scheduled on Monday, December 13, 2010 in the Mayor's Large Conference Room. Members will receive an e-mail confirmation prior to the meeting.