

LEGISLATIVE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
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DEPARTMENT/AGENCY QUESTIONNAIRE

Instructions: Please use this MS Word document as a template, entering your answers below the corresponding number/letter. The commission is cognizant of the numerous reporting requirements of ARRA and does not wish to burden your Department or agency with duplicative requests for information where possible. Please use information that you have all ready reported to the Federal government, as applicable.

If a question is not applicable please indicate N/A. The information requested under question 1 should be answered under each item for each group/category or program/project. However, Questions 2 and 3 need not be answered for each group/category or program/project.

1. For each group/category or program/project for which ARRA funds have been obtained, please provide the following information:
 - (a) A brief summary of the program/project, including goals;
 - (b) Whether funds were appropriated for expenditure by a federal agency, were awarded as a formula/block grant to a State or county agency, or were awarded on a competitive grant basis;
 - (c) Whether matching funds are required, and, if so:
 - (i) Are they available;
 - (ii) Have they been secured;
 - (iii) If they have not been secured, why not; and
 - (iv) Will the State be required to continue that match or provide increased/full funding in the future;
 - (d) If there are additional requirements to receive funds, what are they;
 - (e) The amount of funds involved and the state/federal fiscal year within which the funds must be expended (e.g. SFY 2009-2010 or FFY 2009-2010);
 - (f) What criteria were used to identify the program/project as a priority and how does the program/project meet them;
 - (g) Efforts undertaken to coordinate application for funds and administration of the program/project, including expenditure of funds, with other federal, state, and county agencies;

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- (h) The criteria used to select activities for the program/project;
 - (i) Efforts made to provide public notice and seek public comment/input or, if public comment/input was not sought, why;
 - (j) Efforts made during the bidding/award process to ensure that it was transparent and that the funds were awarded based on merit and in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner;
 - (k) Measures employed to: (1) reduce duplication of efforts, (2) ensure that funds were used for authorized purposes, and (3) prevent cost overruns, fraud, waste, error, and abuse;
 - (l) Current status of the program/project, including percentage of awarded funds that have been obtained, percentage of awarded funds encumbered and/or expended, and what part(s) of program/project have been completed; and
 - (m) Actual or anticipated economic impact to the State of the program/project, including the number of jobs saved/created and the long-term public benefits of the program/project.
2. For other programs/projects, if ARRA funds, such as competitive grants, were available for a program/project but were not sought or were denied, please briefly describe why the funds were not sought or why they were denied.
3. Please describe:
- (a) Any legal/operational barriers/constraints encountered in the award, receipt, encumbrance, or expenditure of funds, including procurement, late/delayed federal guidance, and reporting requirements;
 - (b) The effect of those barriers/constraints; and
 - (c) If and how they were mitigated.