

CITY OF KNOXVILLE PENDING APPLICATIONS
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDING

(As of July 15, 2009)

Total Grants Pending - \$26,920,680*

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KEY

Green = Department

Yellow = amount sought

Pink = proposed activity for funds

Red = current status of grant application

DEPARTMENT – PROGRAM – AMOUNT SOUGHT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Total \$13.8 million) one grant

I. Type of Grant – Neighborhood Stabilization Program – Round 2 (NSP2) \$13.8 million, this is a competitive grant**

Funding Agency – U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

The City of Knoxville is the lead entity in a consortium of 10 public and non-profit agencies in Knoxville seeking this \$13.8 million grant. The funds must be used for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes located in 18 census tracts within the city containing 693 abandoned or foreclosed properties.

The goal of the program is to reduce the destabilizing influences of foreclosed and abandoned properties and to revitalize neighborhoods.

Activity/Program

Purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed or abandoned properties (\$8.8 million)
The purchased properties would be redeveloped for sale or rent

Establishment and operation of Land Bank (\$2.5 million)
For homes and residential properties for rent, sale or redevelopment

Redevelopment of demolished and vacant property (\$1.5 million)
For the development of housing

Grant Administration (\$1 million)

Current Status of Grant Application - City Council approved submission of the application on July 14. It has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

KNOXVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT (Total \$1,477,000) *one grant*

I. Type of Grant – Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)

This is a competitive grant

Funding Agency – U.S. Department of Homeland Security

These funds are for construction and renovation of existing fire stations

Activity/Program

I. Fire Station Construction/Renovation (\$1,477,000)

Part of this grant (\$472,500) would be used to renovate Station 19 at 6324 Chapman Highway for use as a fire station again. It has been leased to the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad since 1991. The rest of the grant (\$1,004,500) would be used to demolish and then reconstruct Station 13 located at 4701 Chapman Highway.

Current Status of Grant Application - City Council approved the application on June 30, 2009. It is currently pending

KNOXVILLE AREA TRANSIT (Total \$11.5 million) *one grant*

I. Type of Grant – Transit Investments in Greenhouse Gas and Energy

This is a competitive grant

Funding Agency – Federal Transit Administration

Funds would be used for the purchase of hybrid vehicles and to establish an eco driver program. This grant would also include funds for a study of the health benefits from this project.

Activity/Program

Current Status of Grant Application - Proposal has been submitted to the FTA and is pending

DEPARTMENT OF POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS (\$143,680) *one grant*

I. Type of Grant: Solar America Cities Program (\$143,680)

This is a competitive grant

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

The City of Knoxville is one of 25 cities – and one of only three in the southeast - selected by the Department of Energy as Solar America Cities. This ARRA funding is set aside for use by those 25 cities for additional solar projects or expansion of existing solar efforts.

Activity/Program

Installation of Solar Arrays

The proposed initiative aims to reduce the barriers to solar deployment in Knoxville by, among other things, studying opportunities for affordable solar installations and developing solar-energy related curriculum for use in Knox County Schools.

Current Status of Grant Application - Application was approved by City Council on July 28. The grant application is currently pending before the DOE.

*The City of Knoxville has already been awarded ARRA grants totaling \$12,188,813 that it had applied for. The city currently has \$26,920,680 in grant applications pending before various federal agencies.

**The City of Knoxville is eligible for two types of grants, formula funding and competitive grants.

Formula funds are based on various criteria. For example population, location, foreclosure rates, etc...

Essentially the city receives the money as long as it submits the proper plans, applications or other required documents by a specific date.

Competitive grants are awarded to cities and other entities based on the strongest applications. These grants require cities and other governments to compete with each

other for a share of a pool of funding for a specific purpose, for example, energy efficiency.