

Staff was unable to find any up-to-date comparison reports of Recovery Act awards for cities. Given the fast-changing nature of grant awards, it is unlikely that there are any such analyses currently available at a city by city level.

Staff then conducted a comparison of selected cities. The following cities were selected for comparison of competitive ARRA grants awarded:

- San Francisco and San Jose were selected as major Bay Area cities, despite the fact that they have significantly greater population sizes than Oakland.
- Long Beach and Sacramento were selected as California cities of similar size and demographics to Oakland.
- Baltimore was selected as a mid-size city with demographics and community needs similar to those of Oakland.
- Chicago, Seattle, and San Francisco were selected based upon the identification by the City’s federal lobbyist of these cities as having an “activist” presence in Washington including having native residents in top positions in President Obama’s Administration and strong Congressional delegations.
- Kansas City was selected based upon having received a great deal of recent media attention on its Recovery Act efforts, including having top Administration officials attend press conferences on its efforts.

Information was obtained from websites and reports provided by the selected comparison cities. Grants restricting eligibility to counties, regional transportation authorities, school districts, ports and airports and regional water management authorities or utilities were separated out to provide for a more uniform comparison with Oakland's status. A preliminary comparison of how the different cities have fared on the specific competitive ARRA grant opportunities is contained in **Attachment A**.

The following is a summary of the results focusing on the competitive grant opportunities for which municipal governmental entities were eligible.

Federal and California Competitive ARRA Grants Received by Selected California Cities					
City	Oakland ¹	San Jose	Long Beach	Sacramento	San Francisco
Population	425,068	1,007,223	492,682	491,097	845,559
Competitive \$ Received	\$27,434,628	\$1,763,930	\$5,733,453	\$10,154,860	\$17,678,776
# of Grants Received	7	2	3	2	3

¹ For consistency, this column does not include the \$2.9 million grant jointly received by the City and Port of Oakland for a Domain Assistance Center because not all selected comparison cities have ports.

Federal Competitive ARRA Grants Received by Selected U.S. Cities					
City	Oakland	Kansas City	Seattle	Chicago	Baltimore
Population	425,068	475,830	602,000	2,853,114	636,919
Competitive \$ Received	\$20,747,117	\$15,711,169	\$2,944,039	\$33,056,100	\$13,749,605
# of Grants Received	3	6	5	3	4

Excluding a \$2.9 million grant received jointly by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland for a Domain Assistance Center, Oakland has received more competitive Federal and California ARRA funds (\$27,434,628) and number of awards (7) than any of the selected comparison cities in California, all of which are larger in population than Oakland. Chicago, with a population over six times the size of Oakland’s population, was the only selected comparison city that received more competitive Federal ARRA funds than Oakland – a total of \$33,056,100 to Oakland’s total of \$20,747,117.

In addition to the \$60,382,343 in ARRA funds that the City or application lead agency partners have received, the Port of Oakland has received \$28,400,000 and the Oakland Housing Authority has received \$10,575,376; for a total of \$99,357,719.

It is the Administration's assessment that the City has been highly effective in its efforts to obtain ARRA grant funds, based upon the following preliminary information:

- The amount of funds received to date--over \$60 million, half of which comes from competitive grants. This amount only includes the grants where the City served as lead agency or an active participant in the grant planning, application, and implementation.
- The number of applications submitted over a short period of time--34 total. Many of these grants provide for short time frames from the release of guidelines to application deadlines.
- The results of competitive grant applications--two thirds have been awarded so far. Out of 12 applications on which the City has received notification, 8 were awarded and 4 were not.
- The receipt of the nation's largest grant award for the competitive Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.
- Comparison of award results with other select cities.


It is worthy to note that while the City is eligible to receive formula funds, staff still needs to prepare and submit timely applications, some of which are as lengthy and involved as competitive applications. These formula applications must also meet grant eligibility guideline requirements in order to receive funding.

While some other cities like San Francisco do not require legislative approval of applications prior to their submission, the Council requested a process that involved City staff attending committee and Council meetings to seek approval to apply for the ARRA grant applications. City staff has also drafted over 75 Council agenda reports. These facts are mentioned to highlight the Administration's accommodation of Council request for involvement, as well as staff workload involved in the City's ARRA efforts.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The Council is requested to receive this informational report.

Respectfully submitted,



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City	Oakland	San Jose	Long Beach	Sacramento	San Francisco
Population	425,068	1,007,223	492,682	491,097	845,559
Population Source/Date	CA Dept. of Finance as of 1/09	CA Dept. of Finance as of 1/09	CA Dept. of Finance as of 1/09	CA Dept. of Finance as of 1/09	CA Dept. of Finance as of 1/09
Data as of	11/19/09	11/19/09	11/13/09	9/29/09	11/19/09
Arts					
NEA Grant for Nonprofit Jobs in the Arts (Competitive)					\$50,000
Public Safety					
COPS (Competitive)	\$19,747,117			\$9,554,860	\$16,562,750
Byrne JAG (Competitive)*	Not Awarded				\$1,066,026
DOJ Internet Crimes Against Children (Competitive)		\$863,930			
Environmental/Economic Development					
Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (Competitive)	\$400,000			\$600,000	
Brownfields Assessment (Competitive)	\$600,000				
Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund - Rain Barrel (Competitive)	\$1,300,000				
Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund - Stormwater Treatment (Competitive)	\$3,450,000		\$4,697,656		
DOE Solar America Cities Grant (Competitive)		\$900,000			
Partnerships					
California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program (w/ Laney College) (Competitive)	\$1,000,000		\$100,000		
Green Job Corps (Competitive)	\$937,511		\$935,797		
TOTAL CITY	\$27,434,628	\$1,763,930	\$5,733,453	\$10,154,860	\$18,744,802

*Award of \$1,066,026 received by City and County of San Francisco's Office of the District Attorney in Category III: Reducing Mortgage Fraud and Crime.

Note: This chart includes all Federal and State of California competitive Recovery Act grants for which all selected cities were eligible to apply. For consistency, this chart excludes information about grants for which some but not all cities were eligible and information about grants received by other local public entities, such as housing authorities, regional water management authorities, regional transit administrations, county governments and school districts.

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Population	425,068	475,830	602,000	2,853,114	636,919
Population Source/Date	CA Dept. of Finance as of 1/09	U.S. Census 2007	WA Ofc of Financial Mgmt as of 4/09	U.S. Census 2008	U.S. Census 2008
Data as of	11/19/09	11/13/09	10/8/09	10/9/09	9/15/09
Arts					
NEA Grant for Nonprofit Jobs in the Arts (Competitive)			\$250,000		\$250,000
Public Safety					
COPS (Competitive)	\$19,747,117	\$8,366,750		\$13,256,100	\$10,131,050
Byrne JAG (Competitive)*	Not Awarded		\$146,039		\$1,375,776
DOJ Internet Crimes Against Children (Competitive)			\$848,000		
Fire Station Construction (Competitive)	App. Pending	\$2,030,000		\$4,800,000	
Environmental/Economic Development					
Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (Competitive)	\$400,000	\$560,000			
Brownfields Assessment (Competitive)	\$600,000	\$297,411			
DOE Solar America Cities Grant (Competitive)			\$300,000		
Clean Cities FY09 Petroleum Reduction Technologies Projects for Transportation Sector (Competitive)	Not Awarded	\$4,038,000	\$1,400,000	\$15,000,000	\$190,000
TOTAL CITY	\$20,747,117	\$15,292,161	\$2,944,039	\$33,056,100	\$11,946,826

*Award of \$146,039 received by Seattle Police Dept. in Category VI: Improving Resources and Services for Victims of Crime; award of \$1,000,000 received by City of Baltimore Health Department in Category I: Comprehensive Community-Based Approaches to Preventing and Reducing Violent Crime and award of \$375,776 received by City of Baltimore in Category IV: Hiring of Civilian Staff in Law Enforcement and Public Safety-Related Agencies.

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