

MEMORANDUM

To: Department of Family and Support Services' Community Partners
From: Commissioner Mary Ellen Caron
Date: March 20, 2009
Re: **Economic Stimulus Funding Opportunities**

As FSS plans for the economic stimulus funds that will be distributed by formula to our department, we have also been tracking several budget lines that provide competitive funding opportunities for which FSS and our community partners may be eligible. We have also been tracking funding lines that, while not providing increased dollars to FSS or our community partners, may have a positive impact on our constituents. The following are some grant and benefit opportunities in which we think you may be most interested. While comprehensive of service areas and federal agencies tracked by FSS, there may be some additional funding opportunities through other federal agencies for which your organization may be eligible.

SOME COMPETITIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR AGENCY

(1) Assisted Housing Stability and Green Retrofit Program

Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=45922&mode=VIEW>

Total Funds Available: \$250 million

Eligible Entities: Owners of properties receiving project-based assistance

Dates: Details on how to apply will be published by April 17, 2009

(2) Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Website:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/RECOVERY/programs/NEIGHBORHOOD_STABILIZATION

Total Funds Available: \$1.98 billion

Eligible Entities: States, units of general local government, nonprofit entities, and consortia of nonprofit entities, which may submit proposals in partnership with for profit entities

Dates: Details on how to apply will be released by May 3, 2009

(3) Transitional Housing Grant Program

Website: www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery.htm

Total Funds Available: \$43 million

Eligible Entities: States, units of government, Indian tribes, and other organizations, including domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers, domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, or community-based and culturally specific organizations, that have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking

Dates: Further guidance to be released by March 17, 2009

(4) Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program

Website: www.ojp.gov/recovery

Total Funds Available: \$225 million

Eligible Entities: National, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support the functioning of the criminal justice system

Dates: Further guidance to be released by March 17, 2009

(5) Worker Training and Placement in High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors

Website: www.dol.gov/recovery

Total Funds Available: \$750 million

Eligible Entities: No guidance yet provided by Department of Labor

Dates: Further guidance to be released by March 17, 2009

(6) YouthBuild

Website: www.dol.gov/recovery

Total Funds Available: \$50 million

Eligible Entities: Public or private non-profit agencies or organizations (including a consortium of such agencies or organizations with a designated lead applicant), including, but not limited to: community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations; an entity carrying out activities under the WIA, such as a local workforce investment board or One-Stop Career Center; a community action agency; State or local housing development agencies; a community development corporation; State or local youth service conservation corps; or any other relevant public or private non-profit entity that provides education or employment training and can meet the required elements of the grant.

Dates: Further guidance to be released by March 17, 2009

INCREASED BENEFIT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CLIENTS

(1) Illinois Child Care Assistance Program

State proposals for the funds include lowering co-payments, increasing eligibility periods for unemployed individuals, and increasing the number of families served.

(2) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Will help states maintain increased TANF caseloads.

(3) Women, Infants and Children

May be used by the state to increase the number of individuals who may receive WIC services.

(4) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Will increase the monthly assistance payments by 14% to meet rising food prices.

(5) Earned Income Tax Credit

Increases credit levels and extends eligibility to families making higher income.

(6) Tax Credit for Hiring Veterans and Disconnected Youth

Provides a tax credit to businesses that hire veterans released from active duty within the last 5 years and disconnected youth, age 16 to 19 who are not currently enrolled in school or employed.

(7) Home Weatherization Assistance Program

Increases the credit level and raises eligibility for weatherization assistance.

Where possible, FSS will continue to track funding opportunities and provide you with updated information as it is received. We encourage you to visit the websites and continue to track these opportunities on your own. You may find further information at www.donorsforum.org/stimulus and at www.councilofnonprofits.org/stimulus.