

## **Stimulus Task Force Meeting**

8/6/2009

9:30-10:00

**Individuals Present:** Chris Chronis, Irene Hart, Charlene Stevens, Richard Powell, Tim Kaufman, Rich Euson, Marty Hughes, Jim Weber, Bob Lamkey, Amanda Matthews, Nathan Law.

Chris Chronis opened the meeting.

### **Status Updates**

#### **Tim Kaufman**

- No change on Med. Society or Aging.

#### **Chris Chronis**

- Start date of June 1, completion of Sept. 30. Haven't applied yet?

#### **Tim Kaufman**

- Will check on those dates. There is no application process. Received the \$162,567.

#### **Charlene Stevens**

- Hybrid Vehicles and Energy Czar. Still waiting for the award.

#### **Marty Hughes**

- Got an email from someone at the DOE; will check on the application.

#### **Charlene Stevens**

- Received notice from Steve Classen that the job description is done. Ready to post it when we get notice.

#### **Jim Weber**

- 296<sup>th</sup>, completed the survey and have it measured out, but haven't started yet.

#### **Chris Chronis**

- Is that going to be spent by KDOT?

#### **Jim Weber**

- If that project happens it is going to be spent by KDOT just like Rock Road.

#### **Chris Chronis**

- For the other two, is it possible to identify information out on them?

#### **Jim Weber**

- We'll know on the Rock Road one, but it has not been spent yet. Went out to look at KDOT stuff on their website, but they are behind on it. Should be able to track it second-handed. We can probably get the information from them.

- The first two on the list have been awarded; first one has been bid; third one is still on the contingency list.

### **Richard Powell**

- Mental Health Jail Pod – Can strike that item following from adoption of the 2010 Budget. If the grant is awarded, we will not accept funds.
- ICAC Detective – \$557,000, that is complete now. Staffing and vehicle fleet tables were approved by the Board of County Commissioners last week. Grant is in process of being used. We will begin charging against the account for that, and be reimbursed accordingly.

### **Marty Hughes**

- Corrections – received award paperwork on Adult ISP for \$93,126.

### **Chris Chronis**

- Other projects that we could add to the list?

### **Irene Hart**

- Want to give you a brief overview of the programs available under Recovery Act.
- EPA – I don't know about resubmissions. Charlene, do you have information?

### **Charlene Stevens**

- We looked at that. Replaced most of our heavy equipment, making them compliant; for those not compliant the lifespan doesn't work.

### **Irene Hart**

- The rest of the programs have been kept at the state level, to fund waiting list projects.
- HUD – CDBG targeted to very small communities; state made allocations in June. Number three, demonstration program and research on healthy and safe homes for children. Number eleven, NSPII, determined to be for communities with large scale blocks of foreclosed homes. Others deal with specific target areas that are not fitting for us.

### **Chris Chronis**

- Number three, healthy homes, is that an opportunity for us?

### **Irene Hart**

- It is more university oriented; maybe Health Department if they had staff for it.
- Commerce – they are supporting number five, Broadband Technology.

### **Charlene Stevens**

- Tim did you have any luck with that?

### **Tim Kaufman**

- The approach to the broadband for the aging population is going to be handled by area agencies on aging at the State level. They will submit one application. They will look to

go into peoples homes to provide telemedicine. I have not had a chance to get additional information.

**Irene Hart**

- Sent out notices to those providing and running assistant housing. They were taking a look at it.

**Charlene Stevens**

- What about Oaklawn's Community Center? Seemed like they were a potential.

**Irene Hart**

- Sent that information to Angee, to see if the Improvement District is interested.
- Census – Broadband; number six, research facilities for the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Economic Adjustment Assistance is for the federally impacted areas. We don't qualify.
- EDA program – \$149,000,000 nationally, so there's not a lot of money. Goes through the regional economic development administration offices, ours is in Denver and covers a ten state region. Think they got two shovel ready projects on. Others are NOAA, NIST, and TV converter boxes.
- Small Business Administration – all direct lending to business. Not anything involving us.
- Recovery website – can find out what each state has done. Researched to find out grants awarded in Kansas. Major ones are \$4.5 million worth of projects at Fort Leavenworth, over \$1 million worth of projects at McConnell, and \$4.8 million to Farmland Foods in Wichita.

**Chris Chronis**

- Thank you, good information.
- Need anything for the website?

**Amanda Matthews**

- I don't believe so. Received some information from Bill Farney, will update that.

**Chris Chronis**

- Anything else to talk about? We are adjourned.