



# City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

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**SUBJECT:** Seattle receives \$37 million in federal stimulus funding to date

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### **Seattle receives \$37 million in federal stimulus funding to date**

*New Web site "recovery.seattle.gov" tracks city's progress*

SEATTLE - Mayor Greg Nickels announced today that the city of Seattle has received \$37 million in federal stimulus funding to date. The money will support community development, energy, environmental, social services and transportation projects:

#### **Community Development**

- Community Development Block Grant (formula) \$3.3 million

#### **Energy**

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (formula) \$6 million

#### **Environment**

- Maple Leaf Reservoir Burial Project (competitive) \$6 million

#### **Social Services**

- Homeless Assistance Grant (formula) \$5 million

#### **Transportation (all competitive)**

- Spokane Street Viaduct \$15.4 million
- Seattle Streetcar South Lake Union line preventive maintenance \$314,011
- Seattle Monorail safety improvements \$1 million

#### **Total: \$37 million**

Seattle has launched its "[recovery.seattle.gov](http://recovery.seattle.gov)" Web site to track its progress seeking federal stimulus funds.

"President Obama's economic recovery strategy will provide jobs, improve our environment, and help our most vulnerable," said Nickels. "With transparency and accountability, we will do our part to jump start the local economy and make wise investments for the people of Seattle."

Federal agencies will allocate stimulus funds to cities primarily two ways:

- By formula. Funds allocated by a formula - usually set in law - go to states and localities. Examples include: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, Community Development Block Grants, and Highway Infrastructure Investment.
- By competition. These funds are allocated through a competitive process. In the coming weeks, state and federal agencies will distribute requests for proposals and convene panels to evaluate applications.

Of the funding Seattle has received thus far, \$23 million was competitively awarded and \$14 million was awarded by formula. For the \$14 million, Seattle is reviewing potential projects that meet the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's stringent requirements and will announce specifics within the next two months.

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