DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, Environmental Health Administration

Program: Clean Water Revolving Fund

Award: $30,352,300

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1. For each group/category or program/project for which ARRA funds have been obtained, please provide the following information:
    a. A brief summary of the program/project, including goals
    Funds associated with the EPA's Clean Water Revolving Fund support projects that help achieve compliance with federal and state water quality standards, protect public health from point and non-point water pollution sources, conserve water by safely recycling and reusing wastewater effluent, and promote green infrastructure, sustainable infrastructure, water and energy efficiency, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, or other environmentally innovative activities. Specifically being addressed are sewer line replacement, large capacity cesspool conversion, pump replacement, treatment plant upgrades to increase capacity and provide for reuse, and tsunami barrier repair. The required 20% earmarked for green projects is being met by replacing of pumps with energy efficient ones and incorporating solar panels in one of the treatment plants.
    b. Whether funds were appropriated for expenditure by a federal agency, were awarded as a formula/block grant to a State or country agency, or were awarded on a competitive grant basis;
    Funds were appropriated by the Environmental Protection Agency as a formula/block grant to the State of Hawaii.
    c. Whether matching funds are required, No. and, if so:
        i. Are they available; N/A
        ii. Have they been secured; N/A
        iii. If they have not been secured, why not; and N/A
        iv. Will the State be required to continue that match or provide increased/full funding in the future in the future; N/A
    d. If there additional requirements to receive funds, what are they; At least 20% of funds must be earmarked for projects meeting Green Project Reserve criteria. Requirement met. At least 50% of funds must provided additional financial assistance in the form of principal forgiveness, negative interest rates, grants, or any combination of these types of additional assistance. Requirement met.
    e. The amount of funds involved and the state/federal fiscal year within which the funds must be expended (e.g. SFY 2009 – 2010 or FFY 2009 – 2010);
    The award total was $3,352,300 and must be committed to final binding agreements by Feb 17, 2010.

f. What criteria were used to identify the program/project as a priority and how does the program/project meet them;
The highest priority was a project's readiness to proceed. Priority was also given to projects being done to comply with enforcement issues and projects meeting Green Project Reserve criteria. In the interest of fairness, funds were equally divided among the four counties. Critical deadlines for eligible projects were established and counties were required to meet all critical deadlines in order for each county project to remain eligible. Project selection was approved by the Department of Health and the EPA.

g. Efforts undertaken to coordinate application for funds and administration of the program/project, including expenditure of funds, with other federal, state, and county agencies;
DOH collaborated closely with county officials on to discuss program requirements and expectations. Reports on status of submittals were sent to counties on a regular basis.

h. The criteria used to select activities for the program/project;
Individuals counties were allowed to select the appropriate project based on local needs' however the criteria listed under paragraph f were also relevant.

i. Efforts made to provide public notice and seek public comment/input or, if public comment/input was not sought, why;
Public notice of the ARRA projects was made by posting of the "Amendment 2 to the Intended Use Plan (IUP) for SFY 2009" and having the document available for public review. Public notice of the IUP published in five newspapers on the various islands to allow public participation and comment. During the thirty-day public comment period, no inquiries, information requests, or comments were received.

j. Efforts made during the bidding/award process to ensure that it was transparent and that the funds were awarded based on merit and in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner;
Normal state and county procurement practices were followed and duly documented.

k. Measures employed to 1) reduce duplication of efforts, 2) ensure that funds were used for authorized purposes, and 3) prevent cost overruns, fraud, waste, error, and abuse.
Office policies are streamlined to maximize efficiency. Requirements for ARRA projects were carefully reviewed. Inspections and county oversight are done to prevent fraud, abuse, etc.

l. Current status of the program/project, including percentage of awarded funds that have been obtained, percentage of awarded funds encumbered and/or expended, and what part(s) of program/project have been completed. Please refer to attached T&I and ARRA status reports.

m. Actual or anticipated economic impact to the State of the program/project, including the number of jobs saved/created and the long-term public benefits of the program/project.
Jobs retained/created cannot be calculated at this time. The long-term public benefit of the projects is greater assurance of quality, safety, and reliability of public works infrastructure as they relate to water.