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COAH/Housing Dialogue

Jerry Velazquez, President/CEO of Triad Associates was selected by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities to participate in a dialogue on the state of affordable housing and COAH in New Jersey. The objective of the discussion is to arrive at possible solutions that provide a fair and equitable approach to affordable housing in New Jersey. Congratulations to Jerry on being selected!



Recent Grant Awards

Triad is pleased to announce that Ocean County will receive \$410,931 in PARIS funding from the New Jersey Department of Archives and records management. PARIS stands for the Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support grants program. Through PARIS funding, Ocean County will maintain the salary and benefits for their full-time Records Analyst and provide a Shared Services Records Management Project, which will include a large portion of its municipalities. This is the fifth year in a row that Triad has successfully assisted Ocean County in the preparation of a PARIS application. In those five years, Triad has helped Ocean County secure over \$3.5 million in PARIS awards.

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The Triad team is keeping very busy implementing six Neighborhood Stabilization initiatives throughout the State of New Jersey.

As a component of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA), the NSP is specifically intended to stabilize neighborhoods experiencing the negative effects of the subprime mortgage crisis and the general economic downturn.

These localities are identified as those hard hit by foreclosures and are statistically at high risk of continued market deterioration.

Triad will be assisting these clients with property acquisition, demolition, and rehabilitation of properties in targeted areas.

Congratulations also to Upper Gwynedd Township for receiving \$41,200 from the Montgomery County CDBG program for Phase II ADA improvements at the Nor-Gwyn Baseball Complex.

## Funding Opportunities

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has announced the availability of \$1.5 billion in grant funding for the **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery**, or TIGER, grant program. Applications for this new grant program, which was authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, are due Sept. 15, 2009.

TIGER grants will be distributed on a competitive basis for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Projects eligible for funding provided under this program include, but are not limited to, highway or bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, and port infrastructure.

Eligible grantees include state, local, tribal and territorial government entities, such as transit agencies, port authorities and multijurisdictional coalitions. Award amounts will range from a minimum of \$20 million to a maximum of \$300 million, though DOT may waive the minimum threshold in the case of small projects. For additional information, click [here](#).

The New Jersey DEP recently announced that it is accepting pre-applications for funding through the **Local Government Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program**. Pre-applications are due by July 31, 2009. Triad can help your municipality design a competitive project and prepare the pre-application. Grant funding is targeted at projects in seven broad areas:

- Greenhouse Gas Action Planning & Implementation
- Land Use Planning & Transportation
- Transportation System Efficiency
- Green Infrastructure, Sequestration and Resource Conservation
- Strengthening Local Economies
- Outreach and Educational Campaigns
- Other Innovative Proposals

If the DEP accepts an applicant's pre-application and invites a full application submission, those applications are due November 20,

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## NJLM Corner

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A Local Reality Check of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

On February 17, 2009, at an alternative energy facility outside of Denver, Colorado, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

ARRA amounts to the largest one-time domestic spending program in the history of the United States. Coupled with a massive dose of tax relief, ARRA is intended to stimulate the faltering United States economy and specifically, to create or save 3.5 million jobs during the President's first two years in office.

How will ARRA affect states and local governments? ARRA contains more than \$300 billion in potential funding for state governments and state-related programs. Over 60 percent of ARRA spending will flow through, or be touched by, state governments; yet by projection less than 1 percent is targeted directly to local governments. Funding for local governments will come primarily in the form of entitlement funds that are in place, such as: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG),

2009. For more information click [here](#).

The EPA announced the availability of up to \$10 million in "**Climate Showcase Communities**" grants for local governments to establish and implement climate change initiatives. Proposals should create models of sustainable community action, generate cost-effective and persistent greenhouse gas reductions, and improve the environmental, economic, public health or social conditions in a community.

Award amounts will range from \$100,000 - \$500,000. There is a 50% cost-share requirement, but it can be in the form of cash or in-kind contribution. The deadline is July 22, 2009. For more information click [here](#).

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) has authorized an incentive program for local governmental entities to complete an energy audit. Participants in the **Municipal/Local Government Energy Audit Program** will then be eligible for incentives toward the cost of implementing the energy improvements recommended by the energy audit.

The program is restricted to public buildings such as:

- Municipal buildings
- Fire stations
- Police stations
- Schools
- Sanitation departments
- Transportation departments
- Community centers

75% of the energy audit cost will be paid to all qualified participants upon receipt, review and approval of the Energy Audit Report. The remaining 25% of the audit cost may be paid if the building implements sufficient energy efficiency upgrades recommended by the energy audit. There is a \$100,000 incentive cap each year for every local government entity. Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. For additional information please visit their [website](#).

For more information or to explore your community's grant possibilities for any of these opportunities, please contact Triad Associates at (856) 690-9590.

Social Service Block Grants (SSBG) and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block grant programs.

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Triad Assists Local Fire Departments

We are pleased to announce that we have assisted several local fire departments with the preparation of their application for Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants. Administered through the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), these grants provide financial assistance directly to fire departments on a competitive basis. Funding applications were for building new or modifying existing fire stations to help fire departments meet their firefighting and emergency response needs. The program seeks to support organizations lacking the tools and resources necessary to effectively protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

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