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TO:HONORABLE KEN WRIGHT, MAYORHONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE DUNWOODY CITY COUNCIL

FROM: TANYA JACKSON, BUDGET DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: 2009 STIMULUS FUNDING EFFORTS

DATE: MAY 18, 2009

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The stated purpose of the ARRA is:

- 1. To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.
- 2. To assist those most impacted by the recession.
- 3. To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health.
- 4. To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.
- 5. To stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

The ARRA funds investments in many programs, including health care, energy, infrastructure, education, and public safety.

The City of Dunwoody is currently engaged in the following stimulus initiatives:

- Competitive Surface Transportation Program (Total Funding Available: \$1.5 billion) Chamblee-Dunwoody Pavement Rehabilitation. This Local Resurfacing Project is eligible for funding in the Phase 2 G-DOT funding. The project is being evaluated and ranked with the other locally requested roads of other jurisdictions based on the existing pavement condition using the same process that LARP funds are allocated. The City's total funding request for this project is approximately \$750,000.
- COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) (Total Funding Available: \$1 billion) Traditionally, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program provides 75 percent of a new hire or rehire's salary for the first three years, with a salary cap of 75,000.



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However, the ARRA waives both the salary cap and local match for FYs 09 & 10. Further, the COPS office has indicated that they will allow local government to use the funds to retain police officers that they otherwise would not be able to keep on salary. The City's total funding request for 11 police officer positions is approximately \$1,442,782 which will be used to hire new, additional officer positions, and/or to fill existing vacancies that are no longer funded in the City's budget.

The City's ongoing stimulus efforts will an attempt to secure funding for energy efficiency through the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) in order to meet the Governor's Energy Challenge of reducing energy consumption per square foot in state, local and agency facilities by 15 percent below FY2007 levels by FY2010. Meeting this goal will reduce Georgia's dependence on traditional energy sources, support the local economy, and improve the environment. Other energy efficiency initiatives will include:

- Replacement of existing incandescent traffic signals with LED signals
- Traffic signal timing and coordination