

# MaineHousing Weekly ARRA Report

Thursday, April 16, 2009

## Overview of funding received by the agency by program

No funding has been received.

## Amount of funding expended/obligated

No funding has been expended or obligated.

## Contracts advertised/executed

None advertised or executed

## Summary of Recovery related meetings that the agency participated in

- MaineHousing staff attended the Maine DOL and Workforce Investment Board meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> focused on the Summer Youth Employment Program.
- MaineHousing held discussions with the Statewide Homeless Council on April 14<sup>th</sup> regarding subgrantee capacity criteria and funding allocation factors.
- MaineHousing Homeless Department staff met with Tom McLaughlin, Ph.D. from the University of New England to discuss possible data collection and the evaluation process.
- MaineHousing, Dept. of Labor, Public Utilities Commission, and Office of Energy Independence and Security met Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> re: coordination of training efforts using Recovery Act funds.

## Summary of major agency communication related to the Recovery Act

### Legislative Briefings

- A briefing before the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development Committee (BRED) on the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program and the HUD Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP) and the IRS Tax Credit Exchange Program took place on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> with Dale McCormick, Director and Nancy Fritz, Director of Homeless Initiatives and Peter Merrill, Director of Communication and Planning, representing MaineHousing. See attached handout.
- Follow up briefings before the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future took place on both Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Briefings focused on detailed training budget and presentation on training plans jointly outlined by MaineHousing, Dept. of Labor, Office of Energy Independence and Security, and Efficiency Maine.
- MaineHousing will hold a public hearing on the ARRA Weatherization Assistance Program State Plan on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Hearing notices were published in major Maine newspapers on either April 10<sup>th</sup> or April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Other Related Communications

- A copy of the BRED presentation, outlining the Proposed Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program plans was delivered to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

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- As follow up to the briefing held on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> on the TCAP and Exchange Program, the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development sent a letter to Governor Baldacci requesting that he urge swift release of the ARRA TCAP guidance and IRS Exchange in order to put the Recovery Act funds to work as soon as possible.

**List of major actions taken to date related to the Recovery Act and major planned actions**

- We are reviewing the Federal Notice of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan for program year 2008 with our legal department for interpretation and compliance.
- MaineHousing is planning a homeless stakeholder meeting to discuss funding allocation factors for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- We have drafted and are finalizing our ARRA Grant Accounting, Reporting and Internal Control Plan due to the Office of the State Controller by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Any anticipated or known issues/challenges related to ARRA**

- Lack of federal guidance for TCAP and Exchange Programs, as previously noted.
- Guidance needed on how to count Recovery Act related jobs.

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