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Mayor Healy Announces American Reinvestment & Recovery Act Funding Opportunities for Specific Jersey City Non-Profits

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the Jersey City Municipal Council are hosting the “Partnership for Progress” Technical Workshop on Grant Preparation for specific non-profits interested in receiving federal stimulus grants from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 280 Grove Street. A press conference will be held at 9:30 a.m. discussing the program and Jersey City’s economic stimulus awards.

Those non-profits who provide services for the following are invited to attend the workshop:

- Housing – grant monies will be available for energy efficiency upgrades
- Development for women including job training and support for victims of domestic violence
- Youth development programs
- Second Chance programs

“We organized this workshop to promote the sharing of information and resources, as non-profits attempt to sort out funding opportunities within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act,” said Mayor Healy. “The federal stimulus grants being made available through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act will continue to assist our non-profits in the important work they do during this tough economic time.”

Like most industries, the non-profit sector has been hit hard by the recession, with fewer donors and smaller donations. Many non-profits are facing immediate and tough decisions about their viability to continue to be successful in providing greatly needed services, or even survive.

The windows of opportunity to apply for competitive grants through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will open and close quickly. “Partnership for Progress” Technical Workshop on Grant Preparation will promote a better understanding of the nation’s economic recovery efforts and how non-profits can access and benefit from federal stimulus grants to better serve the communities they service.

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“The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will positively impact Jersey City’s non-profit sector,” said **Mayor Healy**. “The federal stimulus grants available to non-profits will help create and maintain jobs in Jersey City, repair our communities, and help families hurt by the national economic crisis.”

To date, **Jersey City has been awarded \$20.3 million in federal stimulus funds:**

- \$4.6M for street repaving
- \$2.67 for emergency shelter grants
- \$1.17 for additional CBDG funds
- \$1.83 for Department of Justice – Byrne Assistance Grant
- \$7.8 for Jersey City Housing Authority to demolish and rehabilitate public housing
- \$2.3 for energy efficiency grants to upgrade municipal buildings, improve traffic and street lights

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, or ARRA, was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Act contains \$288 billion in tax cuts, \$144 billion in revenue sharing to states, and \$357 billion in spending in the areas of infrastructure, health care, housing, energy, scientific research, and more.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will create or save 100,000 jobs in New Jersey.

Interested non-profits should pre-register by calling 201-547-5296.

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