American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

Senate Bill 1 Article XII

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) Government Services Fund (GSF)

- Overview of Government Services Fund
- Application Process
- Funding and Program Management
- Reporting
- Monitoring
- Questions and Answers
  - Submit questions during this webinar to ARRAoffice@THECB.state.tx.us

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) Government Services Fund (GSF) $723,165,683

- Texas Education Agency (Textbooks) $361,592,500
- IHE Formula Funding FY 2010
  - General Academic Institutions $81,000,000
  - Health Related Institutions $51,000,000
  - Community Colleges $15,000,000
- Incentive Funds (GAI only) – HB 51 $80,000,000
- Section 25 Special Items - $111,407,500
- Texas Emissions Reduction Plan fund $13,165,683
- Rider 29, Section XII Administration Cost $10,000,000

Application process for receiving grant awards will be as simple as possible

- Applications will be made available on October 1 at the THECB, ARRA website:
  - 30 day application period – October 30 deadline
  - 30 day review period – November 30 deadline
- One application may be submitted for an entity's full GSF amount
- Applications will be reviewed for state and ARRA compliance
- Notice of grant award (NOGA) will be sent to entities
- Application process for all GSF projects will follow same pathway

Funding and program management will follow established federal practices

- ARRA Grants will be cost reimbursable
  - Spend funds <u>after</u> the THECB NOGA date and seek reimbursement from THECB
  - Allowable expenses will be reimbursed on a monthly basis (coordinated with reporting periods)
- THECB will comply with prompt payment guidelines
- Issues will be resolved expediently

Reporting Requirements:

- The Board is tasked with collecting data for the OMB required ARRA reports for GSF projects.
- Most Recipients will need to report to CPA also.
- The required data elements fall in to two categories.
  - Static Data Elements – Data requested on the initial reporting that is not anticipated to change.
  - Updatable Data Elements– Data requested on the initial reporting that is activity driven and anticipated to change on subsequent reports
- Grant recipients will be required to submit monthly reports electronically by the 5th day of the month.

Award Recipient Information: Static Data Elements

- Award Number (provided by THECB)
- Recipient DUNS Number
- Recipient Account Number (Optional)
- Recipient Congressional, State Rep. and State Sen. District
- Award Amount (provided by THECB)

Award Recipient Information: Updatable Data Elements

- Total number and amount of sub-awards to Individuals
- Total number and amount of payments to vendors less than $25,000 per award
- Project status (percent complete)
- Number of jobs created or retained (FTE)
- Description of jobs created (ex. faculty, staff)
- Description of monthly activities on project
- Total federal amount of ARRA expenditure

Award Recipient Information: Updatable Data Elements (cont'd)

- Infrastructure: (Only for construction projects)
  - Total federal ARRA infrastructure expenditure
  - Infrastructure contact name
  - Infrastructure contact address, city, state, zip, email, telephone number, and extension
  - Infrastructure purpose and rational
  - Place of performance: address, congressional, State Rep. and State Sen. district

Award Recipient Information: Updatable Data Elements (cont'd)

- Sub-recipients
  - DUNS number
  - CCR
  - Sub-award number
  - Congressional, State Representative and State Senatorial district
  - Amount of sub-award
  - Total sub-award funds disbursed
  - Sub-award date
  - Sub-recipient street address, city, state, zip
  - Sub-recipient congressional, State Rep. and State Sen. district

Award Recipient Information: Updatable Data Elements (cont'd)

- Vendor (only if combined payments > $25,000)
  - DUNS number
  - Name
  - Headquarter's zip code
  - Product and service description
  - Payment amount

Monitoring and Audit Activities

- Entities should expect monitoring activities to include desk reviews of monthly reports and on-site visits
- Audit activity
  - SAO
  - Statewide CAFR and A-133 audits
  - CPA - post payments/ARRA audits
  - GAO
  - Office of Inspector General/Department of Education or other federal agencies
  - THECB Internal Audit

Questions and Answers

- Questions can be submitted by email to the THECB: ARRAoffice@thecb.state.tx.us
- Agency web site: www.thecb.state.tx.us

  link to ARRA site →

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