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First Glance: Stimulus Dollars Flowing to Vulnerable Communities

Michigan is slated to receive over \$18 billion in federal stimulus dollars, some of which have already been allocated. These funds are intended to stimulate the economy and to help those affected by the declining economy. In Michigan, low-income communities and communities of color are being hardest hit by this recession. The Michigan League for Human Services has urged policymakers to ensure that these vulnerable communities are priority recipients of stimulus funds and programs. Not only is it essential that those suffering most get help, but targeting people in need is the most surefire way to stimulate the sagging economy.

This report examines a number of stimulus allocations in nine cities in eight counties. These communities were chosen to highlight how stimulus money is flowing into vulnerable communities, compared with communities with higher incomes and less racial diversity. Not all stimulus allocations can be traced to the local level. The stimulus-funded programs included in this report are only a sampling, but do provide insights into how stimulus dollars are being used in communities across the state.

The data used for this report comes from the state's Recovery Act Web site, www.michigan.gov/recovery, the U.S. Census Bureau and in some cases, the city's own Web site. The data was retrieved and compiled most recently in November, but changes frequently as new stimulus dollars flow into communities.

The sampling of stimulus programs and local units of government reviewed in this report would seem to indicate that low-income communities and communities of color are receiving a higher per capita of some stimulus dollars. Calhoun County, with the lowest per capita income amongst the sample, had the highest stimulus per capita. Wayne County, with the second-lowest per capita income and the highest African American population in the sample, had the second-highest stimulus per capita. Oakland County, with the highest per capita income and one of the lower African American populations, had the lowest stimulus per capita. See following chart.

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Federal Stimulus Package (ARRA) Allocations by County

	<u>Per Capita Income</u>	<u>Per Capita ARRA Allocation</u>	<u>African American Population</u>
Calhoun	\$21,181	\$71.89	10.4%
Wayne	\$22,098	\$68.91	40.9%
Genesee	\$22,836	\$48.99	19.4%
Kalamazoo	\$24,942	\$30.45	9.9%
Kent	\$25,141	\$31.43	9.3%
Berrien	\$25,542	\$63.05	14.6%
Washtenaw	\$31,069	\$30.63	12.3%
Oakland	\$36,903	\$25.48	12.6%

Similar trends are found when looking at city data. Benton Harbor, with the lowest per capita income and the highest African American population, has the highest stimulus per capita by far. Similarly, Ann Arbor, with the highest per capita income and the smallest African American population, has the lowest stimulus per capita. See chart below.

Federal Stimulus Package (ARRA) Allocations by City

	<u>Per Capita Income</u>	<u>African American Population</u>	<u>Combined Per Capita Spending: Sample ARRA Allocation plus Energy Efficiency Grants</u>
Benton Harbor	\$8,965	92.40%	\$84.08
Detroit	\$14,976	82.70%	\$51.07
Flint	\$15,053	53.70%	\$56.15
Pontiac	\$16,551	48.00%	\$35.88
Niles	\$16,584	12.40%	\$37.41
Battle Creek	\$18,424	17.80%	\$37.01
Kalamazoo	\$18,482	21.70%	\$23.00
Grand Rapids	\$20,775	19.80%	\$25.37
Ann Arbor	\$28,439	7.40%	\$21.44

What follows are charts containing detailed information about certain stimulus programs in these eight counties and nine cities. This is a first look at stimulus spending in these communities. The Michigan League for Human Services will continue to track stimulus spending at the state and local level. Watch for additional reports and check the stimulus section of our Web site for ongoing information on the stimulus package here in Michigan www.milhs.org.

Federal Stimulus Package (ARRA) Sample Allocations by County

	<u>Wayne</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>Oakland</u>	<u>Genesee</u>	<u>Washtenaw</u>	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	<u>Berrien</u>	<u>Calhoun</u>
Total Population	1,949,929	605,213	1,202,174	428,790	347,376	245,912	159,481	135,861
White Population	54.8%	86.2%	80.3%	77.0%	76.9%	85.2%	81.9%	85.1%
African American Population	40.9%	9.3%	12.6%	19.4%	12.3%	9.9%	14.6%	10.4%
Other	4.3%	4.5%	7.1%	3.6%	10.8%	4.9%	3.5%	4.5%
Income Measures								
Median Household Income	\$42,376	\$50,530	\$67,518	\$44,611	\$57,848	\$46,432	\$42,512	\$41,181
Per Capita Income	\$22,098	\$25,141	\$36,903	\$22,836	\$31,069	\$24,942	\$25,542	\$21,181
Stimulus Funding by Program								
Home Weatherization	\$50,899,593	\$6,970,947	\$11,507,904	\$8,742,891	\$4,186,462	\$4,303,294	\$6,562,026	\$6,133,654
Energy Efficiency Block Grants	\$18,610,900	\$5,635,700	\$10,832,700	\$3,920,500	\$2,494,700	\$1,024,900	\$0	\$545,100
Emergency Food and Shelter	\$1,034,786	\$241,908	\$148,002	\$232,380	\$116,310	\$92,043	\$70,664	\$58,051
Community Services Block Grants	\$13,831,520	\$1,555,327	\$2,125,449	\$1,833,030	\$925,193	\$859,214	\$1,131,522	\$961,200
STOP Violence Against Women Grants	\$257,556	\$67,066	\$131,057	\$58,976	\$45,631	\$38,053	\$0	\$92,764
Senior Nutrition Services	\$566,597	\$235,119	\$630,741	\$147,198	\$630,741	\$63,807	\$89,288	\$56,885
Public Safety Grants	\$12,433,942	\$1,430,013	\$1,938,455	\$1,882,963	\$523,744	\$553,309	\$282,444	\$557,979
Community Development Block Grants	\$13,438,736	\$1,622,755	\$2,129,506	\$1,647,759	\$595,865	\$552,727	\$215,738	\$347,402
Public Housing Improvements	\$23,294,214	\$1,264,334	\$1,206,040	\$2,548,758	\$1,120,573	\$0	\$1,703,006	\$1,013,382
Sample ARRA Allocation	\$134,367,844	\$19,023,169	\$30,649,854	\$21,014,455	\$10,639,219	\$7,487,347	\$10,054,688	\$9,766,417
Per Capita ARRA Funding by Program								
Home Weatherization	\$26.10	\$11.52	\$9.57	\$20.39	\$12.05	\$17.50	\$41.15	\$45.15
Energy Efficiency Block Grants	\$9.54	\$9.31	\$9.01	\$9.14	\$7.18	\$4.17	\$0.00	\$4.01
Emergency Food and Shelter	\$0.53	\$0.40	\$0.12	\$0.54	\$0.33	\$0.37	\$0.44	\$0.43
Community Services Block Grants	\$7.09	\$2.57	\$1.77	\$4.27	\$2.66	\$3.49	\$7.10	\$7.07
STOP Violence Against Women Grants	\$0.13	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.14	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$0.68
Senior Nutrition Services	\$0.29	\$0.39	\$0.52	\$0.34	\$1.82	\$0.26	\$0.56	\$0.42
Public Safety Grants	\$6.38	\$2.36	\$1.61	\$4.39	\$1.51	\$2.25	\$1.77	\$4.11
Community Development Block Grants	\$6.89	\$2.68	\$1.77	\$3.84	\$1.72	\$2.25	\$1.35	\$2.56
Public Housing Improvements	<u>\$11.95</u>	<u>\$2.09</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$5.94</u>	<u>\$3.23</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10.68</u>	<u>\$7.46</u>
Per Capita ARRA Program Allocations	\$68.91	\$31.43	\$25.48	\$48.99	\$30.63	\$30.45	\$63.05	\$71.89

Federal Stimulus Package (ARRA) Sample Allocations by City

	<u>Detroit</u>	<u>Grand Rapids</u>	<u>Ann Arbor</u>	<u>Flint</u>	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	<u>Pontiac</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Niles</u>	<u>Benton Harbor</u>
Total Population	912,062	193,396	114,386	112,900	72,179	66,095	52,053	11,258	10,814
White Population	11.1%	69.2%	73.1%	40.6%	71.6%	34.9%	74.7%	82.2%	5.5%
African American Population	82.7%	19.8%	7.4%	53.7%	21.7%	48.0%	17.8%	12.4%	92.4%
Other	6.2%	11.0%	19.5%	5.7%	6.7%	17.1%	7.5%	5.4%	2.1%
Income Measures									
Median Household Income	\$28,730	\$40,120	\$48,258	\$28,142	\$32,145	\$30,988	\$35,491	\$31,208	\$17,471
Per Capita Income	\$14,976	\$20,775	\$28,439	\$15,053	\$18,482	\$16,551	\$18,424	\$16,584	\$8,965
Stimulus Funding by Program									
Public Safety Grants	\$10,461,529	\$967,830	\$168,158	\$1,430,012	\$364,174	\$610,290	\$395,892	\$43,969	\$154,900
Community Development Block Grants	\$9,962,210	\$1,078,852	\$287,298	\$1,153,340	\$495,533	\$414,121	\$347,402	\$89,632	\$126,106
Public Housing Improvements	\$17,275,908	\$854,366	\$708,155	\$2,548,758	\$0	\$663,116	\$616,968	\$287,514	\$628,259
STOP Violence Against Women Grants	<u>\$21,000</u>	<u>\$67,066</u>	<u>\$45,631</u>	<u>\$58,976</u>	<u>\$38,053</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$21,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Sample ARRA Allocation	\$37,720,647	\$2,968,114	\$1,209,242	\$5,191,086	\$897,760	\$1,687,527	\$1,381,262	\$421,115	\$909,265
Sample ARRA Allocation Per Capita	\$41.36	\$15.35	\$10.57	\$45.98	\$12.44	\$25.53	\$26.54	\$37.41	\$84.08
Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants	\$8,862,400	\$1,938,000	\$1,243,400	\$1,147,900	\$762,200	\$683,800	\$545,100	\$0	\$0
Total of Sample ARRA Allocation plus Energy Efficiency Grants	<u>\$46,583,047</u>	<u>\$4,906,114</u>	<u>\$2,452,642</u>	<u>\$6,338,986</u>	<u>\$1,659,960</u>	<u>\$2,371,327</u>	<u>\$1,926,362</u>	<u>\$421,115</u>	<u>\$909,265</u>
Combined Per Capita Spending: Sample ARRA Allocation plus Energy Efficiency Grants	\$51.07	\$25.37	\$21.44	\$56.15	\$23.00	\$35.88	\$37.01	\$37.41	\$84.08

Data Notes and Sources

Sample Allocations by County

Population Indicators

- Total Population and Distribution of Race
 - Data for these measures were collected from the United States Census Bureau’s 2008 Population Estimates. This is an estimate of all persons in a specific geographic area as of July 1, 2008.
 - Race includes individuals reporting only one race.

Income Measures

- Median Household and Per Capita Income
 - Data for these measures were obtained from the United States Census Bureau’s 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates and are not adjusted to 2009 dollars.

Sample Allocations by City

Population Indicators

- Total Population
 - Data for this measure were collected from the United States Census Bureau’s 2008 Population Estimates. This is an estimate of all persons in a specific geographic area as of July 1, 2008.
- White, African American, and Other Population
 - Distribution of race for the cities of Detroit, Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Flint, Kalamazoo, and Pontiac were obtained through the United States Census Bureau’s 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.
 - Distributions for the cities of Battle Creek, Niles and Benton Harbor are not available for 2008 as 1-Year estimate data are only available for geographies with a population at or above 65,000. Data for these communities were obtained via the United States Census Bureau’s Census 2000. It should be noted that 3-year estimate data (2006-2008) are available from the American Community Survey for Battle Creek. However, these estimates were not available for all three cities. Therefore, for consistency, Census 2000 data are used for all three cities.
 - Race includes individuals reporting only one race.

Income Measures

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 - Data for the cities of Battle Creek, Niles, and Benton Harbor are in 1999 dollars and not adjusted for inflation due to Michigan’s long-term economic downturn that is not reflected in the US Department of Labor’s Consumer Price Index Inflation Calculator.

All figures for stimulus funding were obtained via city and county websites and “The Recovery Act at Work in Your Community” fact sheets available from the State of Michigan’s Recovery and Investment Plan website: <http://www.michigan.gov/recovery>.