

Internal Audit Division
City of Greensboro



May 20, 2011

TO: Sue Schwartz, Interim Director of Planning & Community Development

FROM: Internal Audit Division

SUBJECT: Stimulus Funds Quarterly Review (Department of Energy/ARRA Grant)

The Internal Audit Division has completed a review for the quarter-ended March 31, 2011 of the Better Buildings ARRA Grant provided by the United States Department of Energy (DOE). This grant in the amount of \$5,000,000 awarded to the City of Greensboro on July 21, 2009, results from legislation passed called the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The City's plan for these funds is called "Energy Efficiency as a Pathway to Community Health and Wealth" and its goal is to emphasize the vital connection between efficiency and quality of life. This grant is administered by the Planning & Community Development Department (P&CD) and the funding expended-to-date is \$141,467.39. This amount is comprised of approximately seventy-five percent (75%) for staff salaries and benefits in the amount of \$105,803.95. The remaining twenty-five (25%) \$35,663.44 is comprised of Program Expenditures for upcoming Outreach Programs, energy awareness during the Housing Summit, Training Classes and Travel & Seminar Expenses.

The City did execute one agreement in the amount of \$2,500 with a consultant, EGS, Energy, LLC to conduct an energy assessment and recommendations for the City owned Nettie Coad Apartments. These recommendations when implemented will produce efficiency and lower utility costs for the residents.

We examined selected financial transactions and departmental files for compliance with the grant agreement. Based on our review, it appears that the funds have been expended in accordance with the grant agreement, with no exceptions noted.

We would like to thank Mr. Josh Mullins, Sustainability Planner and the staff of Planning & Community Development for their courtesy and cooperation shown to us during this review. If there are any questions or comments concerning the details of this review, we can be reached at 373-2823.

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