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**To:** Department Directors  
**From:** Jennifer Hanlon, Director  
**CC:** Mayor, file  
**Date:** February 27, 2009  
**Re:** Stimulus and Appropriations Requests

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Attached please find a copy of the press release concerning City projects submitted for consideration with Senator Brown and Senator Voinovich as part of the federal budget and for consideration for stimulus funding.

As per my memo dated February 12, 2009, my department has submitted all projects we have received for stimulus consideration. There is not an official deadline, so if you still have project, please continue to submit them to my office.

A copy of any projects submitted for your department is also attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions. 740.354.5673

# CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Friday, February 27, 2009**

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## **What is this stimulus all about?**

The State of Ohio hopes to receive at least \$8.2 billion in federal stimulus monies. Some funds will be provided directly to the State and then awarded to other entities to perform eligible work. Other monies will go directly to schools, community action agencies, other for profit and non-profit entities. In addition, these entities will also have the opportunity to compete for other funds.

“The requirements for projects have been constantly changing and the City, along with just about every other public and private organization in the State of Ohio, has had to work non-stop to get viable project proposals ready for submission,” stated the Portsmouth City Community Development Director, Jennifer Hanlon.

The City of Portsmouth, in addition to other Ohio entities, submitted projects via the website [www.recovery.ohio.gov](http://www.recovery.ohio.gov). If a project appears to be eligible for funding, state officials will contact the entity with additional information about how to formally apply for funds.

Also on this site under “More Information,” there is a link to a sortable and searchable excel spreadsheet covering requests submitted via this website. Just because a project appears on this list of requests, this in no way means that the project is slated to receive funding. No funding decisions have been made regarding the use of state managed federal stimulus funds.

Current projects the City of Portsmouth has submitted to [www.recovery.ohio.gov](http://www.recovery.ohio.gov) include:

1. City Center Project \$12,933,819  
(to renovate downtown building for city offices)
2. Filtration Plant Upgrade \$2,100,000  
(to install new pumps, filter media, valves, piping)
3. Haverhill Water Tank \$1,100,000  
(to install 1,000,000 gallon storage tank and 5,000 linear feet of 12-inch water main)
4. Lawson Run WWTP \$13,000,000  
(to install primary clarifiers, filters, UV disinfectant, flow monitoring telemetry)
5. Pedestrian Friendly Upgrade \$2,000,000  
(to replace sidewalks and curb cuts)

6. Portsmouth Bridge Rehabilitation \$100,000  
(to rehab 6 bridges)
7. Portsmouth Fire Department Expansion Project \$900,000  
(to purchase 2 new pumper trucks and expand current Central Fire Station to support current and future equipment needs)
8. Portsmouth Skate Park \$800,000  
(to install 1 skate park)
9. Portsmouth Street Paving Project \$1,250,000  
(to repave approximately 39,000 linear feet of streets)
10. Recreational Facilities Improvement \$5,000,000  
(to rehab Spartan Stadium and Branch Rickey)
11. Wheelersburg Tank/Waterline Project \$1,350,000  
(to install 800,000 water tank, 15,000 linear feet of water line and upgrade the Stewart Hollow pump station).

Hanlon also stressed that "One funding requirement is that projects be shovel-ready within a certain time frame. This means the planning is complete and the project is ready for construction. This constraint narrowed the scope of projects that are ready to be submitted, but it also makes the process easier by narrowing down our list of total projects and submitting only those projects that are eligible."

The City also submitted appropriations requests to both Senator Voinovich and Senator Brown. Each Senator requested projects that fit different congressional spending bills. For Senator Voinovich, the City submitted the Wheelersburg Tank and the Lawson Run Projects for funding consideration. These projects must fit one of the Interior Appropriations Bills such as Environmental Protection Agency or the Bureau of Land Management. Five appropriations projects were submitted to Senator Brown. In addition to the Wheelersburg Tank and the Lawson Run projects, the City submitted the City Center, Portsmouth Fire Department Expansion, and the Filtration Plant Upgrade projects. The different funding bills via Brown's office include: Agriculture/Rural Development, Energy and Water, and General Government.

These projects compete with other projects submitted for each respective bill, and the bills are specific to which types of projects they will cover. For example, a water project competes with another water project proposal, and not with a fire department expansion project proposal.

The federal government established [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) so everyone can follow the stimulus spending. For the text of the recovery bill, visit [www.readthestimulus.org](http://www.readthestimulus.org). This site has some neat tools to help you navigate the thousand-plus pages of legislation. Federal spending in general is tracked at [usaspending.gov](http://usaspending.gov).

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