

MEMO

To: Senior Center State Associations

From: Marci Phillips, NCOA Director Public Policy and Advocacy & Beverly Ferry, NISC Public Policy Chair

Re: Sharing Senior Center "Shovel-Ready" Projects

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Please find attached a spreadsheet of senior center infrastructure projects identified by the "shovel-ready" survey NCOA/NISC organized. Three hundred and ninety-five respondents completed this February 2009 survey. The excel spreadsheet is organized by state. There is also a pdf copy of the response rate, although some responses are only viewable in the excel spreadsheet you may find some collective responses of interest.

Your help is needed to disseminate the information. Please use any of your contacts within your state to pass on this important information. Below is a list of resources that identify governors' offices where you should share this information on behalf of the senior centers in your state. Also listed are contacts for each of the State Units on Aging, as well as other helpful resources compiled by other state and local governments and nonprofit advocates.

One of our challenges is that each state handles such information and funding in their own way. We hope that you will assist in getting the information to the appropriate agencies and units of government in your state. Each senior center needs to pursue any and all possible ways to access the stimulus funds.

This is the first time that we have had such information to spread across the country. Please let us know what you are able to do with the information. We hope there will be many success stories.

State Recovery Contacts:

<http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page>

Council of State Governments recovery information:

<http://www.staterecovery.org/>

State Units on Aging contacts:

http://www.nasua.org/about_nasua/sua_links.html

Key Stimulus Program Summaries from U.S. Conference of Mayors:

<http://www.usmayors.org/recovery/documents/program-summaries.xlsx>

Recovery contact information from National League of Cities:

<http://www.nlc.org/recovery/>

ProPublica's ShovelWatch tracking site:

<http://www.shovelwatch.org/>

Independent Sector recovery information:

http://www.independentsector.org/programs/gr/Recovery_Reinvestment.htm

OMB Watch's Coalition for an Accountable Recovery:

<http://www.ombwatch.org/car>

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