



State of Idaho  
**DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES**  
"Caring for America's Heroes"



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2009

TO: Wayne Hammon, Administrator  
Division of Financial Management

FROM: David Brasuell, Administrator   
Idaho Division of Veterans Services

SUBJECT: The Federal American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Per The Office of The Governor's Executive Order No. 2009-06, the Division of Veterans Services determines it is eligible and desires federal funding under the above mentioned Act. The table below provides the provisions of the Act and other pertinent information.

The Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities Program is not a new program under the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, but the Act (page 85) provides additional funds to that program. Idaho would still have to compete against other states nationally for funding based on the Veterans Administration criteria. There is no guarantee that the roof or elevator projects would be selected for funding.

It was our intention to participate in the Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities program in the next few years anyway. Hopefully, the additional funding made available by the act will allow Idaho Division of Veterans Services to be more competitive.

The Promotion of Health Information Technology under the Public Health Service Act is a new program. We reviewed the information and feel our electronic health record equipment meets this provision.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

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Idaho Division of Veterans Services  
The State of Idaho Executive Order 2009-06  
“The Federal American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009” Request

Information	Roofs Replacement	Elevators Modifications	Digital Medical Records
The amount of federal funding desired under the Act	\$877,500	\$273,000	\$50,000
The title(s) and section(s) of the Act under which the funding is provided	Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration	Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration	Public Health Service Act, Health Information Technology and Quality
The requirements and deadline for applying for federal funding	Submit grant application to Department of Veterans Affairs between October 1 <sup>st</sup> and April 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Submit grant application to Department of Veterans Affairs between October 1 <sup>st</sup> and April 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Submit application to the Secretary of Health and Human Services; no deadline indicated.
The requirements associated with the desired funding, including but not limited to spending limitations, state match or cost share requirements, percentage limitations and timeframes	65% Federal and 35% State match	65% Federal and 35% State match	Any fiscal year before Federal fiscal year 2011, the Secretary may determine the extent to which there shall be required a non-Federal contribution from a State receiving a grant under this section. For federal fiscal year 2011, match is not less than \$1 for each \$10 of Federal funds provided under the grant. The match changes for later fiscal years.
When the federal funding would end	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2013
Whether additional spending authority would be necessary to expend the federal funds	Yes, \$1,350,000 additional spending authority would be necessary; \$877,500 federal grant portion (65%) and \$472,500 state federal funds portion (35%) which the Idaho State Veterans Homes have available.	Yes, \$420,000 additional spending authority would be necessary; \$273,000 federal grant portion (65%) and \$147,000 state miscellaneous receipts portion (35%) which the Idaho State Veterans Home – Boise has available.	Yes, \$50,000 additional spending authority would be necessary.
Whether any additional state employees are necessary to oversee or administer the federal funds and if so how many	None	None	None.
A plan detailing how the funds will be spent and how the agency will address the absence of federal funding after it ends	The funds will be spent to replace the roofs at the three Idaho State Veterans Homes (Boise, Pocatello and Lewiston). This is not an on-going expenditure.	The funds will be spent to install one new elevator and refurbish four existing elevators at the Idaho State Veterans Home – Boise. This is not an on-going expenditure.	The funds will be spent to purchase input devices for digital medical records at the three Idaho State Veterans Homes. This is not an on-going expenditure.