



## Mayor Mark Mallory

City of Cincinnati

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### **Mayor Mallory Meeting with President Obama Thursday Mayor to discuss federal funding to help Cincinnati**

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory is meeting with President Barack Obama tomorrow at the White House. The Mayor will discuss Cincinnati’s federal funding requests and the positive effects that the President’s economic recovery plan has had on the city. The Mayor is in Washington DC at the US Conference of Mayors Winter Meetings.

“I want the President to know that we appreciate his help and that we are ready to work with him on big projects that will improve our transportation network and revitalize our neighborhoods,” Mayor Mallory said. “We have done a lot of groundwork and our applications are among the strongest in the country. I’m going to make sure that the President knows how important his help is to Cincinnati.”

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has announced over \$67 million in federal funding to Cincinnati in both direct funding for City projects and funding that passes through the City to other local communities. In addition, over \$49 million has been announced for projects benefiting the region such as the Banks project, I-75 reconstruction, and the Eastern Corridor project.

Last week, the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County received more than \$24 million as part of the second round of Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding (NSP2). The funding will be used to clean up properties in neighborhoods that have been especially hard hit by the housing crisis. The targeted neighborhoods in Cincinnati are Avondale, East Price Hill, Evanston, and Northside; and the targeted communities in the County are Golf Manor, Lincoln Heights, and Mt. Healthy.

The City of Cincinnati has applied for \$60 million from the federal TIGER grant program (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) to fund the Cincinnati Streetcar project. The City is also preparing an application for \$25 million from the federal Urban Circulator grant program to be submitted in early February.

In addition, Cincinnati could benefit from Ohio receiving its requested \$564 million in federal stimulus funds for the 3C “Quick Start” Passenger Rail Plan - connecting Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati. Ohio could be awarded the stimulus funds as early as the first quarter of 2010.

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