



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of Congressional Relations
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Congressman Schauer,

On behalf of Secretary Vilsack at the Department of Agriculture (USDA), I would like to update you on the current status of funds committed to your District through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA.) USDA is committed to dispensing appropriated funds from the Act in a timely, efficient and transparent way.

USDA was appropriated \$28 billion (3.5%) of the total ARRA funding. Of this amount, approximately \$20 billion was provided to increase monthly nutrition assistance benefits to over 33 million people. In addition, USDA will:

- Expand opportunities for broadband loans and grants to rural communities;
- Provide over 80,000 home loans in rural areas;
- Construct or repair rural water and waste treatment facilities;
- Protect and conserve the nation's forests and farm land;
- Improve, develop, and finance business, industry, and employment while improving the economic and environmental climate in rural communities.

These are just a few examples of the great work USDA is doing everyday, all around the country. As of July 30, USDA has committed approximately \$36 million in ARRA funding in your Congressional District. In addition to these funds, \$201.7 million has been committed to your State. Please see the attached list for the breakdown of funding in your District. For specific and updated project information, please visit our website at www.usda.gov/recovery.

We look forward to working with you as we continue to obligate funding and complete the work Americans want to see get done and hope to keep an open dialogue regarding the effects of ARRA in your district.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations



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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 USDA FUNDING COMMITTED as of July 30, 2009

YOUR DISTRICT:

FSA Direct Operating Farm Loans: \$1.5 million
Single Family Housing Loans: \$32.2 million
Rural Development Water and Waste: \$1.86 million
Rural Development Community Facilities: \$500,000

TOTAL: \$36 million

YOUR STATE:

FSA Direct Operating Farm Loans: \$8.3 million
Forest Service Capital Improvement: \$17.7 million
Forest Service Wildland Fire Management: \$12.1 million
SNAP obligations to date: \$117 million
SNAP State Administrative Funds: \$6.1 million
The Emergency Food Assistance Program: \$5 million
National School Lunch Program: \$2.5 million
NRCS Floodplain Easements: \$523,000
Single Family Housing Loans: \$274 million
Rural Development Water and Waste Treatment projects: \$22.5 million
Rural Development Community Facilities: \$9.7 million
Rural Business and Enterprise Grants: \$90,000
FSA Aquaculture Assistance: \$22,000

TOTAL: \$201.7 million