

# EDUCATION

The following information about funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was compiled by the Office of Congressman Silvestre Reyes. This document is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information. Please note: not all applicable programs are included below; the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides over \$100 billion for education. These funds will go to several existing education programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education, including programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Higher Education Act (HEA). The legislation also provides \$53.6 billion directly to states for an education stabilization fund to prevent education-related layoffs, upgrade, repair and modernize schools and restore harmful cuts to education funding.

**Grant:** **State Fiscal Stabilization Fund**  
**Amount:** \$53.6 billion  
**Type:** States will receive formula funding  
**Administrators:** State Governors  
**Description:** To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services.  
**Website:** <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
**State Funding**  
**Amounts:** <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
**State Recovery Sites:** <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page>

**Grant:** **IDEA Special Education**  
**Amount:** \$12.2 billion  
**Type:** States will receive formula funding.  
**Administrator:** State Department of Education  
**Description:** To assist states and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special education for students with disabilities.  
**Website:** <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
**State Funding**  
**Amounts:** <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

**Grant:** **Vocational Rehabilitation**  
**Amount:** \$540 million was included for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants.  
**Type:** States will receive formula funding  
**Description:** To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.  
**Website:** <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
**State Funding**  
**Amounts:** <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

**Grant:** **Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants**  
**Amount:** \$300 million  
**Agency:** U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education

Type: Competitive grants to states and school districts  
Description: \$200 million for competitive grants to school districts and states to provide financial incentives for teachers and principals who raise student achievement. \$100 million for competitive grants to states to address teacher shortages and modernize the teaching workforce.  
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html>

**Grant:** **Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program**  
Amount: \$250 million was included in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program.  
Agency: Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences  
Type: Competitive Grants to States  
Description: Grants to design and develop data systems that analyze individual student data to find ways to improve student achievement.  
Website: <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/>

**Grant:** **Student Financial Assistance**  
Amount: \$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. \$200 million was included for workstudy programs. These additional funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn.  
Agency: Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid  
Description: To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.  
Type: Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds.  
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html>  
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

**Grant:** **College Work Study**  
Amount: \$200 million  
Agency: Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid  
Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities to assist students in financing the costs of postsecondary education.  
Type: Formula Grants  
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html>  
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

**Grant:** **Rural Community Facilities**  
Amount: \$130 million  
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office  
Type: Competitive grants  
Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.  
Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

**Grant:** **Independent Living State Grants**  
Amount: \$18.2 million  
Type: States will receive formula funding  
Description: To provide independent living (IL) services to individuals with significant disabilities.  
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
State Funding  
Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
Rehabilitation  
Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html>

**Grant:** **Services for Older Individuals who are Blind**  
Amount: \$34.3 Million  
Type: States will receive formula funding  
Description: Grants are made to states to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual impairment makes employment difficult to obtain.  
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
State Funding  
Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
Rehabilitation  
Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html>

**Grant:** **Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities**  
Agency: National Park Service  
Funding: \$15 million  
Type: Competitive grants  
Description: These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.  
Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps>  
HBCU Grants: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm>

**Grant:** **AmeriCorps**  
Amount: \$2.3 million  
Agency: Onestar Foundation  
Description: Provides grants directly to public and non-profit organizations that sponsor higher education institutions, and public agencies. Grants assist these groups in recruiting, training and placing AmeriCorps members to meet critical community needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.  
Type: Formula Grants  
Website: [www.onestarfoundation.org/page/ameriCorpstexas](http://www.onestarfoundation.org/page/ameriCorpstexas)

**Grant:** **Children with Disabilities (Part B)**  
Amount: \$945.6 million  
Agency: Texas Education Agency

Description: Provides funds to state educational agencies and local educational agencies to help them ensure that children with disabilities have access to a free appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living.

Type: Formula Grants

Website: [www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873)

**Grant: Children with Disabilities (Part C: Infants and toddlers)**

Amount: \$39.4 million

Agency: Texas Dept. of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Description: Provides funds to state educational agencies and local educational agencies to help them ensure the education of children with disabilities, aged three and under, have access to a free appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living.

Type: Formula Grants

Website: [www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml](http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml)

**Grant: Children with Disabilities (Pre-K)**

Amount: \$24.3 million

Agency: Texas Education Agency

Description: Provides funds to state educational agencies and local agencies to help them ensure that children with disabilities, including children aged three to five, have access to a free appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living.

Type: Formula Grants

Website: [www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873)

**Grant: Early Head Start**

Amount: \$1.1 billion

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Description: Grants for family-centered services for low-income families with very young children designed to promote the development of the children, and to enable their parents to fulfill their roles as parents and to move toward self-sufficiency.

Type: Competitive Grants

Website: [http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hslc\\_grantee\\_directory](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hslc_grantee_directory)

**Grant: Education Technology**

Amount: \$285.2 million

Agency: Texas Education Agency

Description: Title I, School Improvement Grants, aim is to improve academic achievement through the use of technology in public education. Grants can be used to improve student achievement using technology in a variety of ways, including but not limited to acquiring software, improving networking, and equipment. Fund use is supplemental only.

Type: Formula Grants

Website: [www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873)

**Grant:** **Education Technology**  
Amount: \$59.4 million  
Agency: Texas Education Agency  
Description: Title II, Part D Education Technology Authorizes a series of competitive grant programs intended to support a variety of innovative K-12 educational activities. Grants can be used to improve student achievement using technology in a variety of ways including but not limited to acquiring software, teacher training, and new curriculum delivery. Fund use is supplemental only.  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873)

**Grant:** **Head Start**  
Amount: \$60 million  
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services  
Description: Grants not to exceed 80% of the total costs of the program. Matching funds will not be required to exceed 20% of the total costs of the program. \$354 million for staff compensation and training, upgrading Head Start centers and classrooms, increasing hours of operation and enhancing transportation services.  
Type: Formula Grants  
Website: [http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hslc\\_grantee\\_directory](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hslc_grantee_directory)

**Grant:** **Education for Homeless Children and Youth**  
Amount: \$3.5 million  
Agency: Texas Education Agency  
Description: Title VII, Subtitle B-McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act—Program works to ensure that homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free public education, including a public preschool education, as is provided to other children and youth.  
Deadline: Funds must be distributed to states by 4/18/2009; state subgrants to school districts within 120 days after receiving its grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education  
Website: [www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873)

**Grant:** **Impact Aid**  
Amount: \$100 million  
Agency: U.S. Department of Education  
Description: Supports local school districts with concentrations of children who reside on Indian lands, military bases, low-rent housing properties, and other Federal properties, or who have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties.  
Type: Formula and Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html)

**Grant:** **Innovation and Improvement**  
Amount: \$200 million  
Agency: U.S. Department of Education  
Description: Specifies that \$200 million be used for a national evaluation of performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high need schools.

Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html)

**Grant: Education for the Disadvantaged**  
Amount: \$944.6 million  
Agency: Texas Education Agency  
Description: Title I, Part A Title 1-A grants provide supplementary educational and related services to low-achieving and other students attending pre-K-12 schools with relatively high concentration of pupils from low-income families. Fund use is supplemental only.

Type: Formula Grants  
Website: [www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873)

**Grant: National School Lunch Program**  
Amount: \$11.5 million  
Agency: Texas Department of Agriculture  
Description: Grants to help upgrade equipment to meet the current nutritional standards. Schools administering a lunch program with more than 50% of the population eligible for the national school lunch program. Consideration will also be made as to how the purchase either a) improves the quality of the school foodservice meals that meet dietary guidelines, b) improves the safety of food served in the school meals programs, c) improves the overall energy efficiency of the school foodservice operations, or d) allows the support of expanded participation in the school meals programs.

Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.squaremeals.org/fn/render/channel/items/0,1249,2348\\_28788\\_0\\_0,00.html](http://www.squaremeals.org/fn/render/channel/items/0,1249,2348_28788_0_0,00.html)

**Grants: Pell Grants**  
Amount: \$186.6 million  
Agency: Higher Education Institutions  
Description: The Pell Grant Program is the largest source of federal source grant aid to postsecondary students. The grants are available to low-income undergraduate students to help offset their costs associated with obtaining a postsecondary education. Direct aid to students.

Type: Formula Grants  
Website: [www.fasfa.ed.gov](http://www.fasfa.ed.gov)

**Grant: Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program**  
Amount: \$100 million  
Agency: U.S. Department of Education  
Description: Grants for improving teacher education programs, strengthening teacher recruitment efforts, and providing training for prospective teachers.

Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html)

**Grant: Work-Study Program**  
Amount: \$10.7 million  
Agency: Higher Education Institutions

Description: Need-based federal aid that provides undergraduate, graduate, and professional students the opportunity for paid employment in a field related to their course of study or in community service. Students are compensated with a combination of federal funding and a matching amount provided by the student's employer, which may be the institution of higher education or another entity. In most instances, the maximum share of compensation is 75%. Direct aid to students.

Type: Formula Grants  
Website: [www.fasfa.ed.gov](http://www.fasfa.ed.gov)

**Grant: Major Research Instrumentation Program and Facilities Construction**

Amount: \$400 million  
Agency: National Science Foundation  
Description: The program is designed to make research instruments more accessible to higher education, non-profit organizations and research museums to expand scientific knowledge. Proposals can be for a single instrument or for numerous instruments but all must be too costly for the entity to acquire their own. Grants can also be upgrades to existing facilities or new construction.

Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.nsf.gov/recovery](http://www.nsf.gov/recovery)

**Grant: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**

Amount: \$230 million  
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NOAA  
Description: Programs can be weather related learning tools at schools to meteorology equipment at universities. There are also research funding opportunities available.

Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.noaa.gov/recovery](http://www.noaa.gov/recovery)

**Grant: Scientific and Technical Research Services**

Amount: \$180 million  
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology  
Description: The program will consist of a competitive construction grant program for funding science research facilities outside of National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.nist.gov/recovery](http://www.nist.gov/recovery)