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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.

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