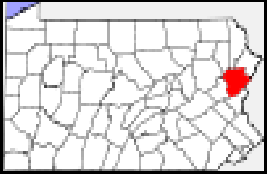


<b>MONROE COUNTY</b>	
	<p>Monroe County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 63,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Monroe County has received over \$84 million in funding for education, transportation, and infrastructure and other projects.</p>

<b>Education</b>	<p>The Recovery Act is providing much-needed federal funding for local school districts. School districts are using these funds for a variety of purposes, including special education, educational technology, and basic education needs. These funds have unequivocally prevented the elimination of teaching positions and have helped stabilize education budgets throughout the Commonwealth. Specific awards in Monroe County include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$4,118,224 to the East Stroudsburg Area School District</li> <li>➤ \$4,257,486 to the Pleasant Valley School District</li> <li>➤ \$6,092,201 to the Pocono Mountain School District</li> <li>➤ \$2,685,441 to the Stroudsburg Area School District</li> <li>➤ \$9,519 to the Evergreen Community Charter School</li> <li>➤ \$96,052 to the Pocono Mountain Charter School</li> </ul> <p>Total Education Funding: \$17,258,923</p>
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<b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>	<p>The Recovery Act is helping Pennsylvania revitalize its transportation infrastructure through highway resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation projects. It is also providing funding for key infrastructure projects designed to improve water quality. Specific awards in Monroe County include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$10,217,424 for the replacement of precast bridge parapets in Tunkhannock and Pocono Townships</li> <li>➤ \$10,217,424 for the replacement of precast Bridge Parapets on Interstate 80 in Pocono Township</li> <li>➤ \$10,217,424 for replacement of precast bridge parapets in Stroud, Smithfield Townships, Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg Boroughs</li> <li>➤ \$14,177,375 for I-80 Westbound restoration</li> <li>➤ \$2,258,600 for the preservation of 10 bridges in various locations in Monroe and Schuylkill Counties</li> <li>➤ \$6,084,004 for the resurfacing of State Route 33 and State Route 8017</li> <li>➤ \$509,563 to construct ADA curb ramps throughout the County</li> <li>➤ \$6,084,004 for restoration of PA 33, including Sciota and Snydersville ramps</li> <li>➤ \$100,000 for East Stoudsburg Borough - Water System Improvements</li> </ul>
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Information gathered from <http://recovery.pa.gov> and <http://www.recovery.gov/Pages/home.aspx>.  
These figures are not final and are regularly updated

	Total T&I Funding: \$59,765,918
<b>Helping Children and Families</b>	<p>The Recovery Act is helping those hit hardest by the economic downturn. Here is how Monroe County residents are benefiting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 63,726 residents of Monroe County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act</li> <li>➤ 6,000 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation</li> <li>➤ 8,300 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance</li> <li>➤ 26,257 low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance</li> <li>➤ 20,000 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)</li> </ul>
<b>Other Recovery Act funding for Monroe County</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$513,103 for the Community Services Recovery &amp; Reinvestment Project</li> <li>➤ \$14,025 to Pocono Township, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant</li> <li>➤ \$58,986 to Stroud Township, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant</li> <li>➤ \$56,099 to Monroe County, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant</li> <li>➤ \$560,859 to the Housing Authority of Monroe County</li> <li>➤ \$1,300,000 for the Tobyhanna Army Depot, to repair and build family housing units and make other facility improvements</li> </ul>
	Total: \$2,503,072
<b>Direct Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$235,000 to the Delaware Water Gap</li> <li>➤ \$267,869 to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department</li> <li>➤ \$129,110 to Monroe County for an enhanced law enforcement program</li> <li>➤ \$4,987,000 to the Tobyhanna Army Depot</li> <li>➤ \$291,066 to East Stroudsburg Elderly Housing Associates for rental assistance payments</li> <li>➤ \$48,179 to East Stroudsburg University to provide need-based financial aid to students</li> <li>➤ \$96,772 to Pocono Services for Families &amp; Children for a Head Start Program</li> </ul>
	Total: \$6,054,996