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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in Rochester

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was passed on February 17, 2009 to cushion the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression and lay a new foundation for economic growth. One year later we see its impact on Rochester.

More than **\$377 million in contracts, grants, and loans** was awarded to recipients in the 28th Congressional district in 2009. Recipients in the greater Rochester area were awarded over **\$213 million. To date, Monroe County received \$338,191,964. Orleans County received \$12,710,586.**

Over 500 projects have been funded in the greater Rochester area. Here are some:

- **Road & Bridge Repair** **\$72,949,800**
 - The 7-county Greater Rochester Region received an extra \$73 million for road and transit projects roughly equating to two year's worth of transportation funding in a single year. Funding has enabled the region to repair a backlog of roads and bridges.
 - The Route 31F bridge over Irondequoit Creek in the Town of Perinton has been replaced.
 - Thurston Road from Brooks Avenue to Chili Avenue in Rochester has been resurfaced.
 - Preventative maintenance on the following bridges in Rochester: Drive Park, East Main Street, Main Street, Court Street, Elmwood Avenue, Lake Avenue, Andrews Street, Ford Street

- **The University of Rochester** **\$41,845,554**
 - U of R has received over \$41.8 million to fund 161 projects. The National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation have awarded U of R research grants to study everything from stroke, Huntington's disease, and influenza immunization.

- **Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority** **\$ 9,910,700**
 - A contract for ten sixty-foot low-floor articulated transit buses has been funded and signed.
 - The design of a new diesel emissions fluid storage and dispensing system has been funded.

- **City of Rochester for the COPS Program** **\$ 5,831,550**
 - The City of Rochester was awarded over \$5.8 million from the Department of Justice's COPS program to hire/rehire police officers and increase community policing capabilities.

- **Local School Districts** **\$ 29,360,000**

 - Local School Districts have received \$28.5 million. Recipients in the 28th district include the Rochester City School District, East Rochester Union Free School District, Brighton Central School District, Pittsford Central School District, the University of Rochester and Urban Choice Charter School.
 - Another \$ 860,000 has come to Rochester area districts including Fairport, Lyndonville, Greece, the Rochester City School District and Monroe County Boces through the State Stabilization Fund.
 - Funds have been used to keep teachers in the classroom and avoid class sizes from rising. Funds also avoided the termination of programs vulnerable to budget cuts like extracurricular activities and field trips.

- **Monroe County Civic Center Plaza** **\$ 3,200,000**

 - The Monroe County Civic Center Plaza will be outfitted with a green roof. Grass, shrubs and other greenery will be placed on top of a waterproof membrane. The new roof is part of the Green Innovation Grant Program, and will help lower heating and cooling costs, saving Monroe County money over time.

- **Unity Hospital** **\$ 432,000**

 - Unity Hospital received grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration to extend its staff hours, fund its upgrade to electronic medical records, order new medical equipment, and fund building renovation.
 - The electronic medical records system went live on August 17, 2009. The Unity Hospital staff has estimated that the increased efficiency of the electronic medical records system will allow the Hospital to treat an additional 462 patients per year.

- **WXXI** **\$ 495,900**

 - WXXI received a grant from the NY Department of Education that will allow them to keep 10 employees and avoid an almost certain budget cut that would have come from the State.

- **Legal Aid Society of Rochester** **\$ 206,849**

 - The Legal Aid Society of Rochester received a grant from the Department of Justice for victim assistance programs and crisis intervention.

- **Boys and Girls Club of Rochester** **\$ 42,500**

 - The Boys and Girls Club of Rochester received a Department of Justice grant that will allow them to maintain vital services and keep current staff.

- **Memorial Art Gallery** **\$ 50,000**

 - The National Endowment for the Arts awarded the Gallery a \$50,000 grant to hire a curatorial research assistant, and an assistant curator of education.

- **Garth Fagan Dance** **\$ 50,000**

 - The National Endowment for the Arts awarded Garth Fagan Dance a \$50,000 grant and the group has hired an intern and three dancer apprentices.

A full list of projects reported by the recipients of the funding is available at www.recovery.gov or can be provided by Congresswoman Slaughter's office.

But there's more than just these projects funded.

- The Ways and Means Committee in the House of Representatives reported that approximately **243,000 families in NY-28** have benefited from the Making Work Pay Tax Credit.

The funds for some of the most critical programs in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, including food stamps, unemployment insurance, Pell grants, Medicaid assistance, and infrastructure programs are allocated to the states.

New York State will receive at least \$31 billion over the course of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

As of November 2, 2009, New York had projected that over the two-year implementation period of the Recovery Act, **Monroe County** will receive:

- **\$174 million in Direct Assistance to Individuals**
 - \$46.3 million in Food Stamps
 - \$126.3 million in Unemployment Insurance
 - \$1.9 million in Pell Grants*
- **\$180.5 million to County Governments and Schools**
 - \$66.2 billion in Medicaid Assistance
 - \$114.3 million in Education Assistance*
- **\$80.9 million in Major Infrastructure Programs**
 - \$7.4 million in Weatherization Grants
 - \$26.9 million in Clean Water and Drinking Water Grants
 - \$46.7 million in Highway Projects

* Education funding is 2009 figure, and Pell Grant funding is money awarded to date.

As of November 2, 2009, New York had projected that over the two year implementation period of the Recovery Act, **Orleans County** will receive:

- **\$8.1 million in Direct Assistance to Individuals**
 - 2.4 million in Food Stamps
 - 5.7 million in Unemployment Insurance
- **\$9.3 million to County Governments and Schools**
 - 3.1 million in Medicaid Assistance
 - 6.3 million in Education Assistance*
- **\$16.4 million in Major Infrastructure Programs**
 - \$900,000 in Weatherization Grants
 - \$3.7 million in Clean Water and Drinking Water Grants
 - \$11.8 million in Highway Projects

Background on the Recipient Reporting Process

The projects listed on Page One come from data submitted by the project recipients, so data from U of R, Garth Fagan, etc. Some things to note as you look at recipient reported data (as opposed to data submitted by the agencies handing out the money):

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is comprised of three components:
 - \$288 billion in Tax Benefits
 - \$275 billion in Contracts, Grants, and Loans
 - \$224 billion in Entitlements
 - Total: \$787 billion

- As of January 29, 2010:
 - \$92.8 billion of \$288 billion in Tax Benefits have been distributed
 - \$74.4 billion of \$275 billion in Contracts, Grants, and Loans have been paid out
 - \$105 billion of \$224 billion in Entitlements have been paid out

The recipient reported data and jobs numbers made available on www.recovery.gov on Saturday, January 30, 2010 reflects the synthesis of a \$54 billion of Recovery Act spending in the 4th quarter of 2009 (October 1st-December 31st).

Recipient reports only include data on spending associated with the \$275 billion contracts, grants, and loans, a third of the overall Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

For example, unemployment insurance and Medicaid assistance, two critical Recovery Act programs, are categorized as entitlement programs, and not included in recipient reported data.

Also, Recovery Act funding allocated to the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund and other Department of Education Recovery Act programs, was doled out to states to avoid teacher layoffs and invest in education, and is not included in prime recipient reported data. In that instance, New York State was required to report to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, not individual schools in the district.

Also, recipient reporting only accounts for direct jobs, i.e. a job whose salary was directly paid for with Recovery Act dollars.

* Note* The White House Council of Economic Advisors and others have estimated that total jobs created when considering the effect on suppliers, distributors, neighboring businesses and general economic stimulus totals about 2 million jobs.