

# User's Guide to Economic Recovery Resources



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Dear Friends,

These past few months have been among the toughest our country has faced in generations. Throughout Vermont, hardworking men and women find themselves struggling with uncertainty – wondering whether they'll be able to hold on to their jobs, provide for their families and pay the next month's rent. Business owners are worried they won't be able to make payroll, nonprofits are finding it ever more difficult to raise money, and town officials are struggling to maintain crucial services while keeping property taxes manageable.

Times are tough – and there will be no easy fix. In the coming years we'll have to rethink the way we do business and return to the values that have made us strong in the past. But in the meantime, there is much we can do to invest in our country and restore confidence in our economy.

President Obama and the Congress have taken an important step in restoring our economy and putting people back to work by enacting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Over the course of two years, this legislation will invest \$787 billion in education, health care, transportation infrastructure and alternative energy, while reducing the tax burden on middle class families.

In order to help Vermonters better understand the many provisions and opportunities in the ARRA, my office has assembled this guide as a helpful resource. **User's Guide to Economic Recovery Resources** compiles information on programs funded by the ARRA and opportunities available to individuals, communities and businesses in Vermont. Please feel free to give my office a toll-free call at (888) 605-7270 if you have any questions at all.

Sincerely,



Peter Welch  
Member of Congress



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## Highway Improvement Programs

*\$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment*

### Vermont will receive \$125.8 million in formula funding

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Agency of Transportation
<b>Purpose:</b>	For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.
<b>Description:</b>	Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each state being sub-allocated by population areas.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.aot.state.vt.us">www.aot.state.vt.us</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-2657

## Transit Capital Assistance

*\$6.9 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants*

### Vermont will receive \$5.7 million in formula funding

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Agency of Transportation
<b>Type:</b>	For investments in public transportation
<b>Description:</b>	These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.aot.state.vt.us">www.aot.state.vt.us</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-2657
<b>Reference:</b>	49 USCS § 5307

## Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)

*\$750 million was included for capital investment grants*

<b>Agency:</b>	Federal Transit Administration US Department of Transportation
<b>Type:</b>	Distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction.
<b>Purpose:</b>	For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guideway system, or bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html">http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html</a>
<b>Webform:</b>	<a href="http://ftawebprod.fta.dot.gov/ContactUsTool/Public/NewRequest.aspx">http://ftawebprod.fta.dot.gov/ContactUsTool/Public/NewRequest.aspx</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 366-4020 (FTA Office of Program Management) (617) 494-2055 (Transportation Systems Center Region I Office)
<b>Reference:</b>	29 USCS § 5309

## Transit Capital Assistance - Discretionary Grants

*\$100 million was included for transit capital assistance grants*

<b>Agency:</b>	Federal Transit Administration U.S. Department of Transportation
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<b>Description:</b>	Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.fta.dot.gov">www.fta.dot.gov</a>
<b>Webform:</b>	<a href="http://ftawebprod.fta.dot.gov/ContactUsTool/Public/NewRequest.aspx">http://ftawebprod.fta.dot.gov/ContactUsTool/Public/NewRequest.aspx</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 366-4020 (FTA Office of Program Management)

## National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants

*\$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Transportation
<b>Description:</b>	Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.dot.gov/">http://www.dot.gov/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 366-4000 (General Information)

## Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service

*\$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program*

<b>Agency:</b>	Federal Railroad Administration U.S. Department of Transportation
<b>Description:</b>	The Capital Assistance to States—Intercity Passenger Rail Service program provides grants on a discretionary basis to states to fund necessary capital improvements to improve intercity passenger rail service. Grants under this program are awarded to the most meritorious projects as measured against statutory criteria. Discretionary grants to states to provide capital assistance for improving intercity passenger rail service as well as maintaining existing passenger rail corridors.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.fra.dot.gov">www.fra.dot.gov</a> <a href="http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954">http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 366-4000 (General Information)

## Capital Grants to Amtrak

*\$1.3 billion included for capital grants to Amtrak for security and non-security improvements*

<b>Agency:</b>	Federal Railroad Administration U.S. Department of Transportation
<b>Provision:</b>	Funds cannot be used for Amtrak's operating losses.
<b>Purpose:</b>	To maintain and improve the national system of intercity passenger rail. In addition to security improvements, repair, rehabilitation, or upgrade of railroad assets or infrastructure, and for capital projects that expand passenger rail capacity including the rehabilitation of rolling stock (locomotives and passenger cars).
<b>VT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://www.amtrak.com/pdf/factsheets/VERMONT08.pdf">http://www.amtrak.com/pdf/factsheets/VERMONT08.pdf</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.fra.dot.gov">www.fra.dot.gov</a> <a href="http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30">http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 366-4000 (General Information)

## Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to airports for infrastructure improvements

*\$1.1 billion was included for FAA infrastructure improvement grants*

<b>Agency:</b>	Federal Aviation Administration
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	Grants to airports who are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for repairs and improving critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.faa.gov/recovery/">http://www.faa.gov/recovery/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 267-3831

## Federal Aviation Administration -- Competitive Grants to improve FAA power systems

*\$200 million was included for FAA power systems improvement grants*

<b>Agency:</b>	Federal Aviation Administration
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	Upgrade the FAA's power system -- \$50 million, modernize aging air traffic control centers -- \$50 million, replace air traffic control centers and TRACONS -- \$80 million, install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment -- \$20 million
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.faa.gov/recovery/">http://www.faa.gov/recovery/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 267-3831



# ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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## Clean Water State Revolving Fund

*\$4 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund*

**Vermont will receive \$19.5 million in formula funding**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation, Facilities Engineering Division
<b>Provisions:</b>	Waives mandatory 20 percent (20%) matching requirements for revolving funds.
	Directs the Administrator to reallocate Revolving Fund monies where projects are not under contract or construction within 12 months of the date of enactment.
	Directs priority funding to projects on State priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment.
	Requires at least 50 percent (50%) of the capitalization grants each state receives be used to provide assistance for additional subsidization (forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, or grants, or any combination of these).
	Requires at least 20 percent (20%) of each Revolving Fund be available for projects for green infrastructure, water and/or energy efficiency, innovative water quality improvements, decentralized wastewater treatment, storm water runoff mitigation and water conservation, unless states lack applicants with these types of projects.
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for states to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.
<b>Description:</b>	Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals and others for high-priority water-quality activities.
<b>Activities:</b>	Loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants; agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control, including storm water and sewer overflows; alternative treatment technologies; and water reuse and conservation projects.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/">http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/</a> <a href="http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/fed/fms.htm">www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/fed/fms.htm</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 260-7359 (EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund Branch) (802) 241-3737 (Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Facilities Engineering Division)

## Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

*\$2 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund*

**Vermont will receive \$19.7 million in formula funding**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Water Supply Division
	The mandatory 20 percent (20%) matching requirements for revolving funds is waived.
	Directs the Administrator to reallocate Revolving Fund monies where projects are not under contract or construction within 12 months of the date of enactment.

	Directs priority funding to projects on state priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment.
<b>Provisions:</b>	Requires at least 50 percent (50%) of the capitalization grants each state receives be used to provide assistance for additional subsidization (forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, or grants, or any combination of these).
	Requires at least 20 percent (20%) of each Revolving Fund be available for projects for green infrastructure, water and/or energy efficiency, innovative water quality improvements, decentralized wastewater treatment, storm water runoff mitigation and water conservation, unless states lack applicants with these types of projects.
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for states to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.
<b>Description:</b>	Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities.
<b>Activities:</b>	Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/">http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/</a> <a href="http://www.vermontdrinkingwater.org">http://www.vermontdrinkingwater.org</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 564-3750 (EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water ) (802) 241-3737 (Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Facilities Engineering Division)

## Brownfields Grants

*\$100 million was included for Brownfields projects*

<b>Agency:</b>	Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>Provision:</b>	Waives cost-share requirement
<b>Description:</b>	Funds are provided for Brownfields competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent (25%) of which are mandated by law to address petroleum contamination. Funds will capitalize revolving funds and provide low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/">http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/</a> <a href="http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/sms/brownfields-home.htm">http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/sms/brownfields-home.htm</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 566-2777 – (Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization) (802) 241-3888 – (Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Waste Management Division)

## Diesel Emission Reduction Program

*\$300 million was included for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>Provision:</b>	Waives the State Grant and Loan Program matching incentive provisions of DERA.
<b>Purpose:</b>	Funding is used to create clean diesel programs to achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.
<b>Description:</b>	Funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs – 70 percent (70%) of the funding supports nation-wide, competitive grants, the remaining 30 percent (30%) funds grants to states with approved programs.

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/">http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/</a>
<b>Webform:</b>	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm">http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm</a>

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

*\$2 billion was included for United States Army Corps of Engineers for construction activities*

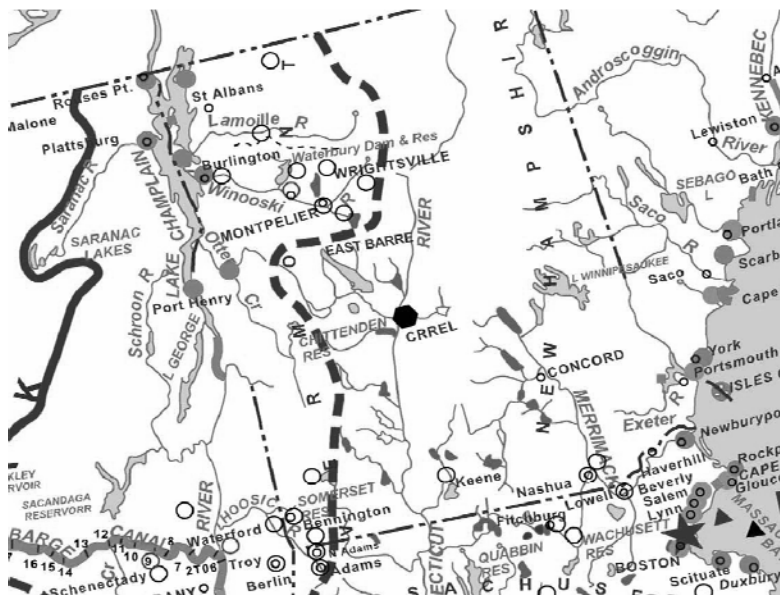
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District / New York District
<b>Description:</b>	Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and storm protection, ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array of other purposes. Funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.
<b>VT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/projects/project2.asp?mystate=VT">http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/projects/project2.asp?mystate=VT</a> <a href="http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/project/vermont/">http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/project/vermont/</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/">http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/</a> (U.S. Army Corps New England District) <a href="http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/">http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/</a> (U.S. Army Corps New York District)
<b>Phone:</b>	(978) 318-8111 (U.S. Army Corps New England District) (917) 790-8799 (U.S. Army Corps New York District)

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance

*\$2 billion was included United States Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance activities*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District / New York District
<b>Description:</b>	Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of facilities constructed by the Corps. Work to be accomplished consists of dredging, repair, and operation of structures and other facilities.
<b>VT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/projects/project2.asp?mystate=VT">http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/projects/project2.asp?mystate=VT</a> <a href="http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/project/vermont/">http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/project/vermont/</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/">http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/</a> (U.S. Army Corps New England District) <a href="http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/">http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/</a> (U.S. Army Corps New York District)
<b>Phone:</b>	(978) 318-8111 (U.S. Army Corps New England District) (917) 790-8799 (U.S. Army Corps New York District)

The dashed line indicates the dividing line between the New York and New England Districts for most projects.



## Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup

*\$600 million was included for the Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup program*

<b>Administrator:</b>	Environmental Protection Agency
<b>Provisions:</b>	Funds will be limited to the 1,255 sites on its National Priority List of superfund remedial sites. The superfund remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and environment
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm">http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm</a> (Visit for a list of eligible sites in Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	(888) 372-7341 (Environmental Protection Agency, Region I)

## Watershed Infrastructure

*\$340 million was included for Watershed Infrastructure*

<b>Type:</b>	Grants based on priority ranking system
<b>Agency:</b>	Natural Resources Conservation Service
<b>Purpose:</b>	Watershed improvement programs to design and build flood protection, water quality projects, repair aging dams, and purchase and restore conservation easements in river flood zones.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	202-720-3413 (National Watershed Rehabilitation Manager)

# ENERGY

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## State Energy Program

*\$3.1 billion was included for the State Energy Program*

### Vermont will receive \$21.3 million in formula funding

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Public Service
<b>Description:</b>	States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.
<b>VT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/projects_all_by_state.cfm/state=VT">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/projects_all_by_state.cfm/state=VT</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.publicservice.vermont.gov">http://www.publicservice.vermont.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-2811 (Vermont Department of Public Service)

## Weatherization Assistance Program

*\$5 billion was included for the Weatherization Assistance Program. Provisions also expand the eligibility of low-income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program and increasing the funding assistance level per dwelling (from \$2,500 per dwelling to \$6,500).*

### Vermont will receive \$16.8 million in formula funding

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Agency of Health and Human Services, Department for Children and Families, Office of Economic Opportunity
<b>Purpose:</b>	To assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.
<b>Description:</b>	Provides energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free of charge.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/weatherization">http://www.dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/weatherization</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 241-2451

## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

*\$3.2 billion was included for EECBG, \$2.8 billion for formula grants to states and \$400 million for competitive grants.*

### Vermont will receive \$10,323,300 under the EECBG formula.

<b>Office:</b>	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Purpose:</b>	To reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy consumption, improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other energy consuming sectors of the economies of eligible entities.
<b>Description:</b>	Assists states and local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profit organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building

	onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:eeric@ee.doe.gov">eeric@ee.doe.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-877-EERE-INFO (1-877-337-3463)

## Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

*\$16.8 billion was included for EERE*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Programs:</b>	10 energy programs including: Biomass Program; Building Technologies Program; Federal Energy Management Program; Geothermal Technologies Program; Hydrogen, Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Program; Industrial Technologies Program; Solar Energy Technologies Program; Vehicle Technologies; Wind & Hydropower Technologies Program; and Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program.
<b>Activities:</b>	EERE's programs conduct activities in partnership with the private sector, state and local government, DOE national laboratories, and universities.
<b>VT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_information.cfm/state=VT">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_information.cfm/state=VT</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/">www.eere.energy.gov/</a>
<b>Webform:</b>	<a href="http://www1.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter/">http://www1.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(877) 337-3463 (Energy Information Center)

## Biomass Program

*\$800 million to be dedicated to projects related to biomass*

<b>Office:</b>	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Activities:</b>	For research, development and demonstration for converting biomass resources to biofuels.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/biomass">www.eere.energy.gov/biomass</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(877) 337-3463 (EERE Information Center)
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:eeere_biomass@ee.doe.gov">eeere_biomass@ee.doe.gov</a>
<b>Helpful Link:</b>	<a href="http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/financial_opportunities.html">http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/financial_opportunities.html</a>

## Geothermal Technologies Program

*\$400 million to be dedicated for geothermal activities and projects*

<b>Office:</b>	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Activities:</b>	Research, development and demonstration efforts that emphasize the advancement of enhanced geothermal systems.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal">www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(877) 337-3463 (EERE Information Center)
<b>Helpful Link:</b>	<a href="http://www1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/financial.html">http://www1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/financial.html</a>

## Advanced Battery Manufacturing

*\$2 billion was included for Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components*

<b>Office:</b>	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy



<b>Activities:</b>	For the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components; and to provide facility funding to manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries that are produced in the United States, including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component manufacturers, and software designers.
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov">www.eere.energy.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(877) 337-3463 (EERE Information Center)
<b>Authorization Reference:</b>	(EISA 2007 Sec. 136(b)(1)(B))

## Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program

*\$300 million was included for the Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program*

<b>Office:</b>	Clean Cities Program Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Purposes:</b>	To establish a grant program through the DOE Clean Cities Program to encourage the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles or other emerging electric vehicle technologies.
<b>Recipients:</b>	State governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities.
<b>Activities</b>	May be used for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles, including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, or hybrid vehicle project funded by the grant is also eligible.
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grant
<b>CT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://www.afdc.energy.gov/cleancities/progs/coordinators.php">http://www.afdc.energy.gov/cleancities/progs/coordinators.php</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities">www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(877) 337-3463 - EERE General Information Center
<b>Authorization Reference:</b>	(EPACT 2005 Sec. 721)

## Transportation Electrification

*\$400 million for Transportation Electrification grant projects*

<b>Office:</b>	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Purposes:</b>	To implement a grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions, including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground support equipment and cargo handling equipment.
<b>Recipients:</b>	States, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grant
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov">www.eere.energy.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(877) 337-3463 - EERE General Information Center
<b>Authorization Reference:</b>	(EISA 2007 Sec.131)

## Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program and Energy Star Program

*\$300 million was included for the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate program and the Energy Star Program*

<b>Office:</b>	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Description:</b>	Approximately 15 states have appliance rebate programs currently operating to incentivize the purchase of energy efficient appliances. This program would add federal funds to increase the effectiveness of these programs and to encourage the remaining states to adopt similar programs. This will speed the rollout of appliances that will be able to take advantage of smart meters and spur consumer purchases of smart and energy-efficient appliances.
<b>Administrator:</b>	Efficiency Vermont
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/alternatives/rebates.cfm">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/alternatives/rebates.cfm</a> <a href="http://www.energystar.gov/">http://www.energystar.gov/</a> <a href="http://www.encyvermont.com">www.encyvermont.com</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(877) 337-3463 (EERE General Information Center) (888) 782-7937 (ENERGY STAR Hotline) (888) 921-5990 (Efficiency Vermont)
<b>Authorization Reference:</b>	(EPACT 2005 Sec. 124)

## Smart Grid Investment Program

*\$4.5 billion was included for the Smart Grid Investment Program*

<b>Office:</b>	Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Purposes:</b>	To modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, energy storage research, development, demonstration and deployment, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply, and authorized purposes.
<b>Activities:</b>	For research and development, pilot projects, and federal matching funds for the Smart Grid Investment Program to meet the goal of a modern electric grid, enhance security and reliability of energy infrastructure, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply.  The Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability projects are planned and implemented in concert with partners from other federal programs; electric utilities; equipment manufacturers; regional, state, and local agencies; national laboratories; and universities.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.oe.energy.gov">www.oe.energy.gov</a> <a href="http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm">www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 586-1411 (Office of Electricity, Delivery and Energy Reliability)
<b>Authorization Reference:</b>	<a href="http://www.oe.energy.gov/DocumentsandMedia/EISA_Title_XIII_Smart_Grid.pdf">http://www.oe.energy.gov/DocumentsandMedia/EISA_Title_XIII_Smart_Grid.pdf</a>

## Science Program

*\$1.6 billion was included for the science program*

<b>Office:</b>	Office of Science
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Description:</b>	The Office of Science manages fundamental research programs in basic energy sciences, biological and environmental sciences, and computational science.



<b>VT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://www.sc.doe.gov/SC_Funding/vt/vt.htm">http://www.sc.doe.gov/SC_Funding/vt/vt.htm</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.science.doe.gov">www.science.doe.gov</a> <a href="http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html">http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html</a>
<b>Webform:</b>	<a href="http://www.sc.doe.gov/Contact/index.htm">http://www.sc.doe.gov/Contact/index.htm</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 586-5430 (Office of Science)

## Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)

*\$400 million included for the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Purposes:</b>	To support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy.
<b>Background:</b>	In 2007, Congress approved (PL 110-69) the creation of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E). Modeled after the Defense Research Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), ARPA-E will develop and deploy advanced energy technologies by identifying and promoting revolutionary advances in fundamental sciences, translating those discoveries into technological innovations, and accelerating transformational technological advances in areas that industry by itself is not likely to undertake.
<b>Eligibility as Authorized:</b>	Awards to institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research and development centers.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.energy.gov">www.energy.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)
<b>Authorization Reference:</b>	Section 5012 of the America COMPETES Act (42 U.S.C. 16538)

## Innovative Technology Loan

*\$6 billion was included for the Innovative Technology Loan Program*

<b>Type:</b>	Loan guarantees to legible applicants include any firm, corporation, company, partnership, association, society, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, or governmental non-federal entity that meets specific guidelines .
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Energy
<b>Purposes:</b>	Loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html">http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	202-586-8336

## Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup

*\$5.127 billion was included for the Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup Program*

<b>Type:</b>	Awards based on priorities established by Dept. of Energy
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Energy
<b>Purpose:</b>	Accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the nation's past nuclear activities.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.em.doe.gov/pages/siteslocations.aspx?PAGEID=MAIN">http://www.em.doe.gov/pages/siteslocations.aspx?PAGEID=MAIN</a>

## Transmission Loan Guarantees

*\$4 billion was included for the Transmission Loan Guarantees Program*

<b>Type:</b>	Guarantee loans that support early commercial use of advanced technologies
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Energy
<b>Purposes:</b>	Loans for renewable energy power generation and transmission projects

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov">www.eere.energy.gov</a>
	<a href="http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/">http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	202-586-8336

### Research into Low-Emission Coal Plants

*\$800 million was included for the Research into Low-Emission Coal Plants grant program*

<b>Type:</b>	Competitive grants
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Energy
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.netl.doe.gov">http://www.netl.doe.gov</a>

### Industrial Carbon Capture and Energy Efficiency Improvement Projects

*\$1.52 million was included for industrial carbon capture and energy efficiency improvement projects*

<b>Type:</b>	Competitive grants
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Energy
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.netl.doe.gov">www.netl.doe.gov</a>

### Grants for Identifying Sites to Store Carbon Dioxide Emissions

*\$50 million was included for grants for identifying sites to store carbon dioxide emissions*

<b>Type:</b>	Competitive grants
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Energy
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.netl.doe.gov">http://www.netl.doe.gov</a>

### Training of Electric Grid Workers

*\$100 million was included for the training of electric grid workers*

<b>Type:</b>	Grants to states; partners could include non-profits, labor associations, state and local veterans' groups, and state and local governments.
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Energy
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.oe.energy.gov">www.oe.energy.gov</a> <a href="http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm">http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm</a>

### Clean Renewable Energy Bonds

*\$1.6 billion was included for the Clean Renewable Energy Bond Program*

<b>Type:</b>	Tax-credit bonds for state/local/tribal governments, public power providers, and electric cooperatives.
<b>Agency:</b>	Internal Revenue Service
<b>Purposes:</b>	Create interest-free financing for certain renewable energy projects
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249</a> <a href="http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html">http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html</a>

### Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

*\$2.4 billion was included for Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds*

<b>Type:</b>	Tax-credit bonds issued for capital expenditures
<b>Agency:</b>	Internal Revenue Service

<b>Description:</b>	Very broad parameters for energy conservation projects including capital expenditure in public buildings, green community programs, renewable energy production, various R&D applications, mass commuting facilities, energy-related demonstration projects, and public energy efficiency education campaigns
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249</a> <a href="http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html">http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html</a>

## Fossil Energy Research and Development Program

*\$3.4 billion was included for Fossil Energy Research and Development Program*

<b>Type:</b>	Competitive grants and contracts
<b>Office:</b>	Office of Fossil Energy
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>Description:</b>	Research and Development programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently store greenhouse gases.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.fossil.energy.gov">www.fossil.energy.gov</a>

# HOUSING

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## Public Housing Capital Fund

*\$4 billion to be distributed to public housing agencies for capital repairs and improvements to federally-subsidized public housing. \$1 billion was also included for competitive grants for priority investments, including that leverage private-sector financing for renovations and energy conservation retrofits.*

### Vermont will receive \$3.4 million in formula funding

<b>Office:</b>	Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
<b>Purpose:</b>	To make capital repairs and improvements to public housing, including energy conservation measures.
<b>Description:</b>	Provides funding to local housing agencies to repair and replace aging housing.
<b>VT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=vt">http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=vt</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/index.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/index.cfm</a>
<b>Email:</b>	vt_webmanager@hud.gov
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 951-6290 (HUD Burlington Field Office)

## Homelessness Prevention Fund

*\$1.5 billion was included in funding distributed through the Emergency Shelter Grants program to prevent and combat homelessness during the economic crisis*

### Vermont will receive \$3.4 million in formula funding for this program

<b>Agency:</b>	Department Of Housing and Urban Development
<b>Purpose:</b>	Funding to provide assistance to individuals and families to avoid or escape homelessness.
<b>Description:</b>	Formula funding provided to the State of Vermont to be used for short or medium-term rental assistance; housing relocation and stabilization services such as housing search and security or utility deposits; and other homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/">http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/</a>
<b>Email:</b>	vt_webmanager@hud.gov
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 951-6290 (HUD Burlington Field Office)

## Community Development Block Grants

*\$1 billion was included in formula funds to be distributed to local communities and states for community development and affordable housing activities*

### Vermont will receive \$2.2 million in CDBG formula funds. The state will receive \$2 million and Burlington will receive \$200,000

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs
<b>Purpose:</b>	To develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. Grantees must ensure that at least 70 percent (70%) of its Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds are used for activities that benefit low and moderate-income persons.

<b>Description:</b>	Provides flexible funding to states and larger communities for a variety of community development, economic development, and affordable housing purposes.
<b>Helpful Link:</b>	<a href="http://www.hud.gov/local/vt/community/cdbg/index.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/local/vt/community/cdbg/index.cfm</a> <a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/">http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/VCDP/index.htm">http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/VCDP/index.htm</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-3211 (Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Development Program)

### Neighborhood Stabilization Program

*\$2 billion was included in competitive grants to States, local governments, and non-profit entities or consortia of nonprofit entities in areas with the greatest number of foreclosed homes to provide emergency assistance for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes.*

<b>Office :</b>	Office of Community Planning and Development
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To assist states, local governments, and nonprofit organizations in the purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed properties in order to create affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight.
<b>Description:</b>	Funds can be used by grantees to purchase and redevelop foreclosed homes, purchase and rehabilitate abandoned or foreclosed-upon homes, establish land banks, demolish blighted structures, and redevelop demolished or vacant properties as housing.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/">http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/</a> <a href="http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/VCDP/NSP.html">http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/VCDP/NSP.html</a>
<b>Email:</b>	vt_webmanager@hud.gov
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 951-6290 (HUD Burlington Field Office) (802) 828-3211 (Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs)

### Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)

*\$2.25 billion was included for the Tax Credit Assistance Program*

**Vermont will receive \$5.4 million.**

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
<b>Type:</b>	Funds will distributed by formula to 52 State Housing Credit Agencies
<b>Description:</b>	Funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects via a formula-based allocation to State housing credit allocation agencies
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm</a>
<b>VT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=vt">http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=vt</a>
<b>E-mail:</b>	vt_webmanager@hud.gov
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 951-6290 (HUD Burlington Field Office)

### Home Weatherization Assistance Program

*\$5 billion was included for the Weatherization Assistance program. Provisions also expand the eligibility of low income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program and increasing the funding assistance level per dwelling from \$2,500 to \$6,500.*

**Vermont will receive \$17.2 million in formula funding.**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Agency of Health and Human Services, Department for Children and Families, Office of Economic Opportunity
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy and Housing and Urban Development
<b>Type:</b>	States receive funding through a formula
<b>Description:</b>	Funds to assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe_guidelines.cfm">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe_guidelines.cfm</a> (National)

	<a href="http://www.dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/weatherization">http://www.dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/weatherization</a> (Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 241-2451

### Rural Housing Insurance Fund

*\$200 million was included for the Rural Housing Insurance Fund*

<b>Agency:</b>	USDA - Rural Development - Rural Housing Service
<b>Type:</b>	Direct and guaranteed loans
<b>Description:</b>	Funds to insure or guarantee rural housing loans for single-family homes, rental and cooperative housing, and rural housing sites
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/</a> (National) <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/</a> (Vermont)
<b>Forms:</b>	<a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/formstoc.html">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/formstoc.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-6068 (USDA- Rural Development, Montpelier Office)

### Rural Community Facilities

*\$130 million was included for the Rural Community Facilities program*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	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.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm</a> (National) <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/</a> (Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-6011 (USDA- Rural Development, Montpelier Office)

# SMALL BUSINESS

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## Micro-Loan Program

*\$6 million was included for direct loans provided under the Microloan program*

<b>Agency:</b>	Small Business Administration (SBA)
<b>Description:</b>	Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community-based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html">http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.sba.gov/vt">www.sba.gov/vt</a>
<b>Email:</b>	answerdesk@sba.gov
<b>Phone:</b>	1- 800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) (802) 828-4422 - (Vermont District Office)

## 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program

*\$375 million was included for temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program*

<b>Agency:</b>	Small Business Administration (SBA)
<b>Provision:</b>	Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program SBA may guarantee up to 90 percent (90%) of 7(a) loans
<b>Purpose:</b>	To ensure small businesses maintain have access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/">http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/</a> <a href="http://www.sba.gov/vt">www.sba.gov/vt</a>
<b>Email:</b>	answerdesk@sba.gov
<b>Phone:</b>	1- 800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) (802) 828-4422 - (Vermont District Office)

## 504 Loan Program

*\$375 million was included for the temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program*

<b>Agency:</b>	Small Business Administration (SBA)
<b>Provision:</b>	Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 504 loan program
<b>Purpose:</b>	To ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans for fixed asset projects. 504 loans may be used for purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities, or modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities; or purchasing long-term machinery and equipment.



<b>Description:</b>	Fees total approximately three percent (3%) of the debenture and may be financed with the loan.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html">http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.sba.gov/vt">www.sba.gov/vt</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:answerdesk@sba.gov">answerdesk@sba.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1- 800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) (802) 828-4422 - (Vermont District Office)

## Business Stabilization Program

*\$225 million was included for loan subsidies and loan modifications for loans to small business that are experiencing immediate financial hardship*

<b>Agency:</b>	Small Business Administration (SBA)
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that have a qualifying small business loan and are experiencing immediate financial hardship.
<b>Activities:</b>	To be used to make periodic payment of principal and interest, either in full or in part, on an existing small business loan for no more than 6 months.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.sba.gov">www.sba.gov</a> <a href="http://www.sba.gov/vt">www.sba.gov/vt</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:answerdesk@sba.gov">answerdesk@sba.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1- 800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) (802) 828-4422 - (Vermont District Office)

## Economic Development Assistance

*\$150 million was included for Economic Development Assistance*

<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration
<b>Description:</b>	Funds for economically distressed areas to generate private sector jobs. Priority consideration will be given to those areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring.
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml">http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(215) 597-4603 (Economic Development Administration Regional Office) (315) 448-0938 (New York/Vermont Regional Sub-office)

## Community Development Financial Institutions

*\$100 million was included for Community Development Financial Institutions*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of the Treasury
<b>Description:</b>	These funds will be used to help spur economic development and low-cost financial services to underserved communities.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/">http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 622-8662



# JOB TRAINING & UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

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## Employment Training Services – Adult

*\$500 million was included for the Adult State Grants*

### Vermont will receive \$1.2 million in formula funding

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Labor, Workforce Development Division
<b>Purpose:</b>	To train unemployed adults and ensure that supportive services and needs-related payments are available to support the employment and training needs of priority populations, including recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals.
<b>Description:</b>	Formula funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations.
<b>Contact:</b>	Vermont Department of Labor, Workforce Development Division
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.labor.vermont.gov/Businesses/WorkforceTrainingPrograms/tabid/115/default.aspx">http://www.labor.vermont.gov/Businesses/WorkforceTrainingPrograms/tabid/115/default.aspx</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-4000

## Employment Training Services - Dislocated Workers

*\$1.25 billion was included for the Dislocated Workers State Grants*

### Vermont will receive \$1.4 million in formula funding

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Labor, Workforce Development Division
<b>Purpose:</b>	To assure that supportive services and needs-related payments that may be necessary for an individual's participation in job training are a part of the dislocated worker service strategy.
<b>Contact:</b>	Vermont Department of Labor, Workforce Development Division
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.labor.vermont.gov/Businesses/WorkforceTrainingPrograms/tabid/115/default.aspx">http://www.labor.vermont.gov/Businesses/WorkforceTrainingPrograms/tabid/115/default.aspx</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-4000

## Employment Training Services – Youth

*\$1.2 billion was included for the Dislocated Workers State Grants. Provisions also raise the age of eligibility for youth services provided with the additional funds through age 24 to allow local programs to reach young adults who have become disconnected from both education and the labor market.*

### Vermont will receive \$3 million in formula funding.

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Labor, Workforce Development Division
<b>Purpose:</b>	To create summer employment opportunities for youth and language applying the work readiness performance indicator to such summer jobs is included as an appropriate measure for those activities. Year-round youth activities are also envisioned.
<b>Contact:</b>	Vermont Department of Labor, Workforce Development Division
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.labor.vermont.gov/Businesses/WorkforceTrainingPrograms/tabid/115/default.aspx">http://www.labor.vermont.gov/Businesses/WorkforceTrainingPrograms/tabid/115/default.aspx</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-4000

## Employment Services

*\$250 million was included for Wagner-Peyser employment services*

### Vermont will receive \$1.3 million in formula funding

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Labor, Workforce Development Division
<b>Description:</b>	Formula funding to states for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment and training opportunities that will facilitate their reentry to employment.
<b>Contact:</b>	Vermont Department of Labor, Workforce Development Division
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.labor.vermont.gov/Businesses/WorkforceTrainingPrograms/tabid/115/default.aspx">http://www.labor.vermont.gov/Businesses/WorkforceTrainingPrograms/tabid/115/default.aspx</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-4000

## Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve

*\$200 million was included for DOL National Emergency Grants*

<b>Office:</b>	Employment & Training Administration
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Labor
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/">http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/</a> <a href="http://www.doleta.gov/grants/">http://www.doleta.gov/grants/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(877) 872-5627 (One-Stop Career Center Help Line)

## YouthBuild

*\$50 million was included for the YouthBuild Program. The conference agreement includes language to allow YouthBuild grantees to serve individuals who have dropped out of school and reenrolled in an alternative school, if that reenrollment is part of a sequential service strategy.*

<b>Office:</b>	Employment & Training Administration
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Labor
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	Provides services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm">http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	877-872-5627 (One-Stop Career Center Help Line)

## Green Jobs Training

*\$500 million was included for grants to train workers in energy efficiency and renewable energy jobs*

<b>Office:</b>	Employment & Training Administration
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Labor
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	These funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/">http://www.doleta.gov/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	877-872-5627 (One-Stop Career Center Help Line)

## Job Corps Program

*\$250 million for the office of Job Corps*

<b>Office:</b>	Office of Job Corps
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Labor
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth. The funds will allow the Office of Job Corps to move forward on a number of ready-to-go rehabilitation and construction projects, including those where competitions have already been concluded.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.jobcorps.gov/">http://www.jobcorps.gov/</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:national_office@jobcorps.gov">national_office@jobcorps.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 693-3000 (Job Corps Program)

## Unemployment Insurance

*Included provisions to extend the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program and provides \$25 more a week in Unemployment Insurance benefits to recipients*

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Labor
<b>Purpose:</b>	Encourage Unemployment Insurance (UI) Modernization: provides up to \$14.7 million to reward and encourage Vermont to enact specific reforms designed to increase UI coverage among low-wage, part-time and other jobless workers, as well as provide an additional \$997,000 in UI administrative funding.
<b>Description:</b>	Unemployment Insurance (UI) is temporary income for workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own and who are either looking for new jobs, in approved training, or awaiting recall to employment. Regular UI is a state funded program that provides up to 26 weeks of benefits. Emergency UI is a federal funded program created in 2008 to provide additional benefits of up to 33 weeks of benefits for Vermonters. Both are administered by the Vermont Department of Labor.
<b>Provisions:</b>	The current federally-funded emergency UI program (which provides up to 33 weeks of extended benefits) that was scheduled to expire at the end of March, 2009, is extended through December 31, 2009. Federal funding is provided to increase both regular and emergency unemployment benefits by \$25 a week through calendar year 2009.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://labor.vermont.gov/Workers/Unemployed/tabid/109/Default.aspx">http://labor.vermont.gov/Workers/Unemployed/tabid/109/Default.aspx</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	To file a new claim: 877-214-3330 For general information: (802) 828-4000 (Vermont Department of Labor)

## Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers

*Included provisions to expand the eligibility and benefits of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and reauthorizes the program through December 31, 2010*

<b>Administrator:</b>	Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance
	U.S. Department of Labor Vermont Department of Labor
<b>Purpose:</b>	To assist workers at firms who have become (or are threatened to become) fully or partially separated from employment due to trade with foreign countries. Workers (3 or more) must apply for a TAA eligibility designation from the Secretary of Labor.
<b>Provisions:</b>	Extends TAA program to cover workers at affected public agencies, as well as downstream service providers. The program provides qualified workers with compensation, health care tax credits, relocation allowances, training allowances, alternative TAA benefits (for workers over 50) and other services.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.labor.vermont.gov/">http://www.labor.vermont.gov/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-4000

## Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities

*\$150 million was included for the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities grant program*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Commerce
<b>Provision:</b>	Creates a Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities program that will allow a community to apply for designation as a community affected by trade.
<b>Type:</b>	Discretionary grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide technical assistance to affected communities to identify impediments to economic development that result from the impact of trade, and develop a community strategic plan to address economic adjustment and workforce dislocation in the community.
<b>Description:</b>	Communities provide the Secretary of Commerce with a strategic plan for community redevelopment. The Secretary may then appropriate up to \$5 million per community to help implement the plan. Communities must match five percent (5%) of the funds allotted by the Commerce Department.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.commerce.gov">www.commerce.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 482-2000 (U.S. Department of Commerce)

## Sector Partnership Grants

*\$40 million was included for the Sector Partnership Grant*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Labor
<b>Purpose:</b>	To facilitate partnerships between industry, state and local governments, firms, local labor and workforce investment boards, and educational institutions to strengthen and revitalize industries. Grants may be used to help the partnerships identify the skill needs of the targeted industry or sector and any gaps in the supply of available, skilled workers in the community impacted by trade. They may also be used to implement and develop strategies for small and medium-sized firms to increase their productivity and retain workers.
<b>Description:</b>	Establishes a Sector Partnership Grant program that allows the Secretary of Labor to award industry or sector partnership grants to facilitate efforts of the partnership to strengthen and revitalize industries.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.dol.gov">www.dol.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-877-US-2JOBS

## Community College and Career Training Grants

*\$40 million included for the Community College and Career Training Grants program*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Labor
<b>Purpose:</b>	Allows educational institutions to apply for grants which will be used to develop or improve a program for workers eligible for the TAA for Workers Program.
<b>Description:</b>	Grant proposals must include information regarding the manner in which the grant will be used to improve or develop an education or training program, the extent to which the program will meet the needs of workers in the community, the extent to which the proposal fits into the community's strategic plan or Sector Partnership Grant, and any previous experience of the institution in providing such services to TAA eligible workers.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.dol.gov">www.dol.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-877-US-2JOBS

## Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms

*Reauthorizes the program through 2010, and increases to \$50 million the funding authorization for Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010 for the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms program*

<b>Administrator:</b>	Economic Development Administration
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Commerce
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provides consulting services to firms whose workers have been certified TAA eligible. Consulting services are administered through non-profit Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAACs). There are 11 TAACs nationally, which receive funding through the Economic Development Agency.
<b>Description:</b>	When workers are certified by the DOL to be TAA benefit eligible, the Secretary of Commerce is required to reach out to the firm to notify it of its potential TAA eligibility. A final determination of eligibility is then made by the Secretary of Commerce. Grants for those eligible firms are made available by the Secretary to the 8 regional Economic Development Administrations, who then divide funding to the 11 regional TAACs, which provide various services to firms in order to increase their competitiveness.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.eda.gov/Research/TradeAdj.xml">http://www.eda.gov/Research/TradeAdj.xml</a> <a href="http://www.netaac.org/about-us.html">http://www.netaac.org/about-us.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(978) 446-9870 (New England Trade Adjustment Assistance Center)

## Community Service Employment for Older Americans

*\$120 million was included for SCSEP*

**Vermont will receive \$664,000 according to Federal Funds Information for States.**

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration
<b>Type:</b>	Formula funds and Competitive Grants - Nonprofits may apply
<b>Description:</b>	Funding for part-time employment opportunities for low income seniors
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/">http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/</a> (National) <a href="http://www.ddas.vermont.gov/ddas-programs/programs-scsep">http://www.ddas.vermont.gov/ddas-programs/programs-scsep</a> (Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	877-US2-JOBS (U.S. Department of Labor) (802) 786-2571 (Agency of Human Services, Division of Disability and Aging Services)

# HEALTH

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## Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

*States will be required to maintain at least current eligibility for the Medicaid program in order to receive this funding*

### Vermont will receive \$280 million over the next two years

<b>Administrator:</b>	Office of Vermont Health Access (OVHA)
<b>Purpose:</b>	To prevent reductions in Medicaid funded health care to low-income children and families.
<b>Description:</b>	Provides each state with an increase in federal matching funds for state Medicaid expenditures in order to assist states with budget shortfalls avoid cutting back Medicaid assistance.
<b>Contact:</b>	Office of Vermont Health Access (OVHA)
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ovha.vermont.gov">http://www.ovha.vermont.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 879-5900

## Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants

*\$1.5 billion was included for Community Health Centers*

<b>Office:</b>	Bureau of Primary Health Care
<b>Agency:</b>	Health Resources and Services Administration
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements.
<b>Description:</b>	These funds are to be used for construction, renovation, and equipment, and for the acquisition of health information technology systems for community health centers, including health center controlled networks receiving operating grants under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm">http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm</a> <a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm">http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:callcenter@hrsa.gov">callcenter@hrsa.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-877-464-4772 (HRSA Call Center)

## Community Health Center Services Grants

*\$500 million was included for Community Health Centers*

<b>Office:</b>	Bureau of Primary Health Care
<b>Agency:</b>	Health Resources and Services Administration
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare.
<b>Description:</b>	These funds are to be used to support new sites and service areas, to increase services at existing sites, and to provide supplemental payments for spikes in uninsured populations.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm">http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm</a> <a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm">http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:callcenter@hrsa.gov">callcenter@hrsa.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-877-464-4772 (HRSA Call Center)



## Community Health Center Services Grants - New Access Point Grants

*\$155 million was included for the New Access Point Grants.*

<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Service Administration
<b>Type:</b>	Grants Administered by Department of Health and Human Services
<b>Description:</b>	Funds to create 126 new Community Health Centers.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html">http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html</a>
<b>Facilities Funded:</b>	<a href="http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/applicant.html">http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/applicant.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	877-696-6775 (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

## National Health Service Corps

*\$300 million was included for the National Health Service Corps*

<b>Office:</b>	National Health Service Corps
<b>Agency:</b>	Health Resources and Services Administration
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment
<b>Purpose:</b>	To address shortages of primary healthcare providers in specific health professional shortage areas.
<b>Description:</b>	Funds will be used for training primary healthcare providers including doctors, dentists, and nurses, as well as helping pay medical school expenses for students who agree to practice in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/">http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:callcenter@hrsa.gov">callcenter@hrsa.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-877-464-4772 (HRSA Call Center)

## Health Care Workforce

*\$200 million was included for programs under Title VII and Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act*

<b>Office:</b>	Bureau of Health Professions
<b>Agency:</b>	Health Resources and Services Administration
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide for training of health professions.
<b>Description:</b>	These funds are to be used for all the disciplines trained through the primary care medicine and dentistry program, the public health and preventive medicine program, and the scholarship and loan repayment programs for nurses and health professions.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm">http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm</a> <a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm">http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:callcenter@hrsa.gov">callcenter@hrsa.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-877-464-4772 (HRSA Call Center)

## Biomedical Research

*\$8.7 billion was included for expanding biomedical research funded by National Institute of Health*

<b>Office:</b>	Office of the Director
<b>Agency:</b>	National Institutes of Health
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To expand jobs in biomedical research to study diseases.

<b>Description:</b>	\$7.4 billion will be distributed to specific institutes and centers and to the Common Fund for biomedical research grants. \$800 million will be used by the Office of the Director for purposes that can be completed within two years, including short-term grants focused on specific scientific challenges, new research that expands the scope of ongoing projects, research on public and international health priorities, and to enhance central research support activities, centralized information support systems.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.nih.gov/">http://www.nih.gov/</a>
<b>Webform:</b>	grantsinfo@od.nih.gov
<b>Phone:</b>	(301) 435-0714 (General Grant Information)

## University Research Facilities

*\$1.3 billion was included for the National Institute of Health to renovate and equip university research facilities*

<b>Office:</b>	National Center for Research Resources
<b>Agency:</b>	National Institutes of Health
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To renovate and equip university research facilities.
<b>Description:</b>	Funding will be used for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities and for the acquisition of shared instrumentation and other capital research equipment.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/">http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(301) 435-0888 (National Center for Research Resources)

## Prevention and Wellness Program

*\$950 million was included for the Center for Disease Control for evidence based clinical and community prevention and wellness programs*

<b>Description:</b>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To support state and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and infectious diseases.
<b>Description:</b>	Funds will be used to carry out evidenced based clinical and community-based prevention and wellness strategies and public health workforce development activities, including immunization programs and state efforts to reduce healthcare-related infections. The Department has not decided which agencies will take the lead but the CDC is likely to be central to these efforts.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/">http://www.cdc.gov/</a> <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/">http://www.hhs.gov/</a>

## Comparative Effectiveness Health Research

*\$1.1 billion was included for HHS, the Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and NIH*

<b>Office:</b>	Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To compare the effectiveness of different medical treatments.



<b>Description:</b>	This funding will be used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition. This research will not be used to mandate coverage decisions or impose "one-size-fits-all" medicine on patients. It will be designed to enable medical professionals and patients improve treatment. \$300 million will be administered by AHRQ, \$400 million will be transferred to NIH, and \$400 million will be allocated at the discretion of the Secretary of HHS.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ahrq.gov/">http://www.ahrq.gov/</a> <a href="http://www.nih.gov/">http://www.nih.gov/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(301) 427-1364 (AHRQ)

## Health Information Technology Grants

*\$2 billion was included for discretionary grants to promote the adoption and use of interoperable health information technology (HIT)*

<b>Office:</b>	Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, CDC, and Indian Health Service/States or State-Designated Entities
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To promote the use and exchange of electronic health information in a manner consistent with the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology's strategic plan. To award planning and implementation grants to states or qualified state-designated entities to facilitate and expand electronic health information exchange. To award grants to states or Indian tribes to establish loan programs for health care providers to purchase certified electronic health record technology, train personnel in the use of such technology, and improve the secure electronic exchange of health information. To provide financial assistance to universities to establish or expand medical informatics programs.
<b>Description:</b>	To authorize the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology in order to promote the use and exchange of electronic health information.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/">http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(877) 696-6775 (HHS)

## Health Information Technology Improvements

*\$17 billion was included to improve investments and incentives through Medicare and Medicaid to ensure widespread adoption and use of interoperable health information technology (HIT)*

<b>Administrator:</b>	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
<b>Description:</b>	Provides incentives for the early adoption and use of interoperable HIT to Medicare and Medicaid providers and penalties in future years for providers not demonstrating meaningful use of Electronic Health Records.
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provides eligible professionals who show meaningful use of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) in 2011 or 2012 with incentive payments of \$18,000 in the first year. Payment adjustments for eligible professionals not demonstrating meaningful use of an EHR would begin in 2015. Provides eligible hospitals (including Critical Access Hospitals) with incentive payments starting in Fiscal Year 2011 and payments adjustments for hospitals not demonstrating meaningful use of an EHR in Fiscal Year 2015.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov">www.cms.hhs.gov</a> <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/RegionalOffices/Downloads/Boston%20Regional%20Office.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/RegionalOffices/Downloads/Boston%20Regional%20Office.pdf</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-800-MEDICARE (617) 565-1188 (Region I CMS Office)

## COBRA Continuation Coverage

*\$24.7 billion was included for COBRA Continuation Coverage*

<b>Office:</b>	Group Health Plan
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Labor (Regulatory)
<b>Type:</b>	Mandatory Spending
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide individuals and their families with a premium subsidy of 65 percent (65%) of the COBRA continuation premiums for a maximum of 9 months of coverage only with respect to involuntary terminations that occurs on or after September 1, 2008, and before January 1, 2010. The full premium subsidy is limited by a taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI), \$125,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for joint filers and is phased out for individuals with an AGI between \$125,000 and \$145,000 and families with an AGI between \$250,000 and \$290,000. It provides a special 60-day election period for a qualified beneficiary who is eligible for a subsidized premium and who has not elected COBRA continuation coverage as of the date of enactment or who is no longer enrolled on the date of enactment, for example, because the beneficiary was unable to continue paying the premium.
<b>Description:</b>	Recession-related job loss threatens health coverage for many families. This provision is intended to provide targeted assistance to individuals and families who have been involuntarily terminated to enable them to afford premium payments for health insurance coverage under COBRA. The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that this provision would help 7 million people maintain their health insurance by providing a vital bridge for workers who have been forced out of their jobs in this recession.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm">http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-866-4-USA-DOL

## Rural Community Facilities

*\$130 million was included for the Rural Community Facilities program*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	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.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm</a> (National) <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/</a> (Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-6011 (USDA- Rural Development, Montpelier Office)

## NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research

*\$200 million was included for the NIH Challenge Grant program*

<b>Agency:</b>	National Institutes of Health - Office of Extramural Research
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	<a href="#">Funds will support research on specific scientific and health research challenges that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:OER-ARRA@mail.nih.gov">OER-ARRA@mail.nih.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	301-435-0714 (NIH Grants Information)

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## State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

*\$8.8 billion was included in State Fiscal Stabilization funds for other government services, including public safety*

**Vermont will receive \$17,165,419 in State Fiscal Stabilization funds that it can use for public safety purposes**

<b>Administrator:</b>	The Governor must submit applications to the Department of Education describing how Vermont will use its allocations. Office of the Governor Office of Policy and Management (OPM)
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide fiscal relief to the states to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services.
<b>Description:</b>	The Governor may use 18.2 percent (18.2%) (\$17,165,419) of the state's allocation of stabilizations funds (\$94,315,490) for public safety and other government services, which may include education services.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://recovery.vermont.gov">http://recovery.vermont.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-3333 (Office of the Governor) (800) 649-6825

## Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

*\$210 million was included for the firefighter assistance grant program for fire station construction. Each grant may not exceed \$15 million.*

<b>Agency:</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Department of Homeland Security
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grant
<b>Purposes:</b>	To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/">www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov">firegrants@dhs.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-866-274-0960 (Help Desk)

## SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant Program

<b>Agency:</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Department of Homeland Security
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grant
<b>Provision:</b>	The Recovery Act waives the cost-share requirement for SAFER grants awarded with fiscal year 2009 and 2010 funding.
<b>Purpose:</b>	To help fire departments increase the number of trained "front-line" firefighters available in their communities.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.firegrantsupport.com/safer/">www.firegrantsupport.com/safer/</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov">firegrants@dhs.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-866-274-0960 (Help Desk)

## Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants

*\$2 billion included for Byrne/JAG program*

**Vermont will receive \$4,972,500 in formula funding, \$1,910,718 for local governments and \$3,061,782 for state government**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Public Safety
<b>Purpose:</b>	Formula funding to state and local police forces to help prevent, fight, and prosecute crime.
<b>Activities:</b>	Programs for law enforcement programs; prosecution and courts; prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement; crime victim and witness programs. Funds can be used to pay for personnel, overtime, and equipment. Funds provided to states can be used for statewide initiatives, technical assistance and training, and support for local and rural jurisdictions.
<b>VT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recjag/VT.xls">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recjag/VT.xls</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 241-5419 (Vermont Department of Public Safety)

## Byrne Competitive Grants Program

*\$225 million to be used for the Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant Program*

<b>Office:</b>	Office of Justice Assistance
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Justice
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crime, support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth, and for other similar activities.
<b>Description:</b>	In order to stabilize state and local governments and fight crime, funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including equipment, operations and support for other associated law enforcement personnel (such as prosecutors, public defenders, etc.). These funds can also be used to pay overtime expenses of officers on multi-jurisdictional task forces.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/</a>
<b>Email:</b>	Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov
<b>Phone:</b>	1-866-859-2687 (Bureau of Justice Assistance)

## Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants

*\$1 billion included for the COPS Hiring Grants program. The \$75,000 per officer salary cap and the 25 percent (25%) local match requirement is waived for funding provided in the stimulus, fiscal year 2009 and 2010 bills.*

<b>Office:</b>	Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Justice
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grant
<b>Purposes:</b>	For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers.
<b>VT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/Cong_Conf_Calls/Quick_Facts/VTqf.pdf">http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/Cong_Conf_Calls/Quick_Facts/VTqf.pdf</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.cops.usdoj.gov">www.cops.usdoj.gov</a>
<b>Email:</b>	ask.Cops@usdoj.gov
<b>Phone:</b>	1-800-421-6770 (COPS Office Response Center)

## STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

*\$175 million in STOP Violence Against Women Formula Assistance Program*

**Vermont will receive \$816,288 in formula funding**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services
<b>Type:</b>	Formula funding to state agency
<b>Purpose:</b>	STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) formula grants are intended for use by states and territories; state, local and tribal courts (including juvenile courts); Indian tribal governments; local governments; and nonprofit, nongovernment victim services programs. Recipients are required to meet one or more of 14 statutory purpose areas. These areas include, but are not limited to: training law enforcement officers, judges, court personnel and prosecutors; developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs; developing, installing or expanding data collection; and developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
<b>Description:</b>	The STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. The STOP Program encourages the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and strengthening of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.
<b>CT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grant-activities2007.htm#vt">http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grant-activities2007.htm#vt</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm">http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm</a> <a href="http://www.ccvv.state.vt.us">http://www.ccvv.state.vt.us</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 241-1250

## Transitional Housing Assistance Program

*\$50 million to be used for transitional housing assistance grant*

<b>Office:</b>	Office on Violence Against Women
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Justice
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provides competitive, peer-reviewed grants to assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services.
<b>Activities:</b>	May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support services designed to enable individuals who are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community by providing those individuals with services such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance.
<b>Eligibility:</b>	States, units of government, Indian tribes, and other organizations, including domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers, domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, or community-based and culturally specific organizations
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm">http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 307-2277 (Office on Violence Against Women)

## Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program

*\$50 million was included for the Internet Crimes Against Children Program*

**Vermont will receive \$437,000 in formula funding**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont State Police, Department of Public Safety
<b>Type:</b>	Formula funding to state agency
<b>Purposes:</b>	To help state and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/index.html">http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.bpdvt.org/">http://www.bpdvt.org/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 658-2904 Burlington Police Department

## Victims Compensation

*\$100 million to be used for victims of crimes*

**Vermont will receive \$600,000 in formula funding**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services
<b>Type:</b>	Formula funding to state agency
<b>Purpose:</b>	To support state compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, drunk driving, homicide, and other federal and state crimes.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc">www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc</a> <a href="http://www.ccv.s.state.vt.us">www.ccv.s.state.vt.us</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 241-1250 (Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services)

## Rural Law Enforcement

*\$125 million was included for the Rural Law Enforcement program*

<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities in rural America.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	866-859-2687 (U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance)



# CHILD CARE

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## Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

*\$2 billion was included for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program*

**Vermont will receive \$2.8 million in formula funding**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Agency of Health and Human Services, Department for Children and Families
<b>Description:</b>	Provides subsidized child care services through vouchers or contracts with providers to low-income working families and low-income families in which parents are engaged in education or training.
<b>Contact:</b>	Vermont Agency of Health and Human Services, Department for Children and Families, Child Development Division.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.dcf.vermont.gov/cdd">http://www.dcf.vermont.gov/cdd</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-800-649-2642 (802) 241-3110

## Head Start Program

*\$2.1 billion was included for Head Start Program funding and the expansion of the Early Head Start Program*

**Vermont will receive \$1.2 million in funding for Head Start Program. The state will receive additional funds for the Early Head Start Program – the amount has not yet been determined.**

<b>Office:</b>	Administration for Children and Families
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
<b>Purpose:</b>	Funding is administered directly to Head Start programs in states to provide development, educational, health, nutritional, social and other activities that prepare children to succeed in school.
<b>CT Profile:</b>	<a href="http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/contact_us/head_start">http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/contact_us/head_start</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	617-565-1020 (Administration for Children and Families – Region 1) 800-649-2642 (Vermont Agency of Health and Human Services, Department for Children and Families, Child Development Division)

## Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

*\$1 billion was included for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)*

**Vermont will receive \$5 million in formula funding**

<b>Office:</b>	Administration for Children and Families
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families, Office of Economic Opportunity
<b>Description:</b>	Provides funding to five local community action agencies for services for the growing number of low-income families hurt by the economic crisis, such as housing and mortgage counseling, jobs skills training, food pantry assistance, as well as benefits, outreach, and enrollment.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/">http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/</a> <a href="http://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/community_services">http://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/community_services</a>

<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 401-4830 (Administration for Children and Families) (802) 241-2450 (Agency of Health and Human Services, Department for Children and Families, Office of Economic Opportunity )
<b>Rural Community Facilities</b> <i>\$130 million was included for the Rural Community Facilities program</i>	
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	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.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm</a> (National) <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/</a> (Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-6011 (USDA- Rural Development, Montpelier Office)

### **Education for Homeless Children and Youth**

*\$70 million was included for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program.*

**Vermont will receive \$78,000 according to the U.S. Department of Education preliminary estimate.**

<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Education
<b>Type:</b>	Formula funding to States
<b>Description:</b>	Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html</a> (National) <a href="http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_homeless.html">http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_homeless.html</a> (Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-3135 (Vermont Department of Education)



# FOOD ASSISTANCE

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## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

*\$20 billion was included for SNAP, which includes a 13.6 percent (13.6%) increase to maximum food stamp benefits*

**Vermont will receive \$38.3 million in formula funding**

<b>Administrator:</b>	3SquaresVT
<b>Description:</b>	SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program, is a nutrition program that helps low-income individuals and families afford food. SNAP also provides education about nutrition to help recipients choose foods that enhance their health and wellbeing.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/3SquaresVT">http://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/3SquaresVT</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 241-2800 (3Squares VT) 1-800-287-0589 (Economic Services Division)

## Supplemental WIC Nutrition Program

*\$500 million was included for the supplemental WIC Nutrition Program.*

**Vermont will receive \$250,000 according to the Vermont Department of Health.**

<b>Type:</b>	Allocated as the Secretary deems necessary
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Agriculture through USDA
<b>Description:</b>	WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income women, infants, and children who are found to be at nutritional risk.
<b>Purpose:</b>	To support participation should cost or participation exceed budget estimates
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm">http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm</a> <a href="http://healthvermont.gov/family/wic/wic_vt.aspx">http://healthvermont.gov/family/wic/wic_vt.aspx</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(800) 464-4343, extension 7333 (Toll-Free in Vermont)

## Emergency Food Assistance

*\$150 million was included for the Emergency Food Assistance program.*

**Vermont will receive \$168,000.**

<b>Type:</b>	States will receive formula funding.
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Agriculture
<b>Description:</b>	TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute food through local emergency food providers.
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide for costs associated with the distribution of commodity foods.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/">http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/</a> (National) <a href="http://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/emergency_general_assistance">http://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/emergency_general_assistance</a> (Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	(800) 287-0589 (Vermont Agency of Human Services, Economic Services Division) (802) 477-4106 (Vermont Food Bank)

## Senior Nutrition Programs

*\$100 million was included for Senior Nutrition Programs.*

<b>Type:</b>	States will receive formula funding
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging

<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide for an additional amount of funds for "Aging Services Programs."
<b>Description:</b>	Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings and deliver nutritional and dietary safe meals to seniors.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.aoa.gov/">http://www.aoa.gov/</a> <a href="http://ddas.vermont.gov/">http://ddas.vermont.gov/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-800-642-5119 (Vermont Senior Helpline)

## School Lunch Program

*\$100 million was included for the School Lunch Program.*

<b>Type:</b>	States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Agriculture through USDA
<b>Purpose:</b>	To carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance.
<b>Description:</b>	Federal school meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/">http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/</a> (National) <a href="http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_nutrition/school_nutrition.html">http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_nutrition/school_nutrition.html</a> (Vermont)
<b>Application:</b>	<a href="http://vermontfoodhelp.com/library/application_08_meal.pdf">http://vermontfoodhelp.com/library/application_08_meal.pdf</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-5153 (Vermont Department of Education)

# EDUCATION

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## State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

*The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund provides \$53.6 billion to provide fiscal relief to states*

### Vermont will receive \$94,315,490 in stabilization funds

<b>Administrator:</b>	The Governor must submit applications to the U.S. Department of Education describing how Vermont will use its allocations. Office of the Governor
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services. To provide funding for elementary, secondary, and higher education, and for public safety and other government services, including higher education modernization.
<b>Description:</b>	The Governor may use 81.8 percent (81.8%) of the stabilization funds (\$77,150,070) to support elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and some school construction and 18.2 percent (18.2%) of the stabilization funds (\$17,165,419) for public safety or other government services, which can include education and higher education modernization, renovation, and repair.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://governor.vermont.gov/">http://governor.vermont.gov/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-3333 (Office of the Governor) (800) 649-6825

## Special Education

*\$12.2 billion was included for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*

### Vermont will receive \$25.6 million in formula funding

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Education
<b>Purpose:</b>	To assist states and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special education for students with disabilities.
<b>Description:</b>	The IDEA Part B, Grants to States Program provides formula grants to assist the states in meeting the excess costs of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_finance_sped.html">http://www.education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_finance_sped.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-3135 (Vermont Department of Education)

## Education for the Disadvantaged

*\$13 billion was included for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act*

### **Vermont will receive \$33.5 million in formula funding**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Education
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provides funding for programs that provide extra academic support to help raise the achievement of students at risk of educational failure or to help all students in high-poverty schools meet challenging state academic standards.
<b>Description:</b>	Provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with supplemental education funding, especially in high-poverty areas.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_title1.html">http://www.education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_title1.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-3135 (Vermont Department of Education)

## Education Technology

*\$650 million was included for the Enhancing Education through Technology Program*

### **Vermont will receive \$3.2 million in formula funding**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Vermont Department of Education
<b>Purpose:</b>	These funds should be used to improve student academic achievement and ensure that students are college and workforce ready by making certain that every student has 21 <sup>st</sup> century skills and is technology literate. In addition, the funds should be used to increase ongoing and meaningful professional development around technology that leads to changes in teaching and curriculum and improves student achievement.
<b>Description:</b>	The Enhancing Education through Technology Program supports State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology into curricula in order to improve teaching and learning. Funding shall be used for technology hardware, software applications, professional development and related instructional technology staff and services.
<b>Contact:</b>	Vermont Department of Education
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_edtech.html">http://www.education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_edtech.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-3135 (Vermont Department of Education)

## Vocational Rehabilitation

*\$540 million was included for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants*

### **Vermont will receive \$1.8 million in funding**

<b>Administrator:</b>	Agency of Health and Human Services, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, VocRehab Vermont
<b>Purpose:</b>	To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.
<b>Description:</b>	This program provides grants to states to support a wide range of services. Eligible individuals are those who have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment, who can benefit from vocational rehabilitation (VR) services for employment, and who require VR services. Priority must be given to serving individuals with the most significant disabilities if a state is unable to serve all eligible individuals.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.vocrehab.vermont.gov">http://www.vocrehab.vermont.gov</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-866-879-6757 (VocRehab, toll-free) (802) 241-2186 (VocRehab)

## Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants

*\$100 million was included for the Teacher Quality State Grants Program*

<b>Office:</b>	Office of Postsecondary Education
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Education
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide grants to states to improve the quality of the teaching workforce.
<b>Description:</b>	States may use grant funds to reform teacher licensing and certification requirements; provide alternative methods of teacher preparation; and provide alternative routes to state certification. The funds provided in the economic recovery bill will assist states in modernizing the teaching workforce, addressing teacher shortages, and providing new routes to teaching for jobless individuals seeking to enter the teaching field.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 502-7676 (Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program)

## Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

*\$250 million was included in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program*

<b>Office:</b>	Institute of Education Sciences
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Education
<b>Purpose:</b>	To make competitive grants to states to enable them to design and develop statewide longitudinal data systems that use individual student data for reporting and improving student achievement, and to facilitate research to improve student achievement and close achievement gaps.
<b>Description:</b>	With these grants, states could increase the capacity of their data systems, provide teachers the information they need to tailor instruction to help each student improve, and give administrators the resources and information to effectively and efficiently manage their data systems.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slids/">http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slids/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 502-7300 (National Center for Education Statistics)

## Student Financial Assistance

*\$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant Program. \$200 million was included for work-study 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.*

<b>Office:</b>	Office of Federal Student Aid
<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Education
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.
<b>Description:</b>	Students may fill out the <i>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</i> (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-800-433-3243 or 1-800-4FED-AID

## Rural Community Facilities

*\$130 million was included for the Rural Community Facilities program*

<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	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.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm</a> (National) <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/</a> (Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-6011 (USDA- Rural Development, Montpelier Office)

## Independent Living State Grants

*\$18.2 million was included for the Independent Living State Grants program.*

**Vermont will receive \$243,000 according to the U.S. Department of Education preliminary estimate.**

<b>Type:</b>	States will receive formula funding
<b>Description:</b>	To provide independent living (IL) services to individuals with significant disabilities
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html</a>
<b>State Funding Amounts:</b>	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf</a>
<b>Rehabilitation Services:</b>	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	202-245-7380 (U.S. Department of Education, RSA State Liaison) (802) 241-2401 (Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department of Aging and Independent Living)

## Education for Homeless Children and Youth

*\$70 million was included for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program.*

**Vermont will receive \$78,000 according to the U.S. Department of Education preliminary estimate.**

<b>Agency:</b>	Department of Education
<b>Type:</b>	Formula funding to States
<b>Description:</b>	Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html</a> (National) <a href="http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_homeless.html">http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_homeless.html</a> (Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-3135 (Vermont Department of Education)

## Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities

*\$15 million was included for the HBCU Grant program.*

<b>Agency:</b>	National Park Service
<b>Funding:</b>	\$15 million
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Description:</b>	These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps">http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps</a>
<b>HBCU Grants:</b>	<a href="http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm">http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm</a>

# ARTS

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## National Endowment of the Arts (NEA)

National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

*\$30 million included for competitive awards through the NEA*

<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Purpose:</b>	To fund arts projects and activities which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn.
<b>Note:</b>	Matching requirement waived
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 682-5400 Questions about eligibility, the appropriate discipline/field of a project, project breadth, consortium projects
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.nea.gov">www.nea.gov</a>
<b>Helpful Link:</b>	<a href="http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html">http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html</a>

## Vermont Arts Council

*\$20 million included for state art agencies and regional arts organizations*

**Vermont will receive \$290,000**

<b>Source:</b>	State Arts Agency
<b>Purpose:</b>	To fund arts projects and activities which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.vermontartscouncil.org">www.vermontartscouncil.org</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-3291

## New England Foundation for the Arts

*\$20 million included for state art agencies and regional arts organizations*

<b>Source:</b>	Regional arts organizations
<b>Purpose:</b>	To fund arts projects and activities which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn
<b>Phone:</b>	(617) 951-0010
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:info@nefa.org">info@nefa.org</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.nefa.org">www.nefa.org</a>



# TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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## Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

*\$4.7 billion was included for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program*

<b>Agency:</b>	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
<b>Description:</b>	Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.
<b>Type:</b>	Competitive Grants
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm">http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(202) 482-2000 (U.S. Department of Commerce)

## Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband

*\$2.5 billion was included for Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband*

<b>Agency:</b>	USDA: Rural Utility Service
<b>Description:</b>	Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure.
<b>Type:</b>	Grants and Loans
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/">http://www.usda.gov/rus/</a> <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/VT/</a> (Vermont)
<b>Phone:</b>	(802) 828-6000 (USDA- Rural Development, Montpelier Office)

## Digital TV Conversion Coupon Program

*\$650 million was included for the Digital TV Conversion Coupon Program*

<b>Agency:</b>	Federal Communications Commission
<b>Description:</b>	Funds to continue the coupon program to enable American households to convert from analog television transmission to digital transmission.
<b>Type:</b>	coupons to individuals
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.dtv.gov/">http://www.dtv.gov/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322)

# TAX PROVISIONS

## For Individuals and Families

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### “Making Work Pay” Tax Credit

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	For 2009 and 2010, the bill would provide a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 for working individuals and \$800 for working families.
How to apply:	Taxpayers will receive this benefit through a reduction in the amount of income tax withheld from their paychecks.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a> or your employer website
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Economic Recovery Payment to Recipients of Social Security, SSI, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Disability Compensation Benefits

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	This provision would provide a one-time payment of \$250 to retirees, disabled individuals and SSI recipients receiving benefits from the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement beneficiaries, and disabled veterans receiving benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The one-time payment is a reduction to any allowable Making Work Pay credit.
How to apply:	Consult with the IRS.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Increase in Earned Income Tax Credit

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	The earned income tax credit (EITC) is a tax credit for low-income working individuals and families that is refundable for certain taxpayers, meaning it can be claimed even if the credit is worth more than the taxes owed. This provision would temporarily increase the earned income tax credit from 40 percent (40%) to 45 percent (45%) for working families with three or more children.
How to apply:	Taxpayers will receive this credit by claiming the credit on their tax returns. The provision is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. For more information about the EITC, please contact <a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a> or the Office of Congressman Peter Welch.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Temporary Suspension of Taxation of Unemployment Benefits

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	Under current law, all federal unemployment benefits are subject to taxation. The average unemployment benefit is approximately \$300 per month. The proposal temporarily suspends federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits per recipient. Any unemployment benefits over \$2,400 will be subject to federal income tax. This proposal is in effect for taxable year 2009.
How to apply:	The provision will take effect and suspend the withholding of federal income tax on unemployment benefits automatically.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Alternative Minimum Tax

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	This provision would provide more than 26 million families with tax relief in 2009 by extending AMT relief for nonrefundable personal credits and increasing the AMT exemption amount to \$70,950 for joint filers and \$46,700 for individuals.
How to apply:	This benefit will automatically go into effect without any action from the taxpayer.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Tax Credits for Energy-Efficient Improvements to Existing Homes

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service
Description:	This provision would extend the tax credits for improvements to energy efficient existing homes through 2010. Under current law, individuals are allowed a tax credit equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements installed during the taxable year. This tax credit is capped at \$50 for any advanced main air circulating fan, \$150 for any qualified natural gas, propane, oil furnace or hot water boiler, and \$300 for any item of energy efficient building property. For 2009 and 2010, this provision would increase the amount of the tax credit to 30 percent (30%) of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements during the taxable year. This provision would also eliminate the property-by-property dollar caps on this tax credit and provide an aggregate \$1,500 cap on all property qualifying for the credit. This provision would update the energy-efficiency standards of the property qualifying for the credit.
How to apply:	Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Refundable First Time Home Buyer Tax Credit

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service
Description:	There is an \$8,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers who purchase a home from Jan 1, 2009 to December 1, 2009. It also eliminates repayment obligations that are under current law unless the home is sold within three years of purchase. In that case, the credit would still be subject to the current-law recapture rules.
How to apply:	Eligible taxpayers can claim this credit when filing their taxes.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Child Tax Credit

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	A child tax credit is a tax credit based on the number of dependent children in a family. This provision would increase the eligibility of the refundable child tax credit.
How to apply:	The provision is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. The tax credit will be given after filing for taxes.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Low Incoming Housing Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits

Administrator:	Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA)
Description:	Under current law, taxpayers are allowed to claim a low-income housing tax credit for certain investments made in low-income housing. These tax credits help attract private capital to invest in the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of qualified low-income housing buildings. Current economic conditions have severely undermined the effectiveness of these tax credits. As a result, the bill would allow taxpayers to receive a grant from the Treasury Department in lieu of tax credits. Under this provision, state housing agencies would receive a grant equal to up to 85 percent (85%) of 40 percent (40%) of the state's low-income housing tax credit allocation in lieu of the low-income housing tax credits they would have received. The sub-awards are subject to the same requirements (including rent, income, and use restrictions on such buildings) as the low-income housing tax credit allocations. The grant program would apply to each state's 2009 low income housing tax credit allocation.
How to apply:	Qualified housing agencies can inquire with the Vermont Housing Finance Agency.
Website:	<a href="http://www.vhfa.org/">http://www.vhfa.org/</a>
Phone:	802.864.5743 or 800.339.5866 (Toll-free in Vermont)

## Sales Tax Deduction for Vehicle Purchases

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	The provision provides all taxpayers with a deduction for state and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, light truck, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles through 2009. This deduction is subject to a phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$125,000 (\$250,000 in the case of a joint return).

How to apply:	Taxpayers can seek this deduction by claiming the deduction on their 2009 tax return.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle Credit

Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	This provision modifies and increases a tax credit passed into law at the end of last Congress for each qualified plug-in electric drive vehicle placed in service during the taxable year. The base amount of the credit is \$2,500. If the qualified vehicle draws propulsion from a battery with at least 5 kilowatt hours of capacity, the credit is increased by \$417, plus another \$417 for each kilowatt hour of battery capacity in excess of 5 kilowatt hours up to 16 kilowatt hours. Taxpayers may claim the full amount of the allowable credit up to the end of the first calendar quarter in which the manufacturer records its 200,000th sale of a plug-in electric drive vehicle. The credit is reduced in following calendar quarters. The credit is allowed against the alternative minimum tax (AMT). This bill also restores and updates the electric vehicle credit for plug-in electric vehicles that would not otherwise qualify for the larger plug-in electric drive vehicle credit and provides a tax credit for plug-in electric drive conversion kits.
How to apply:	Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Parity for Transit Benefits

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service
Description:	Current law provides a tax-free fringe benefit employers can provide to employees for transit and parking. Those benefits are set at different dollar amounts. This provision would equalize the tax-free benefit employers can provide for transit and parking. The proposal sets both the parking and transit benefits at \$230 a month for 2009, indexes them equally for 2010, and clarifies that certain transit benefits apply to federal employees.
How to apply:	Eligible participants will receive information on how to apply through their workplace as this program is implemented.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Computers as Qualified Education Expenses in 529 Education Plans

Administrator:	Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan Vermont Student Assistant Corporation (VSAC)
Description:	Plans are tax-advantaged savings plans that cover all qualified education expenses, including: tuition, room & board, mandatory fees and books. The bill provides that computers and computer technology qualify as qualified education expenses.
How to Apply:	Families that use 529 Education Plans will now be able to withdraw funds from the 529 account, tax free, to go toward to purchase of computers or computer technology.

Website: <http://www.vheip.org/>

Phone: 1-800-637-5860

### Refundable Credit for Certain Federal and State Pensioners

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	The bill would provide a one- time refundable tax credit of \$250 in 2009 to certain government retirees who are not eligible for Social Security benefits. This one-time credit is a reduction to any allowable Making Work Pay credit.
How to apply:	Consult with the IRS.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Delayed Recognition of Certain Cancellation of Debt Income

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	Under current law, a taxpayer generally has income where the taxpayer cancels or repurchases debt for an amount less than its adjusted issue price. The amount of cancellation of debt income (CODI) is the excess of the old debt's adjusted issue price over the repurchase price. Certain businesses will be allowed to recognize CODI over 10 years (defer tax on CODI for the first four or five years and recognize this income ratably over the following five taxable years) for specified types of business debt repurchased by the business after December 31, 2008 and before January 1, 2011.
How to apply:	Business can claim this when they file for taxes.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Removal of Dollar Limitations on Certain Energy Credits

Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a 30 percent (30%) tax credit for qualified small wind energy property (capped at \$4,000). Individuals are allowed to claim a 30 percent (30%) tax credit for qualified solar water heating property (capped at \$2,000), qualified small wind energy property (capped at \$500 per kilowatt of capacity, up to \$4,000), and qualified geothermal heat pumps (capped at \$2,000). This provision would repeal the individual dollar caps. As a result, each of these properties would be eligible for an uncapped 30 percent (30%) credit.
How to apply:	Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.



# TAX PROVISIONS

## For Businesses, Municipalities and State Government

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### Incentives to Hire Unemployed Veterans and Disconnected Youth

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent (40%) of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups: families receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, certain veterans receiving food stamps or disability compensation, certain ex-felons, residents of designated communities, individuals in vocational rehabilitation, certain youths employed during the summer, certain food stamp recipients, certain recipients of SSI, and long-term recipients of family assistance. The bill creates two newly targeted groups of prospective employees: unemployed veterans and disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6 months. This proposal is estimated to cost \$231 million over 10 years.
How to apply:	The participating business will receive the work opportunity tax credit when taxes are filed with the IRS.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p954.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p954.pdf</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Work Opportunity Tax Credit

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent (40%) of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups. The bill would create two new targeted groups of prospective employees: (1) unemployed veterans; and (2) disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6 months.
How to apply:	Companies can claim this credit when filing their taxes.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.



## Eliminate Costs Imposed on State and Local Governments by the Alternative Minimum Tax

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	The alternative minimum tax (AMT) can increase the costs of issuing tax-exempt private activity bonds imposed on state and local governments. Under current law, interest on tax-exempt private activity bonds is generally subject to the AMT. This limits the marketability of these bonds and, therefore, forces state and local governments to issue these bonds at higher interest rates. Last year, Congress excluded one category of private activity bonds (i.e., tax- exempt housing bonds) from the AMT. The bill would exclude the remaining categories of private activity bonds from the AMT if the bond is issued in 2009 or 2010. The bill also allows AMT relief for current refunding of private activity bonds issued after 2003 and refunded during 2009 and 2010.
How to apply:	Municipalities will not need to apply; this provision will automatically take effect.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Delay Application of Withholding Requirement on Certain Governmental Payments for Goods and Services.

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	For payments made after December 31, 2010, the code requires withholding at a three percent (3%) rate on certain payments to persons providing property or services made by federal, state, and local governments. The withholding is required regardless of whether the government entity making the payment is the recipient of the property or services. Numerous government entities and small businesses have raised concerns about the application of this provision. The provision would delay for one year (through December 31, 2011) the application of the three percent (3%) withholding requirement on government payments for goods and services in order to provide time for the Treasury Department to study the impact of this provision on government entities and other taxpayers.
How to apply:	This provision is effective on the date of enactment.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## New Market Tax Credits

Administrator:	Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA)
Description:	New Market Tax Credits are given to qualified equity investments made to acquire stock in a corporation or a capital interest in a partnership that is a qualified community development entity (CDE). Under current law, there are \$3.5 billion of New Markets Tax Credits available for each of 2008 and 2009. The provision increases the available credits for 2008 to \$5 billion and the available credits for 2009 to \$5 billion.
How to apply:	This tax credit will go directly to state certified CDEs.
Website:	<a href="http://www.vhfa.org/developers/new_markets.php">http://www.vhfa.org/developers/new_markets.php</a>
Phone:	802.864.5743 or 800.339.5866 (Toll-free in Vermont)

## Extension of Small Business Expensing

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	In order to help small businesses quickly recover the cost of certain capital expenses, small business taxpayers may elect to write-off the cost of these expenses in the year of acquisition in lieu of recovering these costs over time through depreciation. Until the end of 2010, small business taxpayers are allowed to write-off up to \$125,000 of capital expenditures subject to a phase-out once capital expenditures exceed \$500,000. Last year, Congress temporarily increased the amount that small businesses could write-off for capital expenditures incurred in 2008 to \$250,000 and increased the phase-out threshold for 2008 to \$800,000. The bill would extend these temporary increases for capital expenditures incurred in 2009.
How to apply:	Small businesses can obtain this credit when filing for taxes.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Five-Year Carry-back of Net Operating Losses (NOL) for Small Businesses

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	A net operating loss means the amount by which a taxpayer's business deductions exceed the gross income. Under current law, net operating losses may be carried back to the two taxable years before the year that the loss arises and carried forward to each of the succeeding twenty taxable years after the year that the loss arises. For 2008, the bill would extend the maximum NOL carry-back period from two years to five years for small businesses with gross receipts of \$15 million or less.
How to apply:	This provision is effective for net operating losses arising in taxable years ending after December 31, 2007. The taxpayer can file for this benefit when filing for taxes.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Temporary Reduction of Small Business Corporation Built-in Gains Holding Period from 10 Years to 7 Years

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service
Description:	Under current law, if a taxable corporation converts into an S corporation, the conversion is not a taxable event. An S Corporation pays no corporate level tax. Instead a loss of gain goes directly to their shareholders. When a company converts to an S corporation, they must hold its assets for ten years in order to avoid a tax on any built-in gains that existed at the time of the conversion. The bill would temporarily reduce this holding period from ten years to seven years for sales occurring in 2009 and 2010.
How to apply:	This provision will go into effect for businesses for taxable year beginning after December 31, 2008.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Small Business Capital Gains

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service
Description:	This provision increases the percentage of exclusion for qualified business stock sold by an individual from 50 percent (50%) to 75 percent (75%).
How to apply:	This provision is effective for stock issued after the date of enactment and before Jan. 1, 2011. Businesses can claim this credit when filing for taxes.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Advanced Energy Investment Credit

Administrator:	U.S. Department of the Treasury and U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	This provision establishes a new 30 percent (30%) investment tax credit for facilities engaged in the manufacture of advanced energy property. Credits are available only for projects certified by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, through a competitive bidding process. The Secretary of Treasury must establish a certification program no later than 180 days after date of enactment, and may allocate up to \$2.3 billion in credits. Advanced energy property includes: technology for the production of renewable energy, energy storage, energy conservation, efficient transmission and distribution of electricity, and carbon capture and sequestration.
How to apply:	Please check <a href="http://www.energy.gov">http://www.energy.gov</a> for more information as the Advanced Energy Investment Credit is implemented
Website:	<a href="http://www.energy.gov">http://www.energy.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>IRS Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>IRS Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>U.S. Department of Energy: 1-800-342-5363</b>

## Long-term Extension and Modification of Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	This proposal would extend the placed-in-service date for wind facilities for three years (through December 31, 2012). This proposal would also extend the placed-in-service date for three years (through December 31, 2013) for certain other qualifying facilities: closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; waste-to-energy; and marine renewable facilities.
How to apply:	This proposal extends existing tax credits. Contact the IRS.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Temporary Election to Claim the Investment Tax Credit in Lieu of the Production Tax Credit

Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	Under current law, facilities that produce electricity from solar facilities are eligible to take a

	30 percent (30%) investment tax credit in the year that the facility is placed in service. Facilities that produce electricity from wind, closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation, hydropower, landfill gas, waste-to-energy, and marine renewable facilities are eligible for a production tax credit. The production tax credit is payable over a ten-year period. Because of current market conditions, it is difficult for many renewable projects to find financing due to the uncertain future tax positions of potential investors in these projects. The bill would allow facilities to elect to claim the investment tax credit in lieu of the production tax credit.
How to apply:	Participants will be able to file the tax credit on their tax return.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Repeal Subsidized Energy Financing Limitation on the Investment Tax Credit

Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	Under current law, the investment tax credit must be reduced if the property qualifying for the investment tax credit is also financed with industrial development bonds or through any other federal, state, or local subsidized financing program. The provision in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would repeal this subsidized energy financing limitation on the investment tax credit in order to allow businesses and individuals to qualify for the full amount of the investment tax credit even if such property is financed with industrial development bonds or through any other subsidized energy financing.
How to apply:	Participants will find that the financing limitation for subsidized energy has been removed.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Tax Credits for Alternative Refueling Property

Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	The alternative refueling property credit provides a tax credit to businesses (e.g., gas stations) that install alternative fuel pumps, such as fuel pumps that dispense E85 fuel, electricity, hydrogen, and natural gas. For 2009 and 2010, this provision would increase the 30 percent (30%) alternative refueling property credit for businesses (capped at \$30,000) to 50 percent (50%) (capped at \$50,000). Hydrogen refueling pumps would remain at a 30 percent (30%) credit percentage; however, the cap for hydrogen refueling pumps will be increased to \$200,000. In addition, this provision would increase the 30 percent (30%) alternative refueling property credit for individuals (capped at \$1,000) to 50 percent (50%) (capped at \$2,000).
How to apply:	Participants will be able to file for this tax credit on their tax return.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Removal of Dollar Limitations on Certain Energy Credits

Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a 30 percent (30%) tax credit for qualified small wind energy property (capped at \$4,000). Individuals are allowed to claim a 30 percent (30%) tax credit for qualified solar water heating property (capped at \$2,000), qualified small wind energy property (capped at \$500 per kilowatt of capacity, up to \$4,000), and qualified geothermal heat pumps (capped at \$2,000). This provision would repeal the individual dollar caps. As a result, each of these properties would be eligible for an uncapped 30 percent (30%) credit.
How to apply:	Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs)

Administrator:	U.S. Treasury Department
Description:	This provision authorizes an additional \$1.6 billion of new clean renewable energy bonds to finance facilities that generate electricity from the following resources: wind; closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; marine renewable; and trash combustion facilities. This \$1.6 billion authorization will be subdivided into thirds: 1/3 will be available for qualifying projects of state/local/tribal governments; 1/3 for qualifying projects of public power providers; and 1/3 for qualifying projects of electric cooperatives.
How to apply:	Qualified participants will be able to utilize this bond program as it is developed.
Website:	<a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Treasury Department, General Information: (202) 622-2000</b>

## Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

Administrator:	U.S. Department of the Treasury
Description:	This provision authorizes an additional \$2.4 billion of qualified energy conservation bonds to finance state, municipal and tribal government programs and initiatives designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This provision would also clarify that qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community programs. This provision also clarifies that qualified energy conservation bonds may be used for programs in which utilities provide ratepayers with energy-efficient property and recoup the costs of that property over an extended period of time.
How to apply:	Qualified participants will be able to utilize this bond program as it is developed.
Website:	<a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Treasury Department, General Information: (202) 622-2000</b>

## Addition of Permanent Sequestration Requirement to CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Tax Credit

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service
Description:	Last year, Congress provided a \$10 credit per ton for the first 75 million metric tons of carbon dioxide captured and transported from an industrial source for use in enhanced oil recovery, and \$20 credit per ton for carbon dioxide captured and transported from an industrial source for permanent storage in a geologic formation. Facilities were required to



	capture at least 500,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year to qualify. This provision would require that any taxpayer claiming the \$10 credit per ton for carbon dioxide captured and transported for use in enhanced oil recovery must also ensure that such carbon dioxide is permanently stored in a geologic formation.
How to apply:	New provision does not change the way participants file for the tax credit, just the qualifications to be able to apply for the tax credit.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Treasury Department Energy Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits

Administrator:	U.S. Department of the Treasury
Description:	Under current law, taxpayers are allowed to claim a production tax credit for electricity produced by certain renewable energy facilities and an investment tax credit for certain renewable energy property. These tax credits help attract private capital to invest in renewable energy projects. Current economic conditions have severely undermined the effectiveness of these tax credits. As a result, this provision would allow taxpayers to receive a grant from the Treasury Department in lieu of tax credits. This grant will operate similarly to the current-law investment tax credit.
How to apply:	The Treasury Department will issue a grant in an amount equal to 30 percent (30%) of the cost of the renewable energy facility within sixty days of the facility being placed in service or, if later, within sixty days of receiving an application for such grant.
Website:	<a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Treasury Department, General Information: (202) 622-2000</b>

### Extension of Bonus Depreciation

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	Businesses are allowed to recover the cost of capital expenditures over time according to a depreciation schedule. Last year, Congress temporarily allowed businesses to recover the costs of capital expenditures made in 2008 faster than the ordinary depreciation schedule would allow by permitting these businesses to immediately write-off 50 percent (50%) of the cost of depreciable property (e.g., equipment, tractors, wind turbines, solar panels, and computers) acquired in 2008 for use in the United States. The bill would extend this temporary benefit for capital expenditures incurred in 2009.
How to apply:	The extension of the first-year depreciation deduction is generally effective for property placed in service after December 31, 2008. This benefit can be claimed when filing for taxes.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Modify Speed Requirement for High-Speed Rail Exempt Facility Bonds

Administrator:	U.S. Department of Treasury
Description:	Under current law, states are allowed to issue private activity bonds for high-speed rail facilities. Under current law, a high-speed rail facility is a facility for the transportation of passengers between metropolitan areas using vehicles that are reasonably

	expected to operate at speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour between scheduled stops. This provision would allow these bonds to be used to develop rail facilities that are used by trains that are capable of attaining speeds up to 150 miles per hour.
How to apply:	This provision adds to the definition of an existing bond. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Website:	<a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Treasury Department, General Information:</b> (202) 622-2000

### Qualified School Construction Bonds

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	The bill creates a new category of tax credit bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities or for the acquisition of land on which a public school facility will be constructed. There is a national limitation on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by state and local governments of \$22 billion (\$11 billion allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010). This proposal is estimated to cost \$9.877 billion over 10 years.
How to apply:	The taxpayer holding qualified school construction bonds on a credit allowance date is entitled to a tax credit. The amount of the tax credit is determined by multiplying the bond's credit rate by the face amount on the holder's bond. The tax credit will be received when taxes are filed with the IRS.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Extension and Increase in Authorization for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs)

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	The bill allows an additional \$1.4 billion of QZAB issuing authority to state and local governments in 2009 and 2010, which can be used to finance renovations, equipment purchases, developing course material, and training teachers and personnel at a qualified zone academy. In general, a qualified zone academy is any public school (or academic program within a public school) below college level that is located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community and is designed to cooperate with businesses to enhance the academic curriculum and increase graduation and employment rates. QZABs are a form of tax credit bonds, which offer the holder a federal tax credit instead of interest. This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.045 billion over 10 years.
How to apply:	The taxpayer holding qualified school construction bonds on a credit allowance date is entitled to a tax credit. The amount of the tax credit is determined by multiplying the bond's credit rate by the face amount on the holder's bond. The tax credit will be received when taxes are filed with the IRS.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov/publications/p954/ar02.html#d0e3636">http://www.irs.gov/publications/p954/ar02.html#d0e3636</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Industrial Development Bonds (IDBs)

Administrator:	U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Description:	Under current law, certain manufacturing facilities are eligible for tax exempt bond financing. Section 144(a) (12) (C) specifically limits the definition of a manufacturing facility for the



	purposes of such financing to facilities that are used in the manufacturing or production of tangible personal property. This provision amends the definition of manufacturing facility to any facility used in the manufacturing, creation, or production of tangible or intangible property described in section 197(d)(1)(C)(iii). Intangible property is any patent, copyright, formula, process, design, pattern, know how, format, or other similar item. The proposal also clarifies which physical components of a manufacturing facility qualify as "ancillary" and therefore are subjected to a 25 percent (25%) limitation in the amount of bond issuance used to build or re-construct those components.
How to apply:	This provision will take effect adding to the definition for tax exempt bonds.
Website:	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <b>Telephone Assistance for Businesses: 1-800-829-4933</b> Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Tax Credit Bond Option for State and Local Governments (“Build America Bonds”)

Administrator:	U.S. Treasury
Description:	The federal government provides significant financial support to state and local governments through the federal tax exemption for interest on municipal bonds. Both tax credit bonds and tax-exempt bonds provide a subsidy to municipalities by reducing the cash interest payments that a state or local government must make on its debt. Tax credit bonds differ from tax-exempt bonds in two principal ways: (1) interest paid on tax credit bonds is taxable; and (2) a portion of the interest paid on tax credit bonds takes the form of a federal tax credit. The federal tax credit offsets a portion of the cash interest payment that the state or local government would otherwise need to make on the borrowing. For 2009 and 2010, this proposal provides state and local governments with the option of issuing a tax credit bond instead of a tax-exempt governmental obligation bond. Because the market for tax credits is small given current economic conditions, the bill would allow the state or local government to elect to receive a direct payment from the federal government equal to the subsidy that would have otherwise been delivered through the federal tax credit for bonds.
How to apply:	Please contact the U.S. Treasury Department for more information as it implements this program.
Website:	<a href="http://www.treasury.gov">http://www.treasury.gov</a>
Phone:	<b>Treasury Department, General Information: (202) 622-2000</b>

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