

ResoufW Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



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& Science* ♦ *Assistance to the Unemployed* ♦ *State & Local
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A Note from Congressman Rush

Dear Friends,

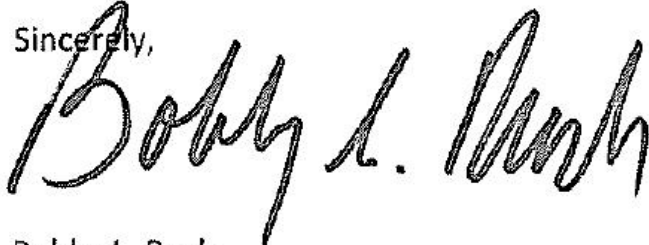
As you know, President Obama recently signed a historic \$787 billion economic recovery package. For Illinois it couldn't come at a more critical moment. Unemployment is heading towards 8 percent and home prices are declining. Communities, struggling to maintain critical jobs and services are faced with a state budget deficit that is likely to total nearly \$9 billion over the next two years, placing an even greater burden on our area's most vulnerable communities.

I have assembled this [8-page guide](#) which compiles information on many federal programs and funding opportunities available to individuals, communities and businesses in Illinois as a result of the economic recovery package.

Under this landmark legislation, Illinois will receive \$10.3 billion in direct aid and \$3.08 billion in Medicaid assistance, as well as \$9 billion in the form of tax relief that collectively is expected to create and save nearly 203,600 jobs in our state. **It is critical that our families, businesses and communities have the information they need to access these funds as quickly as possible.**

I hope you'll find this information helpful. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to call my Washington office at (202) 225-4372 or my Chicago Office at (773) 224-6500. I also encourage you to visit www.illinois.recovery.gov for more information. I'm confident we can ensure Illinois comes out of this crisis stronger and better prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Sincerely,



Bobby L. Rush
Member of Congress

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This document describes major initiatives funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The following information does not summarize all funding or tax provisions in the bill.

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TRANSPORTATION

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Highway Improvement Programs

\$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment.

Illinois will receive \$936 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Transportation
Purpose:	For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.
Description:	Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub allocated by population areas.
Website:	www.dot.state.il.us/
Webform:	http://www.dot.state.il.us/contacts.html
Phone:	(217) 782-7820

Transit Capital Assistance

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

Illinois will receive \$467.5 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Transportation
Type:	Funds are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas - 80% of the capital assistance funds are to be distributed through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) urbanized formula. Funds apportioned to Illinois' Urbanized Areas (UZAs), are pooled and then first applied to the highest priority projects
Description:	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
Website:	www.dot.state.il.us/
Webform:	http://www.dot.state.il.us/contacts.html
Phone:	(217) 782-7820
Reference:	49 USCS § 5307

Fixed Guideway Modernization

\$750 million was included for transit capital assistance grants.

Chicago will receive \$96 million in formula funding.

Agency:	Federal Transit Administration U.S. Department of Transportation
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Type:	Funds are allocated by a statutory formula to urbanized areas with rail systems that have been in operation for at least seven years.
Purpose:	These funds will be used for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems, including purchase and rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, line equipment, structures, signals and communications, power equipment and substations, passenger stations and terminals, security equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and software, system extensions, and preventive maintenance.
Website:	http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html
Webform:	http://ftawebprod.fta.dot.gov/ContactUsTool/Public/NewRequest.aspx
Phone:	(202) 366-4020 - (FTA Office of Program Management)
Reference:	(29 USC 5309)

Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)

\$750 million was included for capital investment grants.

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

Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants

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

Agency:	Federal Transit Administration U.S. Department of Transportation
Description:	Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.
Website:	www.fta.dot.gov
Webform:	http://ftawebprod.fta.dot.gov/ContactUsTool/Public/NewRequest.aspx
Phone:	(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.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Transportation
Description:	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
Website:	http://www.dot.gov/
Phone:	(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.

Agency:	Federal Railroad Administration U.S. Department of Transportation
Description:	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.
Website:	www.fra.dot.gov http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954
Phone:	(202) 366-4000 (General Information)

Capital Grants to Amtrak

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

Agency:	Federal Railroad Administration U.S. Department of Transportation
Provision:	Funds cannot be used for Amtrak's operating losses
Purpose:	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)
IL Profile:	http://www.amtrak.com/pdf/factsheets/Illinois08.pdf
Website:	www.fra.dot.gov http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30
Phone:	(202) 366-4000 (General Information)

ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund

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

Illinois will receive \$180.4 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water
Provisions:	Waives mandatory 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% 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% 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
Purpose:	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.
Description:	Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities
Activities:	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.
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/ www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/economic-stimulus/index.html
Phone:	(202) 260-7359 (EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund Branch) (217) 782-0610 (Illinois Manager of Wastewater Permits)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

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

Illinois will receive \$19.7 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water
Provisions:	The mandatory 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
	Requires at least 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% 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
Purpose:	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.
Description:	Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities
Activities:	Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/ www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/economic-stimulus/index.html
Phone:	(202) 564-3750 (EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water) (217) 782-1724 (Illinois EPA Manager of Drinking Water Permits)

Brownfields Grants

\$100 million was included for Brownfields projects.

Agency:	Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Provision:	Waives cost-share requirement
Description:	Funds are provided for Brownfields competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent 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.
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/ http://www.ctbrownfields.com/
Phone:	(202) 566-2777- (Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization)

Diesel Emission Reduction Program

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

Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Provision:	Waives the State Grant and Loan Program matching incentive provisions of DERA.
Purpose:	Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.
Description:	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% of the funding supports nation-wide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to states with approved programs
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/
Webform:	http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

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

Agency:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District
Description:	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.
IL Profile:	http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/projects/index.html
Website:	http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/
Phone:	(312) 846-5472 (U.S. Army Corps, Chicago District)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance

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

Agency:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District
Description:	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.
IL Profile:	http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/projects/index.html
Website:	http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/
Phone:	(312) 846-5472 (U.S. Army Corps, Chicago District)

ENERGY

Energy Efficiency ◇ Renewable Energy ◇ Energy Consumption ◇ Research & Development

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State Energy Program

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

Illinois will receive \$103 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Description:	States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies
Website:	http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Energy_Recycling/
Phone:	(217) 785-3416 (Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) (217) 785-5222 (State Energy Office)
Helpful Link:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/projects_all_by_state.cfm/state=IL

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)

Illinois will receive \$248.6 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	The Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP)
Description:	Provides energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free of charge
Purpose:	To assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient
Website:	http://www.weatherizationillinois.com/
Phone:	(312) 795-8998 (Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County)

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

\$3.2 billion was included for EECBG.

Illinois will receive \$248.6 million in formula funding.

Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purpose:	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
Description:	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-profits 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.
Website:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm
Email:	eeric@ee.doe.gov
Phone:	1-877-EERE-INFO (1-877-337-3463)

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

\$16.8 billion was included for EERE

Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Programs:	10 energy programs, including the 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
Activities:	EERE's programs conduct activities in partnership with the private sector, state and local government, DOE national laboratories, and universities
IL Profile:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_information.cfm/state=il
Website:	www.eere.energy.gov/
Webform:	Submit questions online: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter/
Phone:	(877) 337-3463 - Energy Information Center

Biomass Program

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

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

Geothermal Technologies Program

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

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

Advanced Battery Manufacturing

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

Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Activities:	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
Type:	Competitive Grants
Website:	www.eere.energy.gov
Phone:	(877) 337-3463 (EERE Information Center)
Authorization Reference:	(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

Office:	Clean Cities Program Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	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.
Recipients:	State governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities.
Activities:	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.
Type:	Competitive Grant
IL Profile:	http://www.chicagocleancities.org/index.shtml
Website:	www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities
Phone:	(877) 337-3463 - EERE General Information Center
Authorization Reference:	(EPACT 2005 Sec. 721)

Transportation Electrification

\$400 million for Transportation Electrification grant projects.

Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	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
Recipients:	States, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities
Type:	Competitive Grant
Website:	www.eere.energy.gov
Phone:	(877) 337-3463 - EERE General Information Center
Authorization Reference:	(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.

Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	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.
Administrator:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Website:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/alternatives/rebates.cfm http://www.energystar.gov/ http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Energy_Recycling/Energy/
Phone:	(877) 337-3463 (EERE General Information Center) (888) 782-7937 (ENERGY STAR Hotline) (217) 785-3416 (Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) (217) 785-5222 (State Energy Office)
Authorization Reference:	(EPACT 2005 Sec. 124)

Smart Grid Investment Program

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

Office:	Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	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.

Activities:	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.
Website:	www.oe.energy.gov www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm
Phone:	(202) 586-1411 (Office of Electricity, Delivery and Energy Reliability)
Authorization Reference:	http://www.oe.energy.gov/DocumentsandMedia/EISA_Title_XIII_Smart_Grid.pdf

Fossil Energy Research and Development Program

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

Office:	Office of Fossil Energy
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	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.
Activities:	Research and development (R&D) partnerships, cooperative R&D agreements, financial assistance, and contractual arrangements with universities and the private sector.
IL Profile:	http://fossil.energy.gov/programs/projectdatabase/stateprofiles/2004/Illinois.html
Website:	www.fossil.energy.gov
Phone:	(202) 586-6660 (Office of Fossil Energy)

Science Program

\$1.6 billion was included for the science program.

Office:	Office of Science
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	The Office of Science manages fundamental research programs in basic energy sciences, biological and environmental sciences, and computational science.
IL Profile:	http://www.sc.doe.gov/SC_Funding/il/il.htm
Website:	www.science.doe.gov http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html
Webform:	http://www.sc.doe.gov/Contact/index.htm
Phone:	(202) 586-5430 (Office of Science)

Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)

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

Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	To support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy
Background:	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.
Eligibility as Authorized:	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.
Website:	www.energy.gov
Phone:	1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)
Authorization Reference:	Section 5012 of the America COMPETES Act (42 U.S.C. 16538)

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.

Illinois will receive \$180.8 million in formula funding.

Office:	Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements
Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	Provides funding to local housing agencies to repair and replace aging housing.
Purpose:	To make capital repairs and improvements to public housing, including energy conservation measures
IL Profile:	http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=il
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/index.cfm
Phone:	(312) 353-5680 (HUD Chicago Field Office)
Contact:	Illinois Local Housing Authorities http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=il&topic=offices

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.

Illinois will receive \$73.2 million in formula funding for this program

Agency:	Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Purpose:	Funding to provide assistance to individuals and families to avoid or escape homelessness
Description:	Formula funding provided to the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago and other local communities medium-term rental assistance; housing relocation and stabilization services such as housing search and security or utility deposits; and other homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing activities.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/
Phone:	(312) 353-5680 (Chicago 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.

Illinois will receive \$73.2 million in formula funding for this program

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Description:	Provides flexible funding to States and larger communities for a variety of community development, economic development, and affordable housing purposes.
Purpose:	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 of its Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) grant funds are used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
Helpful Link:	http://www.hud.gov/local/il/community/cdbg/index.cfm http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/
Website:	http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Community_Development/Grants/CDAP.htm
Phone:	(217) 785-6142 (Illinois Division of Community Assistance) (312) 744-7870 (Chicago Office of Budget Management)

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.

Illinois will receive \$88 million in formula funding.

Adminstrator :	Illinois Department of Human Serivces
Office :	Office of Community Planning and Development
Agency:	U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	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.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=40593
Useful Links:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/
Phone:	(312) 353-5680 (HUD Chicago Field Office)

Lead Hazard Reduction Program

\$100 million for grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to remove lead paint hazards in low-income housing

Office:	Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
Agency:	U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To remove lead paint hazards in low-income housing.
Description:	Funds will be used to remove lead paint hazards in low income housing. First priority for available funding will be given to 2008 grant applicants who were qualified but unfunded due to funding limitations.

Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/grantprograms.cfm
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Phone:	(312) 353-5680 (HUD Chicago Field Office)
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SMALL BUSINESS

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Micro-Loan Program

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

Agency:	Small Business (SBA)
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html www.sba.gov/il
Email:	answerdesk@sba.gov
Phone:	1- 800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) (312) 353-4528- (Chicago 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.

Agency:	Small Business Administration (SBA)
Provision:	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% of 7(a) loans
Purpose:	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.
Website:	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/ www.sba.gov/il
Email:	answerdesk@sba.gov
Phone:	1- 800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) (312) 353-4528 - (Chicago 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.

Agency:	Small Business (SBA)
Provision:	Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 504 loan program
Purpose:	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.
Description:	Fees total approximately three (3) percent of the debenture and may be financed with the loan.
Website:	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html www.sba.gov/il
Email:	answerdesk@sba.gov
Phone:	1- 800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) (312) 353-4528 - (Chicago 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.

Agency:	Small Business Administration (SBA)
Purpose:	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
Activities:	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
Website:	www.sba.gov www.sba.gov/il
Email:	answerdesk@sba.gov
Phone:	1- 800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) (312) 353-4528 - (Chicago District Office)

JOB TRAINING & UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

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Employment Training Services – Adult

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

Illinois will receive \$26.1 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Description:	Formula funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations
Purpose:	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.
Contact:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Development
Website:	www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Workforce_Development/Job+Seeker/2-program+overview.htm
Phone:	(217) 785-6006 (Illinois Bureau of Workforce Development)

Employment Training Services - Dislocated Workers

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

Illinois will receive \$52.2 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Purpose:	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.
Contact:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Bureau of Workforce Development
Website:	www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Workforce_Development/Job+Seeker/2-program+overview
Phone:	(217) 785-6006 (Bureau of Workforce Development)

Employment Training Services – Youth

\$1.2 billion was included for the Youth 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.

Illinois will receive \$62.8 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
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Purpose:	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.
Contact:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Bureau of Workforce Development
Website:	www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Workforce_Development/Job+Seeker/2-program+overview
Phone:	(217) 785-6006 (Bureau of Workforce Development)

Employment Services

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

Illinois will receive \$16.6 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Employment Security
Description:	Formula funding to states for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment and training opportunities that will facilitate their reentry to employment.
Contact:	Illinois Department of Employment Security
Website:	http://www.ides.state.il.us/individual/default.asp
Phone:	(888) 367-4382 (Illinois Department of Employment Security)

Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve

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

Office:	Employment & Training Administration
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/ http://www.doleta.gov/grants/
Phone:	(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.

Office:	Employment & Training Administration
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Provides services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm
Phone:	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.

Office:	Employment & Training Administration
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/
Phone:	877-872-5627 (One-Stop Career Center Help Line)

Job Corps Program

\$250 million for the office of Job Corps

Office:	Office of Job Corps
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.jobcorps.gov/
Email:	national_office@jobcorps.gov
Phone:	(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

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Employment Security
Description:	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 those living in states with high unemployment. Both are administered by the Illinois Department of Employment Security.
Provisions:	Encourage Unemployment Insurance (UI) Modernization: would provide up to \$7 billion to reward and encourage States enacting specific reforms designed to increase UI coverage among low-wage, part-time and other jobless workers, as well as provide an additional \$500 million in UI administrative funding. The current federally-funded emergency UI program (which provides up to 33 weeks of extended benefits) is scheduled to begin to phase out at the end of March 2009. The proposal would use general revenues to extend the program through December 31, 2009. The proposal would provide federal funding to increase both regular and emergency unemployment benefits by \$25 a week through calendar year 2009.
Information:	http://www.ides.state.il.us/forms/pdf/whatuno.pdf
website:	http://www.ides.state.il.us/individual/default.asp
Tel Contact:	(888) 367-4382 (Illinois Department Of Employment Security)

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

Administrator:	Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance
	U.S. Department of Labor Illinois Department of Employment Security
Purpose:	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.
Provisions:	Extends TAA program to cover workers at affected public agencies, as well 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.
Website:	http://www.ides.state.il.us/individual/special/trade.asp
Phone:	(888) 367-4382 (Illinois Department Of Employment Security)

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities

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

Agency:	U.S. Department of Commerce
Provision:	Creates a Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities program that will allow a community to apply for designation as a community affected by trade.
Type:	Discretionary grants
Purpose:	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.
Description:	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 5% of the funds allotted by the Commerce Department.
Website:	www.commerce.gov
Phone:	(202) 482-2000 (U.S. Department of Commerce)

Sector Partnership Grants

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

Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	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.

Purpose:	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.
Website:	www.dol.gov
Phone:	1-877-US-2JOBS

Community College and Career Training Grants

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

Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Purpose:	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.
Description:	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 a communities strategic plan or Sector Partnership Grant, and any previous experience of the institution in providing such services to TAA eligible workers.
Website:	www.dol.gov
Phone:	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

Administrator:	Economic Development Administration
Agency:	Department of Commerce
Purpose:	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.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/Research/TradeAdj.xml http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Workforce_Development/Job+Seeker/1-trade.htm

HEALTH

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Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

\$86.6 billion was included for the Medicaid program. States will be required to maintain at least current eligibility for the Medicaid program in order to receive this funding.

Illinois will receive \$3.08 billion in federal matching funding for the Medicaid program for the period of 10/1/2008 to 12/31/2010.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Purpose:	To prevent reductions in Medicaid funded health care to low-income children and families.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/medical/
Phone:	(217) 782-1200 (Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services)

Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants

\$1.5 billion was included for Community Health Centers.

Office:	Bureau of Primary Health Care
Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm
Email:	callcenter@hrsa.gov
Phone:	1-877-464-4772 (HRSA Call Center)

Community Health Center Services Grants

\$500 million was included for Community Health Centers.

Office:	Bureau of Primary Health Care
Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm

	http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm
Email:	callcenter@hrsa.gov
Phone:	1-877-464-4772 (HRSA Call Center)

National Health Service Corps

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

Office:	National Health Service Corps
Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment
Purpose:	To address shortages of primary healthcare providers in specific health professional shortage areas.
Description:	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
Website:	http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/
Email:	callcenter@hrsa.gov
Phone:	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.

Office:	Bureau of Health Professions
Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment
Purpose:	To provide for training of health professions
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm
Email:	callcenter@hrsa.gov
Phone:	1-877-464-4772 (HRSA Call Center)

Biomedical Research

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

Office:	Office of the Director
Agency:	National Institutes of Health
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To expand jobs in biomedical research to study diseases.
Description:	\$7.4 million 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.

Website:	http://www.nih.gov/
Webform:	grantsinfo@od.nih.gov
Phone:	(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.

Office:	National Center for Research Resources
Agency:	National Institutes of Health
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To renovate and equip university research facilities.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/
Phone:	(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.

Description:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To support state and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and infectious diseases.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.cdc.gov/ http://www.hhs.gov/

Comparative Effectiveness Health Research

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

Office:	Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To compare the effectiveness of different medical treatments
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.ahrq.gov/

<http://www.nih.gov/>

Phone: (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).

Office:	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
Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	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.
Description:	To authorize the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology in order to promote the use and exchange of electronic health information.
Website:	http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/
Phone:	(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).

Administrator:	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
Agency:	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Description:	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.
Purpose:	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.
Website:	www.cms.hhs.gov http://www.cms.hhs.gov/RegionalOffices/Downloads/Chicago%20Regional%20Office.pdf
Phone:	1-800-MEDICARE (312) 886-6432(Regional CMS Office for Illinois)

COBRA Continuation Coverage

\$24.7 billion was included for COBRA Continuation Coverage.

Office:	Group Health Plan
Agency:	Department of Labor (Regulatory)
Type:	Mandatory Spending
Purpose:	To provide individuals and their families with a premium subsidy of 65 percent 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.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm
Phone:	1-866-4-USA-DOL

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police and Fire Protection Services ♦ Support Services & Infrastructure

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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.

Illinois will receive \$2.07 billion in State Fiscal Stabilization funds that it can use for public safety purposes.

Administrator:	The Governor must submit applications to the Department of Education describing how Illinois will use its allocations
	Office of the Governor Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
Purpose:	To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services
Description:	The Governor may use 18.2% (\$80.7 million) of the state's allocation of stabilizations funds (\$443.5 million) for public safety and other government services, which may include education services
Website:	www.illinois.gov/GOV/ www.state.il.us/budget/
Phone:	(217) 782-0244 (Office of the Governor-Springfield) (312) 814-2121 (Office of the Governor-Chicago) (217) 782-4520 (OMB)

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.

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

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

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

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants

\$2 billion included for Byrne/JAG program.

Illinois will receive \$81.7 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Criminal Justice Information Authority
Purpose:	Formula funding to state and local police forces to help prevent, fight, and prosecute crime.
Activities:	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
IL Profile:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag08/08il.xls
Website:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html http://www.icjia.org/public/index.cfm
Phone:	(217) 782-4520 (OMB) (312-793-8550 (Criminal Justice Information Authority)

Byrne Competitive Grants Program

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

Office:	Office of Justice Assistance
Agency:	Department of Justice
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	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.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/

Email:	Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov
Phone:	1-866-859-2687 (Bureau of Justice Assistance)

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants

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

Office:	Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
Agency:	Department of Justice
Type:	Competitive Grant
Purposes:	For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers
IL Profile:	http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/Cong_Conf_Calls/Quick_Facts/ILqf.pdf
Website:	www.cops.usdoj.gov
Email:	ask.Cops@usdoj.gov
Phone:	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.

Illinois will receive \$5 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Criminal Justice Information Authority
Type:	Formula funding to state agency
Description:	The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) 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.
Purposes:	STOP 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.
IL Profile:	http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/grant-activities2007.htm#il
Website:	http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm http://www.icjia.org/public/index.cfmt
Phone:	(217) 782-4520 (OMB) (312) 793-8550 (Criminal Justice Information Authority)

Transitional Housing Assistance Program

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

Office:	Office on Violence Against Women
Agency:	U.S. Department of Justice
Type:	Competitive Grants

Purpose:	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.
Activities:	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.
Eligibility:	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
Website:	http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm
Phone:	(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.

Administrator:	Child Exploitation Task Force Illinois State Police
Type:	Formula funding to state agency
Purposes:	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.
Website:	http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/index.html http://www.illinoisicac.org/
Phone:	(312) 814-3762 Office (Illinois Child Exploitation Task Force)

Victims Compensation

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

Illinois will receive \$4.8 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Attorney General Office
Type:	Formula funding to state agency
Purpose:	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.
Website:	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/cvc.html
Contact:	http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/about/oagdirectory.html
Phone:	(312) 814-3000 (Chicago Main Office)

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.

Illinois will receive \$73.7 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Human Services
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30355
Phone:	(800) 843-6154 (DHS Chicago Office) (217) 557-1601 (DHS Springfield Office)

Head Start Program

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

Illinois will receive \$29.2 million in funding for Head Start Program. The state will receive additional funds for the Early Head Start Program – the amount has not been determined yet.

Office:	Administration for Children and Families
Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Purpose:	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.
IL Profile:	http://www.headstart.state.il.us/
Email:	chicago@acf.hhs.gov
Phone:	312-353-4237 (Administration for Children and Families – Chicago)

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

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

Illinois will receive \$9.44 million in formula funding.

Office:	Administration for Children and Families
Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administrator:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (funds administered directly to community unaction agencies)

Description:	Provides funding to 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.
Website:	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/ www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Community_Development/Low+Income+Support/CSGB
Contact:	www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Community_Development/Contact/
Phone:	(202) 401-4830 (Administration for Children and Families) (312) 814-5854 (Bureau of Community Development)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

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

Illinois will receive \$903.8 million in formula funding

Administrator:	Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS)
Description:	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 well being.
Website:	http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30357
Phone:	1 800 843-6154 (DHS Help Line)

EDUCATION

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State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

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

Illinois will receive \$2.07 billion in stabilization funds

Administrator:	The Governor must submit applications to the Department of Education describing how Illinois will use its allocations Office of the Governor Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
Purpose:	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.
Description:	The Governor may use 81.8% of the stabilization funds (\$362.78 million) to support elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and some school construction and 18.2% of the stabilization funds (\$80.7 million) for public safety or other government services, which can include education and higher education modernization, renovation, and repair.
Website:	www.illinois.gov/GOV/ www.ibhe.state.il.us/ARRA/default http://www.state.il.us/budget/
Useful Link:	www.ibhe.state.il.us/ARRA/default.htm
Phone:	(217) 782-0244 (Office of the Governor-Springfield) (312) 814-2121 (Office of the Governor-Chicago) (217) 782-4520 (OMB)

Special Education

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

Illinois will receive \$547.28 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois State Board of Education
Description:	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.
Purpose:	To assist States and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special education for students with disabilities.
Website:	http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/
Phone:	(312) 814-2220 (Illinois State Board of Education-Chicago) (217) 782-4321 (Illinois State Board of Education-Springfield)

Education for the Disadvantaged

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

Illinois will receive \$562.47 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois State Board of Education
Description:	Provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with supplemental education funding, especially in high-poverty areas.
Purpose:	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.
Website:	http://www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/title1.htm
Phone:	(312) 814-2220 (Illinois State Board of Education-Chicago) (217) 782-4321 (Illinois State Board of Education-Springfield)

Education Technology

\$650 million was included for the Enhancing Education through Technology program.

Illinois will receive \$26.5 million in formula funding.

Administrator:	Illinois State Board of Education
Description:	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.
Purpose:	These funds should be used to improve student academic achievement and ensure that students are college and workforce ready by ensuring that every student has 21st 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.
Phone:	(312) 814-2220 (Illinois State Board of Education-Chicago) (217) 782-4321 (Illinois State Board of Education-Springfield)

Vocational Rehabilitation

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

Illinois will receive \$20 million in funding.

Administrator:	Bureau of Rehabilitation Services Illinois Department of Human Services
Description:	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.
Purpose:	To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.
Website:	http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29737

Phone: 1-(800) 843-6154 (DHS Help Line)

Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants

\$100 million was included for the Teacher Quality State Grants program.

Office:	Office of Postsecondary Education
Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Purpose:	To provide grants to States to improve the quality of the teaching workforce.
Description:	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, address teacher shortages, and provide new routes to teaching for jobless individuals seeking to enter the teaching field.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html
Phone:	(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.

Office:	Institute of Education Sciences
Agency:	Department of Education
Purpose:	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.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slids/
Phone:	(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.

Office:	Office of Federal Student Aid
Agency:	Department of Education
Purpose:	To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.
Description:	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.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html
Phone:	1-800-433-3243 or 1-800-4FED-AID

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

Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	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
Note:	Matching requirement waived
Phone:	(202) 682-5400 Questions about eligibility, the appropriate discipline/field of a project, project breadth, consortium projects
Website:	www.nea.gov
Helpful Link:	http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html