#### Resource Guide to the

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



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# A Note from Congressman Reyes

#### Dear Friends:

Our country is facing the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression and action must be taken to jumpstart our economy. To that end, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law a historic recovery package, H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The Recovery Act provides nearly \$800 billion in federal spending and tax cuts to create or save millions of jobs and provide assistance to Americans who are currently unemployed. The law contains targeted efforts to transform our economy with science and technology; modernize roads, bridges, transit and waterways; educate and prepare our children for the 21st century; lower healthcare costs; assist workers hurt by the economy; and promote the use of clean and efficient energy sources.

With the unemployment rate reaching seven percent in Texas, up two percent in less than a year, this package could not come at a more critical time. With this bill, 269,000 jobs will be created or saved in Texas, with 7,500 of those jobs in the 16th Congressional District.

In order to ensure that individuals, communities, and businesses have access to the information on the many federal programs and federal funding opportunities that are available as a result of this bill, I am providing this Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This guide is subdivided into 13 sections that provide information about the federal programs that are receiving recovery funding.

In addition to the information supplied in this guide, I encourage you to refer to the following resource websites as well:

- Obama Administration website: http://www.recovery.gov/
- How to apply for federal contracts: https://www.fbo.gov/
- How to find federal jobs: http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/
- How to apply for federal grants: http://www.grants.gov/
- How to access various federal benefits: http://www.govbenefits.gov

I hope that you will find this information helpful. Should you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact my office. While we have a tough road ahead of us, I am confident that Texas and the people of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District will come out of this crisis stronger and better prepared for the future.

Sincerely,

Silvestre Reyes

Member of Congress

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#### CONSUMER TAX CREDITS

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act cuts taxes for 95% of working families in the nation. Below is a summary of some of the tax cuts and credits included in the legislation.

#### **One-Time Economic Recovery Payment**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides for a one-time payment of \$250 to individuals who receive Social Security benefits, Railroad Retirement benefits, veteran's compensation or pension benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), excluding individuals who receive SSI while in a Medicaid institution.

Furthermore, individuals must have been participating in one of these programs three months prior to 02/17/2009 to qualify.

The one-time payments will not come from Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as they have in previous legislation. The Social Security Administration expects everyone who is entitled to a payment to receive it by late May 2009. No action is required by the individual at this time.

To date, no further details have been released about this program. I encourage you to visit the Social Security Administration website at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payment/ and http://www.recovery.gov in the coming days for more information. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the Social Security Administration toll free at (800) 772-1213.

#### **Making Work Pay Tax Credit**

In 2009 and 2010, the Making Work Pay provision of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 for working individuals and up to \$800 for married taxpayers filing joint returns.

This tax credit will be calculated at a rate of 6.2 percent of earned income and will phase out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income in excess of \$75,000, or \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly.

For people who receive a paycheck and are subject to withholding, the credit will typically be handled by their employers through automated withholding changes in early spring. These changes may result in an increase in take-home pay. The amount of the credit will be computed on the employee's 2009 income tax return filed in 2010. Taxpayers who do not have taxes withheld by an employer during the year can also claim the credit on their 2009 tax return. It is not necessary to submit a Form W-4 to get the automatic withholding change. However, an employee with multiple jobs or a married couple whose combined income places it in a higher tax bracket should consult with the IRS and, if necessary, submit a revised Form W-4 to ensure enough tax is withheld. IRS Publication 919 provides additional guidance for tax withholding including a special Making Work Pay worksheet.

I encourage you to visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at http://www.irs.gov and http://www.recovery.gov in the coming days for more information. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040.

#### **Refundable First-Time Home Buyer Credit**

Last year, Congress provided taxpayers with a refundable tax credit that was equivalent to an interest-free loan equal to 10% of the purchase of a home (up to \$7,500) by first-time home buyers. Prior to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, taxpayers receiving this tax credit were required to repay any amount received back to the government of 15 years in equal installments, or, if earlier, when the home is sold.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act eliminates the repayment obligation for taxpayers that purchase homes after January 1, 2009 and before December 1, 2009. In addition, the credit is increased to \$8,000 and removes the prohibition on financing by mortgages revenue bonds.

This provision only applies to the individual's primary residence and if the individual changes residency within 36 months of the purchase, they will be required to payback the credit.

To date, no further details about this program have been released. I encourage you to visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at http://www.irs.gov and http://www.recovery.gov in the coming days for more information. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040.

#### **Sales Tax Deduction for Vehicle Purchases**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides taxpayers with a deduction for State and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of a qualified motor vehicle until January 1, 2010.

A qualified motor vehicle means a passenger automobile, light truck, or motorcycle which has a gross vehicle weight of not more than 8,500 pounds, or a motor home.

To date, no further details about this program have been released. I encourage you to visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at http://www.irs.gov and http://www.recovery.gov in the coming days for more information. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040.

#### **ARTS**

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**Grant:** National Endowment of the Arts Competitive Grants

Agency: National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) - National Foundation on the Arts and

Humanities

Amount: \$30 million

Type: Competitive grants (matching requirement waived)

Description: Grants to fund arts projects which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector

threatened by declines in financial support.

Website: <u>www.nea.gov</u>

Helpful Link: http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html

#### **CHILD CARE**

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Grant: Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

Amount: \$2 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding

Description: Provides subsidized child care services through vouchers or contracts with

providers to low income working families.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/nonpublic/childcare.html

Grant: Head Start / Early Start Programs

Amount: \$2.1 billion was included for Head Start Program funding & expansion of the

Early Head Start Program.

Type: States will receive formula funding

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children

and Families

Description: Funding is administered directly to Head Start programs in states to provide

development, educational, health, nutritional & other activities that prepare

children to succeed in school.

Website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/

Grant: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

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

Type: States will receive formula funding

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services -Administration for Children

and Families

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/

**Grant:** Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Type: Competitive grants

Description: 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.

Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm

**Grant:** Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Amount: \$70 million

Agency: Department of Education Type: Formula funding to states

Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and

transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an

influx of homeless kids.

Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html</a>

#### **EDUCATION**

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides over \$100 billion for education. These funds will go to several existing education programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education, including programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Higher Education Act (HEA). The legislation also provides \$53.6 billion directly to states for an education stabilization fund to prevent education-related layoffs, upgrade, repair and modernize schools and restore harmful cuts to education funding.

**Grant:** State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Amount: \$53.6 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding

Administrators: State Governors

Description: To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in

critical education and other services.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

State Funding

Amounts: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf</a>

State Recovery Sites: <a href="http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page">http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page</a>

**Grant:** IDEA Special Education

Amount: \$12.2 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding. Administrator: State Department of Education

Description: To assist states and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special

education for students with disabilities.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

State Funding

Amounts: http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf

**Grant:** Education for the Disadvantaged

Amount: \$13 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary

Education Act.

Description: Provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with supplemental education

funding, especially in high-poverty areas.

Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html</a>

State Funding

Amounts: http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html

**Grant:** Education Technology

Amount: \$650 million was included for the Enhancing Education through Technology

program.

Type: States will receive formula funding

Description: Funds for State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology in the

classroom.

Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html</a>

State Funding

Amounts: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf</a>

Grant: Vocational Rehabilitation

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

Type: States will receive formula funding

Description: To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful

employment.

Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html</a>

State Funding

Amounts: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf</a>

**Grant:** Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants

Amount: \$300 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education

Type: Competitive grants to states and school districts

Description: \$200 million for competitive grants to school districts and states to provide

financial incentives for teachers and principals who raise student achievement. \$100 million for competitive grants to states to address teacher shortages and

modernize the teaching workforce.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html

Grant: Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

Amount: \$250 million was included in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide

Longitudinal Data Systems Program.

Agency: Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences

Type: Competitive Grants to States

Description: Grants to design and develop data systems that analyze individual student data to

find ways to improve student achievement.

Website: <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/">http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/</a>

**Grant:** Student Financial Assistance

Amount: \$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. \$200 million was

included for workstudy 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.

Agency: Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid Description: To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.

Type: Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to

determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study

funds.

Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html</a>

State Funding

Amounts: http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf

Grant: College Work Study

Amount: \$200 million

Agency: Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid

Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities to assist students in financing

the costs of postsecondary education.

Type: Formula Grants

Website: http://www.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html

State Funding

Amounts: http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf

**Grant:** Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Type: Competitive grants

Description: 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.

Website: <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm</a>

**Grant:** Independent Living State Grants

Amount: \$18.2 million

Type: States will receive formula funding

Description: To provide independent living (IL) services to individuals with significant

disabilities.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

State Funding

Amounts: http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf

Rehabilitation

Services: http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html

Grant: Services for Older Individuals who are Blind

Amount: \$34.3 Million

Type: States will receive formula funding

Description: Grants are made to states to support services for individuals age 55 or older

whose severe visual impairment makes employment difficult to obtain.

Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html</a>

State Funding

Amounts: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf</a>

Rehabilitation

Services: http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html

Grant: Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Amount: \$70 million

Agency: Department of Education
Type: Formula funding to States

Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and

transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an

influx of homeless kids.

Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html</a>

Grant: Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Agency: National Park Service

Funding: \$15 million

Type: Competitive grants

Description: These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for

historically black colleges and universities.

Website: <a href="http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps">http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps</a>

HBCU Grants: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm">http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm</a>

#### **ENERGY**

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides investments in areas critical to the development of clean and efficient energy. The Recovery Act allocates \$16.8 billion for various programs within the U.S. Department of Energy. Most of the funds are specified for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE). EERE works to strengthen the United States' energy security, environmental quality, and economic vitality in public-private partnerships by supporting enhancements in energy efficiency and productivity; bringing clean, reliable and affordable energy technologies to the marketplace, and enhancing Americans energy choices. You can visit EERE's website at <a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/">http://www.eere.energy.gov/</a> to learn more about the agency. Below is a summary of some of the federal and state programs that will receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Grant: State Energy Efficiency Programs
Amount: \$3.1 billion, \$218,782,000 for Texas.
Type: States receive funding through a formula

Description: States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt

emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Contact: Texas State Energy Conservation Office

Phone: (512) 463-1931

http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/

**Grant:** Weatherization Assistance Program

Amount: \$5 billion total, \$326,975,732 for Texas. Provisions also expand the eligibility of

low income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program and increase the funding assistance level per dwelling (from \$2,500 per dwelling to \$6,500).

Type: States receive funding through a formula

Description: Provides energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free

of charge. For information on how to apply for these funds, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' Weatherization Assistance

Program.

Purpose: To assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes

more energy efficient.

Contact: U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Program:

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state\_activities\_detail.cfm/state\_abbr

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Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

P.O. Box 13941

Austin, TX 78711-3941

Phone: 512-475-3800 or (888) 606-8889 http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/ea/index.htm

Project BRAVO 4838 Montana Avenue El Paso, TX 79903 Phone: (915) 562-4100 http://www.projectbravo.org Grant: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Amount: \$3.2 billion total. \$5,802,700 was awarded to the City of El Paso and \$110,700 to

the Tigua Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo tribe through direct formula grants. Texas' State Energy Office (SEO) received an additional \$45,638,100, not less than 60%

of which must be awarded to cities and counties within the state that are

ineligible for direct formula grants from the DOE.

Type: Formula and competitive grants to government entities
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

Grant: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Amount: \$16.8 billion

Type: Competitive grants to private sector, state and local governments, national labs,

and universities

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.

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/

Texas Information:

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state specific information.cfm/state=TX

Grant: Biomass Program

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

Type: Competitive grants

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

Grant: Geothermal Technologies Program

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

Type: Competitive grants

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

Grant: Advanced Battery Manufacturing

Amount: \$2 billion was included to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle

batteries and components

Type: Competitive grants to domestic manufacturing facilities
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.

Website: <u>www.eere.energy.gov</u>

**Grant:** Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program

Amount: \$300 million

Type: Competitive grants to state governments, local governments, metropolitan

transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit

entities.

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) - Clean Cities Program

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. Funds 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 are also eligible.

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities

**Grant:** Transportation Electrification

Amount: \$400 million

Type: Competitive grant to states, local governments, and metropolitan transportation

authorities.

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.

Website: <u>www.eere.energy.gov</u>

**Grant:** Smart Grid Investment Program

Amount: \$4.5 billion

Type: Regional demonstration initiative and matching grants to states

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.

Website: www.oe.energy.gov

www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm

Grant: Fossil Energy Research and Development Program

Amount: \$3.4 billion

Type: Competitive grants and contracts

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.

Website: <a href="www.fossil.energy.gov">www.fossil.energy.gov</a>

**Grant:** Physics Research Science Program

Amount: \$1.6 billion

Type: Competitive grants to universities, companies, and national laboratories

Office: Office of Science

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: Grants will primarily be awarded for research in high-energy physics, nuclear

physics, and fusion energy sciences

Website: <u>www.science.doe.gov</u>

http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html

Grant: Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)

Amount: \$400 million

Type: 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.

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

Website: <u>www.energy.gov</u>

Loan: Innovative Technology Loan

Amount: \$6 billion

Type: Loan guarantees to eligible applicants include any firm, corporation, company,

partnership, association, society, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, or

governmental non-federal entity that meets specific

guidelines.

Agency: Department of Energy

Purposes: Loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies.

Website: http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html

**Grant:** Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup

Amount: \$5.127 billion

Type: Awards based on priorities established by Department of Energy

Agency: Department of Energy

Purpose: Accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the nation's

past nuclear activities.

Website: U.S. Department of Energy, Texas information:

http://www.em.doe.gov/StatePages/TX.aspx?PAGEID=MAIN

**Loan:** Transmission Loan Guarantees

Amount: \$4 billion

Type: Guarantee loans that support early commercial use of advanced technologies.

Agency: Department of Energy

Purposes: Loans for renewable energy power generation and transmission projects.

Website: www.eere.energy.gov

http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/

**Grant:** Research into Low-Emission Coal Plants

Amount: \$800 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Department of Energy

Website: http://www.netl.doe.gov

Grant: Industrial carbon capture and energy efficiency improvement projects

Amount: \$1.52 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Department of Energy

Website: www.netl.doe.gov

Grant: Grants for identifying sites to store carbon dioxide emissions

Amount: \$50 million

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

Grant: Training of electric grid workers

Amount: \$100 million

Type: Grants to states; partners could include non-profits, labor associations,

state and local veterans' groups, and state and local governments.

Agency: Department of Energy Website: www.oe.energy.gov

http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm

**Bond:** Clean Renewable Energy Bonds

Amount: \$1.6 billion

Type: Tax-credit bonds for state/local/tribal governments, public power providers, and

electric cooperatives.

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Purposes: Create interest-free financing for certain renewable energy projects. Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news\_detail.cfm/news\_id=12249

http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html

**Bond:** Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

Amount: \$2.4 billion

Type: Tax-credit bonds issued for capital expenditures

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Description: 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.

Website: <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>

 $\underline{http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html}$ 

## ENVIRONMENT (WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND CLEANUP)

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act appropriates \$13.5 billion to a number of existing federal programs that either directly invest in water infrastructure projects or provide assistance to states and localities for such activities. Most of these funds are distributed to states based on existing formulas but the federal government will administer some of the funds through a competitive grant and loan program. The legislation also appropriates additional funding for cleanup programs administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Below is a summary of some of the federal and state programs that will receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**Grant:** Clean Water State Revolving Fund
Amount: \$4 billion total, \$180.9 million for Texas

Type: Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals,

and others for high-priority water-quality activities

Administrator: Texas Water Development Board

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.

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/

State Contact: Texas Water Development Board

Mailing Address: Stephen F. Austin Bldg.

P.O. Box 13231

Austin, Texas 78711-3231 Telephone: (512) 463-7847

Fax: (512) 475-2053

E-Mail: info@twdb.state.tx.us

http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/stimulus/index.htm

Grant: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
Amount: \$2 billion total, \$160.6 million for Texas

Type: Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals,

and others for high-priority water-quality activities.

Administrator: Texas Water Development Board

Provisions: Directs priority funding to projects on state priority lists that are ready to proceed

to construction within 12 months of enactment.

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.

Activities: Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment

facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems.

Website: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/">http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/</a>

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**Grant:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

Amount: \$2 billion for construction activities.

Type: Funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.

Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Description: Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and

storm protection, ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array

of other purposes.

Website: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Recovery Website:

http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/

http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx

Albuquerque Army Corps of Engineers District Office: 505-342-3100 Fort Worth Army Corps of Engineers District Office: 817-886-1326

Grant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance
Amount: \$2 billion for operation and maintenance activities.
Type: Funding will be provided to existing Corps projects.

Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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.

Website: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Recovery Website:

http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/

http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx

Albuquerque Army Corps of Engineers District Office: 505-342-3100 Fort Worth Army Corps of Engineers District Office: 817-886-1326

Grant: Bureau of Reclamation -- Clean Drinking Water Fund

Amount: \$1 billion

Type: Grants based on priority ranking system

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

Purpose: Provide clean, reliable drinking water to rural areas and to ensure adequate water

supply to western localities impacted by drought.

Website: <a href="http://www.usbr.gov/">http://www.usbr.gov/</a>

**Grant:** Watershed Infrastructure

Amount: \$340 million

Type: Grants based on priority ranking system Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Purpose: 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

Website: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html

Grant: Rural Water and Waste Disposal

Amount: \$1.38 billion
Type: Grants

Agency: Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Department

Purpose: Help communities with populations of 10,000 or less fund drinking water and

wastewater treatment systems

Website: <a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/">http://www.usda.gov/rus/</a>
Contact: <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/</a>

Texas USDA Rural Development State Office

101 South Main Street, Suite 102

Temple, TX 76501 Phone: (254) 742-9700 Fax: (254) 742-9709

Grant: Brownfields Evaluation and Clean-Up

Amount: \$100 million was included for Brownfields projects

Type: Low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local

governments and nonprofit organizations.

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- Office of Brownfields and Land

Revitalization

Website: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/

http://www.epa.gov/oswer

Contacts: Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6

Public Information Center: 1-800-887-6063 http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/index.htm

Grant: Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup

Amount: \$600 million

Administrator: Environmental Protection Agency

Provisions: 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.

Website: Priority List: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm">http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm</a>

Contacts: Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6

Public Information Center: 1-800-887-6063 http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/index.htm **Grant:** Diesel Emission Reduction Program

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

Type: Competitive grants fund 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 nationwide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to states with approved programs.

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Purpose: Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant

reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.

Website: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/">http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/</a>

www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm

http://www.epa.gov/recovery

Webform: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm">http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm</a>
Contacts: Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6
Public Information Center: 1-800-887-6063

http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/index.htm

Grant: Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust

Amount: \$200 million

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Description: Grants will be awarded through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST)

Program (administered by the EPA). Priority will be given based on LUST's

scoring of sites.

Website: http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/ltffacts.htm

http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/wheruliv.htm (Visit for a list of eligible projects

and contacts in your state/district)

State Contacts: http://www.epa.gov/oust/states/tx.htm

Underground Storage/Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Program in Texas is

run through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

#### **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

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**Grant:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Amount: \$19.9 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Purpose: To supplement state's existing food stamp program.

Description: Funds will temporarily increase benefits provided under the Supplemental

Nutrition Assistance Program and help cover administrative and management

costs.

Website: <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/snap.htm">http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/snap.htm</a>

State Contacts: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact\_info/hotlines.htm

**Grant:** Senior Nutrition Programs

Amount: \$100 million

Type: States will receive formula funding

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging Purpose: To provide for an additional amount of funds for "Aging Services Programs."

Description: Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings and deliver

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nutritional and dietary safe meals to seniors.

Website: http://www.aoa.gov/

Grant: School Lunch Program

Amount: \$100 million

Type: States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the

state

Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA

Purpose: To carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment

assistance.

Description: Federal school meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or

free lunches to children each school day.

Website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/

**Grant:** Emergency Food Assistance

Amount: \$150 million

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Description: TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute food through local

emergency food providers.

Purpose: To provide for costs associated with the distribution of commodity foods.

Website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/

Grant: Supplemental WIC Nutrition Program

Amount: \$500 million

Type: Allocated as the Secretary deems necessary Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA

Description: 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.

Purpose: To support participation should cost or participation exceed budget estimates.

Website: <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm">http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm</a>.

#### HEALTH

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Grant: Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

Amount: \$86.6 billion

Description: Funds to provide states with an increase in federal matching funds for state

Medicaid expenditures to avoid budget shortfalls.

Agency: CMS

Type: Formula funding to states

State Funding

Websites: http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmap.html

http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefunds.html

**Grant:** Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants

Amount: \$1.5 billion

Office: Bureau of Primary Health Care

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
Type: Competitive grants for existing grantees

Description: To renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements.

Websites: <a href="http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm">http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm</a>

http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm

**Grant:** Community Health Center Services Grants

Amount: \$500 million was included for Community Health Centers.

Office: Bureau of Primary Health Care

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
Type: Competitive Grants for Existing Grantees

Description: To increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare.

Website: http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm

Grant: Community Health Center Services Grants - New Access Point Grants

Amount: \$155 million

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Service

Administration

Type: Grants administered by Department of Health and Human Services

Description: Funds to create 126 new Community Health Centers.

Website: http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html

Facilities Funded: http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/applicant.html

Grant: National Health Service Corps

Amount: \$300 million

Office: National Health Service Corps

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services

Administration

Type: Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment

Description: To fund training for primary healthcare providers in specific health professional

in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps.

Website: <a href="http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/">http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/</a>

**Grant:** Health Care Workforce

Amount: \$200 million

Office: Bureau of Health Professions

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

Type: Competitive grants, scholarships, and loan repayment

Description: To provide for training of healthcare professionals.

Website: http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm

http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm

Grant: Biomedical Research

Amount: \$8.7 billion

Office: Office of the Director Agency: National Institutes of Health

Type: Competitive grants

Description: To expand jobs in biomedical research to study diseases.

Website: <a href="http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement\_arra.htm">http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement\_arra.htm</a>

**Grant:** University Research Facilities

Amount: \$1.3 billion

Agency: National Institutes of Health - National Center for Research Resources

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 research equipment.

Website: http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/

Grant: Prevention and Wellness Program

Amount: \$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

Description: Funds to support state and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and

infectious diseases.

Website: http://www.cdc.gov/

http://www.hhs.gov/

**Grant:** Comparative Effectiveness Health Research

Amount: \$1.1 billion

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Agency on Healthcare

Research and Quality (AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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.

Website: http://www.ahrq.gov/

**Grant:** Health Information Technology Grants

Amount: \$2 billion

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 - Office of the National

Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Type: Competitive Grants

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/recovery/

Grant: Health Information Technology Improvements

Amount: \$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).

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National

Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Description: Hospitals and Physician offices will automatically receive benefit through CMS

reimbursements. Grants will be available through HHS for other medical

agencies.

Website: <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/">http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/</a>

**Grant:** Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Type: Competitive grants

Description: 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.

Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm

**Grant:** Indian Health Service

Amount: \$500 million

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Director of the Indian Health

Services

Type: Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Director of Indian

Description: Funds to modernize aging hospitals and health clinics and make healthcare

technology upgrades to improve healthcare for underserved rural populations.

Website: http://www.ihs.gov/

Grant: NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research

Amount: \$200 million

Agency: National Institutes of Health - Office of Extramural Research

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funds will support research on specific scientific and health research challenges

that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds.

Website: <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge\_award/">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge\_award/</a>

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**Grants:** Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs Grants

Amount: \$4 billion

Type: States receive \$3 billion in funding through a formula; \$1 billion was also

included for competitive grants.

Office: Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Funds to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) for building repair and

modernization, including critical safety repairs.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir.cfm

**HUD Recovery** 

State Formulas: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/index.cfm

**Grant:** Homelessness Prevention Fund

Amount: \$1.5 billion

Type: States and localities receive funding through a formula Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: Funding provides short-term homeless prevention assistance to those losing their

housing.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/

**HUD Recovery** 

State Formulas: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm</a>

**Grant:** Community Development Block Grants

Amount: \$1 billion was included in formula funds to be distributed to local communities

and states for community development and affordable housing activities.

Type: States and localities receive funding through a formula Administrator: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Funding for community and economic development projects including housing

and services for those hit hard by tough economic times.

Website: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm</a>

**HUD Recovery** 

State Formulas: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm</a>

Grant: Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Amount: \$2 billion

Office: Office of Community Planning and Development
Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Type: Competitive grants

Description: Help communities purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed, vacant properties in

order to create more affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/

Recovery

State Formulas: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm</a>

Grant: Lead Hazard Reduction Program

Amount: \$100 million

Office: Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Type: Competitive grants

Description: Funds for competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to

remove lead based paint hazards in low-income housing.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/grantprograms.cfm

**HUD Recovery** 

State Formulas: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm</a>

**Grant:** Native American Housing

Amount: \$510 Million for rehabilitation and energy efficiency upgrades at housing

maintained by Native American housing programs.

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Type: \$255 million through a formula

\$255 million for competitive grants

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities

(TDHEs) eligible to receive funding under NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.)

Website: http://www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-formula.cfm

**HUD Recovery** 

State Formulas: http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm

**Grant:** HOME Investment Partnership Program

Amount: \$2.25 billion

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Type: Funds will distributed by formula to states

Description: Funds will provide state and local governments with funds to create and

rehabilitee affordable housing.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/

**HUD Recovery** 

State Formulas: http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm

Grant: Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)

Amount: \$2.25 billion

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Type: Funds will distributed by formula to 52 State Housing Credit Agencies
Description: Funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)

projects via a formula-based allocation to State housing credit allocation

agencies.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm

**Grant:** Home Weatherization Assistance Program

Amount: \$5 billion

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy and Housing and Urban Development

Type: States receive funding through a formula

Description: Funds to assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their

homes more energy efficient.

Website: <a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe\_guidelines.cfm">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe\_guidelines.cfm</a></a>
<a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state\_contacts.cfm">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state\_contacts.cfm</a>

**Grant:** Rural Housing Insurance Fund

Amount: \$200 million

Agency: USDA - Rural Development - Rural Housing Service

Type: Direct and guaranteed loans

Description: Funds to insure or guarantee rural housing loans for single-family homes, rental

and cooperative housing, and rural housing sites.

Website: <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/</a>

Forms: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/formstoc.html

**Grant:** Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Type: Competitive grants

Description: 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.

Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm

#### JOB TRAINING & UNEMPLOYMENT

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**Grant:** Employment Training Services for Adults

Amount: \$500 million

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Description: Funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand

occupations

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general\_info.cfm

Grant: Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Services

Amount: \$1.25 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Description: Funds will provide quality employment and training services to assist individuals

in finding employment, and to help employers find skilled workers.

Website: <a href="http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA">http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA</a> default.cfm?#

**Grant:** Employment Training Services for Youths

Amount: \$1.2 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Description: Funds to create summer employment opportunities for people under 24 years old.

Website: <a href="http://www.doleta.gov/youth\_services/">http://www.doleta.gov/youth\_services/</a>

**Grant:** Employment Services

Amount: \$250 million

Type: States will receive formula funds.

Description: Funding for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance

claimants to employment.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner\_Peyser.cfm

Grant: Dislocated Worker Assistance

Amount: \$200 million

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/

Grant: YouthBuild Amount: \$50 million

Type: Formula funds and Competitive Grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Description: Provides services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational

credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.

Website: <a href="http://www.doleta.gov/youth\_services/">http://www.doleta.gov/youth\_services/</a>

**Grant:** Green Jobs Training

Amount: \$500 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration

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/

Grant: Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Amount \$120 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration

Type: Formula funds and competitive grants - nonprofits may apply

Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities for low income seniors.

Website: <a href="http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/">http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/</a>

Grant: Job Corps Program

Amount: \$250 million

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.

Website: http://www.jobcorps.gov/

**Grant:** Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers

Amount: Reauthorizes all TAA programs until Dec. 31 2010, increases funding to states

by \$575 million.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance

Type: Discretionary grants

Description: Fund to help workers at firms who have become (or are threatened to become)

fully or partially separated from employment due to trade with foreign countries.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/taa/WhoWeServe.cfm

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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Grant: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Amount: \$53.6 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding

Administrators: State Governors

Description: To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in

critical education and other services.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

State Funding

Amounts: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf</a>

State Recovery Sites: <a href="http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page">http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page</a>

Grant: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Amount: \$210 million

Agency: Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA)

Type: Competitive grant

Purposes: To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct

state and local fire stations.

Website: www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/

**Grant:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants

Agency: \$2 billion

Administrator: Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance Type: Formula funding to state and local police forces

Description: Funds to helps states and local governments support activities to prevent and

control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.

Website: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html

Allocations: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html

**Grant:** Byrne Competitive Grants Program

Amount: \$225 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance

Type: Competitive grants

Description: Funds to helps states and local governments support activities to prevent and

control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.

Website: <a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html</a>

Grant: Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants

Agency: \$1 billion

Office: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Agency: Department of Justice Type: Competitive grant

Description: For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers

Website: <a href="http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2108">http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2108</a>
Eligibility: <a href="http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx">http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx</a>

Grant: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

Amount: \$175 million

Agency: Department of Justice- Office on Violence Against Women

Type: Formula funding to state agency

Description: 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.

Website: <a href="http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop\_grant\_desc.htm">http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop\_grant\_desc.htm</a>+

Grant: Transitional Housing Assistance Program

Amount: \$50 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Transitional Housing Assistance Program

Type: Competitive Grants to states, local government, Indian Tribes, nonprofits and

services providers.

Description: May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support

services designed to enable individuals who are fleeing domestic 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.

Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing\_grant\_desc.htm

**Grant:** Victims Compensation

Amount: \$100 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Office for Victims of Crime

Type: Formula funding to state agencies

Description: Funding to support State compensation and assistance programs for victims and

survivors of federal and state crimes.

Website: <a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryfunds.html">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryfunds.html</a>
Application: <a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryformula.html">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryformula.html</a>

Grant: Rural Law Enforcement

Amount: \$125 millions

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance

Type: Competitive grants

Description: The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law

enforcement activities in rural America.

Website: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html

**Grant:** Assistance for Tribal Law Enforcement

Amount: \$225 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance

Type: Competitive grants

Description: The funding is for grants to construct jails and other law enforcement activities

on tribal lands.

Website: <a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html</a>

Grant: Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High

**Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)** 

Amount: \$40 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance

Type: Competitive grants

Description: The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law

enforcement activities along the Southern Border.

Website: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html

Grant: Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program

Amount: \$50 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Type: Formula funding to state agency

Description: Funds to help state and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative

responses to offenders who use the Internet to sexually exploit children.

Website: <a href="http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html">http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html</a>

#### SMALL BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Loan: Small Business Administration - 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program

Amount: \$375 million

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 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: <a href="http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/">http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/</a>

http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html

Loan: Small Business Administration- 504 Loan Program

Amount: \$375 million

Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: Funds to ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans. 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.

Website: http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html

http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html

**Grant:** Business Stabilization Program

Amount: \$225 million

Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: 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.

Website: www.sba.gov

Grant: Economic Development Assistance

Amount: \$150 million

Agency: Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration

Description: 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.

Type: Competitive grants

Website: http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml

**Grant:** Community Development Financial Institutions

Amount: \$100 million

Agency: U.S. Department of the Treasury

Description: These funds will be used to help spur economic development and low-cost

financial services to underserved communities.

Website: http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/

Loan: Micro-Loan Program

Amount: \$6 million

Agency: Small Business Administration (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: <a href="http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html">http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html</a>

http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html

#### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

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Grant: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Amount: \$4.7 billion

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Description: Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.

Type: Competitive grants

Website: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm

Grant: Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband

Amount: \$2.5 billion

Agency: USDA Rural Utility Service

Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband

infrastructure.

Type: Grants and loans

Website: <a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/">http://www.usda.gov/rus/</a>

Coupon: Digital TV Conversion Coupon Program

Amount: \$650 million

Agency: Federal Communications Commission

Description: Funds to continue the coupon program to enable American households to convert

from analog television transmission to digital transmission.

Type: Coupons to individuals Website: <a href="http://www.dtv.gov/">http://www.dtv.gov/</a>

#### TRANSPORTATION

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocates more than \$45 billion for our nation's highways, bridges and transit systems. Nearly all of these funds will be distributed to the states based on existing formulas. The State of Texas is estimated to receive more than \$2.6 billion as its federal share. The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) will administer the transportation funds. Below is a summary of some of the federal and state programs that will receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**Grant:** Highway Improvement Programs

Amount: \$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment.

Type: Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State

being sub-allocated by population areas.

Administrator: Texas 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.

Website: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure

http://www.dot.gov/recovery/

Contact: Texas Department of Transportation

Office of Government and Public Affairs

(512) 463-8588

http://www.dot.state.tx.us

**Grant:** Transit Capital Assistance

Amount: \$8.4 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.

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; 10% through their rural formula; and

10% through their growing states and high density formula.

Administrator: Federal Transit Administration

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 to find state

and district info: <a href="http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\_9118.html">http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\_9118.html</a>

**Grant:** Fixed Guideway Modernization

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

Type: Funds are allocated by a statutory formula to urbanized areas with rail systems

that have been in operation for at least seven years.

Administrator: Federal Transit Administration / U.S. Department of Transportation

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

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and terminals, security equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and

software, system extensions, and preventive maintenance.

Website: <a href="http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\_financing\_3558.html">http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\_financing\_3558.html</a>

Grant: Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)
Amount: \$750 million was included for capital investment grants.

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.

Administrator: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Purpose: For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed

guideway system, or bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities.

Website: <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>

**Grant:** Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants

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

Type: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and

reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\_9118.html

**Grant:** National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants

Amount: \$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface

Transportation System.

Type: 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.

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

Websites: http://www.dot.gov/

http://www.dot.gov/citizen services/grants loans/

Grant: Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Amount: \$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed

Passenger Rail Program.

Type: Discretionary grants for state government for capital improvements and planning

activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service.

Agency: Federal Railroad Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation

Website: www.fra.dot.gov

http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954

http://www.grants.gov

Grant: Capital Grants to Amtrak

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

improvements.

Type: Grants will be given directly to Amtrak; no more than 60% will be spent in the

NE corridor.

Agency: Federal Railroad Administration

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)

Website: <u>www.fra.dot.gov</u>

http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30

http://www.amtrack.com (for jobs and contracting opportunities)

Grant: Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to airports for

infrastructure improvements

Amount: \$1.1 billion

Type: Competitive grants.

Agency: Federal Aviation Administration

Purpose: Grants to airports that are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems

(NPIAS) for repairs and improvements to critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion. Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within two years and serve to supplement and not supplant planned expenditures

from airport-generated revenues or from other State and local sources.

Website: <a href="http://www.faa.gov/recovery/">http://www.faa.gov/recovery/</a>

Grant: Federal Aviation Administration -- Competitive Grants to improve FAA

power systems

Amount: \$200 million

Type: Competitive grants.

Agency: Federal Aviation Administration

Purpose: Upgrade the FAA's power system, which includes: modernizing aging air traffic

control centers; replacing air traffic control centers and TRACONS; installing

airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment.

Website: http://www.faa.gov/recovery/

**Grant:** Competitive Grants to Small Domestic Shipyards

Amount: \$100 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Department of Transportation

Purpose: Grants for investments and improvements.

Website: <a href="http://www.dot.gov/recovery/">http://www.dot.gov/recovery/</a>