



**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT
2009**

CONSTITUENT GUIDEBOOK

**Presented by:
The Office of Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey**

Dear friends,

The current economic crisis that we face is one of the most dangerous downturns in decades. Millions of Americans have lost their jobs, others their homes, and an even greater number have seen their savings and retirement plans plummet in value. To address this crisis, Congress and President Barack Obama have taken unprecedented steps to fuel job creation and get our economy back on a path of growth. One of the most important steps so far was the recent passage of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*, a \$790 billion package of targeted spending and tax cuts to bolster the struggling economy and create millions of new jobs.

I have prepared this document to provide my constituents with a comprehensive overview of this legislation, as well as to explain and identify some of the opportunities that it offers for local governments, non-profit organizations, and others groups working in Marin and Sonoma Counties. If you have any specific questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at either of the offices below. This crisis is affecting all of us, and I am committed to doing everything I can to help our communities.

Sincerely,



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On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. This legislation was created to stimulate the economy, create jobs and protect and enhance critical public services.

This constituent guidebook should help you navigate and better understand ARRA. This guide explains the provisions of ARRA, how funding is distributed and how to search and apply for competitive federal grant opportunities.

For additional information, you are encouraged to contact the agency regional contacts provided or consult the agency websites directly.

ARRA Funding

Funding from ARRA will be allocated in two primary ways, as formula grants to states, competitive grants and, in some cases, funding will be allocated directly to individuals.

Formula Grants

Some funds will be allocated in the form of formula grants to States and local governments for existing funding vehicles. Formula grant programs are noncompetitive awards based on a predetermined formula. These programs are sometimes referred to as state-administered programs

For example, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced the 2009 Recovery Act Capital Fund Formula Program awards for California and other states. These awards will be used to provide funds to Public Housing Agencies eligible for Capital funding. In California's 6th Congressional District, the Housing Authority of the County of Marin received \$1,348,770.00 to modernize and develop public housing. (For more information, please visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/phcfund.cfm>.)

Competitive Grants

Funding from ARRA will also enhance and augment the funds available through the 26 major grant-making Federal departments and agencies. For more information on how to search for and apply for competitive grants, please refer to Grant Application Process on page 5.

Individual Funding

Some ARRA funding will be allocated to individuals. For example, the Social Security administration is offering a \$250 one-time Economic Recovery Payment for Retirees, disabled individuals and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients receiving benefits through the administration. (For more information, please visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payment/>.)

NOTE: The information included in this document is current as of 3/10/09 and will be updated on a periodic basis. A document created by the Office of Congresswoman Betty Sutton was used as the framework for this guidebook.

General Recovery Resources

For a list of **Agency** Recovery sites, please visit:

<http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/agencies>

To search for and apply for relevant federal **grant opportunities**, please visit:

www.grants.gov

For a list of **State** Recovery Sites, please visit:

<http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page>.

For **California's** Recovery Site, please visit:

<http://ca.gov/> *

***NOTE: As of 3/10/09, the State of California does not have information on their website dedicated to the Recovery Act. According to representatives in the Governor's Office, the Website should be updated the week of March 9, 2009.**

Federal Agency ARRA Sites

Corporation for National and Community Service:

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp>

Department of Commerce:

<http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm>

National Institute of Standards and Technology:

<http://www.nist.gov/recovery/>

Department of Education:

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

Department of Energy:

(press release regarding intent to expedite economic recovery funding)

<http://www.energy.gov/news2009/6934.htm>

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/daily.cfm/hp_news_id=156

Western Area Power Administration:

<http://www.wapa.gov/newsroom/sec402.htm>

Department of Housing and Urban Development:

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/index.cfm>

Department of the Interior:

http://www.doi.gov/news/09_News_Releases/022009.html

Department of Transportation:

<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot1409.htm>

Federal Transit Administration:

http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Press release: Economic Recovery Funds

<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot1409.htm>

Environmental Protection Agency:

<http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>

Internal Revenue Service:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>

National Endowment for the Arts:

<http://www.nea.gov/recovery/index.html>

National Science Foundation:

http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=114277&org=OLPA&from=news

Small Business Administration:

<http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

Small Business Administration press release:

http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/news_release_09-10.pdf

Social Security Administration:

<http://www.ssa.gov/payment/>

Grant Application Process

Step One: Register to apply for a grant

In order to apply for a grant, you must first complete the grants.gov registration process. To do this, you must first:

- Obtain a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number
- Register with the Central Contract Registry (CCR)
- Install the PureEdge Viewer
- Register with the credential provider, and registering with Grants.gov.

Registration is a five-step process:

STEP 1: Obtain DUNS Number

Same day. Your organization will need to obtain a DUNS Number. If your organization does not have one, you will need to go to the Dun & Bradstreet website at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> to obtain the number.

STEP 2: Register with CCR

Two days or up to one to two weeks. Ensure that your organization is registered with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at <http://www.ccr.gov>. If your organization is not, an authorizing official of your organization must register. You will not be able to move on to Step 3 until this step is completed.

STEP 3: Username & Password

Same day. Complete your AOR (Authorized Organization Representative) profile on Grants.gov and create your username and password. You will need to use your organization's DUNS Number to complete this step.
<http://apply.grants.gov/apply/OrcRegister>.

STEP 4: AOR Authorization

***Same Day.** The E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) at your organization must login to Grants.gov to confirm you as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Please note that there can be more than one AOR for your organization. In some cases the E-Biz POC is also the AOR for an organization. **Time depends on responsiveness of your E-Biz POC.*

STEP 5: TRACK AOR STATUS

At any time, you can track your AOR status by logging in with your username and password. Login as an Applicant (enter your username & password you obtained in Step 3) using the following link: [applicant_profile.jsp](#)

For additional details on how to register your organization, please visit http://grants.gov/assets/Organization_Steps_Complete_Registration.pdf.

Step two: Search for grant opportunities

To identify funding opportunities, start by accessing the websites listed below.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

www.cfda.gov

This site describes some 1,500 Federal domestic assistance programs, financial and non-financial assistance administered by departments and agencies of the federal government.

NOTE: This site is currently under construction. The new website is expected to be operational by March 31, 2009. A PDF version of the 2008 CFDA can be accessed by visiting <http://www.cfda.gov/CFDA.pdf>.

Grants.gov

www.grants.gov

Use this resource to find and apply for federal grant opportunities. You can register with www.grants.gov to get weekly email updates for upcoming, relevant opportunities by going to the *Find Grant Opportunities* section and scrolling down to *Email Subscription* selection.

Through [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), grant seekers can also check on notices of funding availability posted in the last seven days and apply for Federal grants online through a unified process.

Step three: Write and Develop your Grant Proposal

For guidance on how to write and develop your grant proposal, please view the Congressional Research Service guide, *How to Write and Develop a Grant Proposal*. This guide is posted to our Website and offers information that is specific to applications for federal funding.

For free, web-based grant writing tools for non-profit organizations please visit <http://www.npguides.org/>.

For help identifying and understanding essential grant writing terms, please visit <http://www.azgrants.com/glossary/glossary.cfm>

The Foundation Center is an independent national service organization that is a clearinghouse of information on private philanthropic giving. The Foundation Center is also responsible for the compilation of the National Directory of Corporate Giving.

The Foundation Center also offers a Proposal Writing Short course at <http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/shortcourse/index.html>.

You can access the Foundation Center database for free by visiting the **Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin** at 555 Northgate Drive in San Rafael or the **Volunteer Center of Sonoma County** at 153 Stony Circle, Suite 100 in Santa Rosa. For more information, visit www.foundationcenter.org or call (415) 397-0902.

NOTE: The Office of Congresswoman Woolsey does not formally endorse the aforementioned private funding sources or non-federal agencies.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>

To view a press release regarding the first wave of USDA stimulus funding, please visit:

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/03/0051.xml.

Summary and Breakdown

Agriculture programs—including nutrition assistance, rural development, farmer assistance, and conservation—will receive about \$26.6 billion, or about 3.4 percent of the total ARRA funding. The \$26.6 billion is allocated as follows:

- Nutrition assistance programs receive \$20.8 billion (78% of the total amount for agriculture). Food stamp benefits and eligibility, now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), represent the largest single increase (nearly \$20 billion)
- Rural development receives a sizeable increase of \$4.4 billion over two years (compared to a regular annual appropriation of about \$2.5 billion). Rural broadband receives \$2.5 billion of this, an amount that allows outlays through FY2015 that are 20-30 times more than recent annual appropriations.
- Assistance for farmers totals \$744 million, including crop insurance/disaster programs (\$674 million), aquaculture feed cost assistance (\$50 million), and farm loan programs (\$20 million).
- Conservation programs receive \$348 million for watershed flood prevention (\$290 million) and dam rehabilitation projects (\$50 million).
- USDA receives \$250 million for its own facilities maintenance (\$200 million) and computer infrastructure (\$50 million).
- The USDA Office of Inspector General receives \$23 million for increased oversight and audits of these supplemental spending programs.

NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/>

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly the Food Stamp Program

SNAP benefits help eligible low-income households cover their food costs. Monthly allotments are based on the estimated cost of a minimally adequate diet.

Per the ARRA, Benefits will be increased significantly, and time limits on eligibility for able-bodied adults without dependents will, in most cases, be suspended. State agencies operating SNAP will also receive extra administrative funding.

How can I receive the additional benefits?

The ARRA provides an immediate (effective in April 2009) across-the-board increase in SNAP benefits. This add-on is accomplished by raising by 13.6 percent the base Thrifty Food Plan amounts normally used to calculate benefits, which boosts each recipient household's monthly benefit by an amount equal to 13.6 percent of the maximum benefit for its household size.

If I receive SNAP benefits, what does this increase mean to me?

- One-person household: \$24 extra benefits per month.
- Two-person household: \$44 extra benefits per month;
- Three person household: \$63 a extra benefits per month
- Four-person household: \$80 a extra benefits per month
- For larger households: \$80 +

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

The WIC program provides special vouchers for food purchases to lower-income pregnant/postpartum women, infants, and children judged to be at "nutritional risk". It also offers nutrition education, medical referral, and breastfeeding initiatives.

The ARRA provides \$400 million for a contingency reserve to support participation or food costs that exceed current budget estimates in the next two years. It also makes available an additional \$100 million for WIC state agencies' management information system expansions and upgrades.

Older Americans Act

These nutrition programs provide federal payments for meals served to seniors in congregate meal settings, like at senior citizens centers, and to those served with home-delivered meals, like "meals-on-wheels". For FY2009, approximately \$800 million is available. In recognition of higher food and other costs faced by these programs, the ARRA provides an immediate infusion of \$100 million. The funds are to be allocated as follows:

- \$65 million for congregate meal services

- \$32 million for home-delivered meal services
- \$3million for Native American nutrition services.

NOTE: This program, unlike other nutrition programs, is administered by the Administration on Aging in the Department of Health and Human Services and does not appear in the regular Agriculture Department appropriations.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

This program buys federally purchased food commodities for emergency food assistance providers, like food banks and soup kitchens that have been designated by states as regional and local sponsors. TEFAP also makes grants for distribution and storage costs incurred by sponsors. In FY2009, TEFAP is budgeted at \$250 million in commodities and \$50 million for distribution/storage costs.

Contacts:

Child Nutrition

NSLP, CACFP, SFSP

Nutrition Services Division
State Department of Education
560 J Street Room 270
Sacramento, CA 95814-2342
Phone: 916-323-7311
Toll Free: 800-952-5609
Fax: 916-327-0503

Food Distribution

CSFP

Food Distribution Program
California State Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 916-324-9880
Fax: 916-327-8969

TEFAP

CA Department of Social Services
Emergency Food Assistance Program
744 "P" Street MS 19-51
Sacramento, CA 94814
Phone: 916-229-3338
Fax: 916-229-3342

Food Stamps

Food Stamp Program Bureau
Department of Social Services
744 P Street, MS 16-32
Sacramento, CA. 95814
Phone: 916-651-6555
Fax: 916-654-1295

WIC, FMNP

WIC Supplemental Nutrition Branch
Department of Health Services
3901 Lennane Drive
Sacramento, CA 95834
Phone: 916-928-8806
Fax: 916-928-0706
FMNP Contact:
916-928-8513

SFMNP

California Department of Aging
1600 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-4020
Phone: 916-323-0182
Fax: 916-327-2081

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The enacted ARRA authorizes \$4.36 billion in supplemental budget authority over two years for various rural development loan and grant programs. These two year amounts represent a sizeable increase compared to a regular annual appropriation of about \$2.5 billion for all USDA Rural Development loan and grant programs and regular annual loan and grant level of about \$16 billion. Rural broadband and rural water projects account for 89 percent of the budget authority and 36 percent of the program level of rural development programs in the ARRA. Rural housing accounts for about half of the program level.

Broadband, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Support: \$2.5 billion

Program: Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband
Funding Agency: Rural Utilities Service
Federal Funding: \$2.5 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure throughout the country. 75 percent of the area to be served by such funds shall be in a rural area without sufficient access to high speed broadband service.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov and <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>. www.rurdev.usda.gov

Rural Water and Wastewater Assistance: \$1.380 billion

Rural water and waste water disposal loans and grants are administered by USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Funds support construction of and improvements to community drinking water and wastewater treatment projects serving rural households and businesses.

Funding access: This money will be allocated to states as formula grants.

Rural Housing: \$200 million

\$10.5 billion is allocated for Section 502 guaranteed single-family home loans, and \$1.0 billion is for Section 502 direct single-family home loans. The Section 502 single family housing loan program is the largest part of the Rural Housing portfolio. Section 502 loans are primarily used to help low-income individuals or households purchase modest homes in rural areas. Funds can be used to build, repair, renovate, or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and sewage facilities. In 2008, there was a \$2.6 billion backlog of unfunded applications for the Section 502 housing program.

Rural Housing Service also administers the Community Facilities loan and grant program. This program provides support for "essential" community facilities in

rural communities, like libraries, community and day care centers or places that promote public safety and education.

Most of this funding will be allocated via formula grants to states. Since states have already identified funding priority areas, the state may already have designated where to distribute the funding. However, third party organizations that connect individuals to these resources might be eligible to apply at the local level for funding. Funding might also be available for individuals through the regional USDA offices.

Rural Business Development: \$150 million

This allocation supports \$3 billion in Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans and Rural Business Enterprise grants. Competitive grants and guaranteed loans are allocated via formula to each state.

Often, rural businesses can be at a disadvantage in borrowing, especially in the current period of high demand and tightened credit. Private sector loans to rural businesses backed by federal guarantees (e.g., the Business and Industry Guaranteed loan program) have become increasingly important sources of capital for rural businesses.

Funding Access

Allocated as formula grants to states.

Contact

For more information on rural development funding access, please visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ca/>

You can also contact the USDA California Office at:

USDA Rural Development
California State Office
430 G Street, Agency 4169
Davis, CA 95616-4169

Phone: (530) 792-5800
Fax: (530) 792-5837
TDD: (530) 792-5848

U.S Forest Service

The Forest Service has received \$1.15 billion from ARRA. The first group of Forest Service Projects nationwide created by the recovery act totaled \$98 million and will create 1,500 jobs. The remaining projects will be announced soon and create an additional 23,500 jobs.

California Allocation: The first round of projects on lands managed by the Forest Service in California will include maintenance and construction on facilities, roads and trails totaling 70 jobs and \$7.75 million. Jobs are estimated to last from four months to a year and projects will benefit 11 counties.

Contact:

Region 5, Pacific Southwest Region

1323 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592
P: 707.562.8737
TTY: 707.562.9240
FAX: 707.562.9130

U.S. Department of Transportation<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

Program: **National Surface Transportation Supplemental Discretionary Grants**
Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Funding: \$1.5 billion

Description: These funds will be used to award grants on a competitive basis for projects across all surface transportation modes that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded through competitive grants from the U.S. DOT. Please visit www.grants.gov and http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/ as more information will be posted as it becomes available.

Program: **Public Transportation**
Funding Agency: **Federal Transit Administration**
Federal Funding: \$6.9 billion
California Funding:

Description: These funds will be administered through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). 80 percent of the funding will be distributed through the FTA's urbanized formula, 10 percent of the funding will be through FTA's rural formula, and 10 percent will be through FTA's growing states and high density formula.

Program: **Rail Transportation: Intercity and High Speed**
Funding Agency: US Department of Transportation: Federal Railroad Administration
Federal Funding: \$8 billion

Description: Funds will be for the Capital Assistance to States Program and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program. The Capital Assistance to States Program is open for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Railroad Administration. Grant information will be available at www.grants.gov and <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>.

Federal Agency: **Federal Aviation Administration**
Grants-in-Aid for Airports: \$1.1 billion

How to Apply: Funds will be used by the FAA to provide discretionary

airport grants to repair and improve critical infrastructure at our nation's airports.

Federal Agency:	Federal Aviation Administration
Federal Funding:	\$200 million
Upgrade the FAA's power systems:	\$50 million
Modernize aging en route air traffic control centers:	\$50 million
Replace air traffic control towers and TRACONS:	\$80 million
Install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment:	\$20 million

How to Apply: Funds will be used by the FAA's discretion for the purposes listed above.

Federal Agency:	Amtrak
Amtrak funding:	\$1.3 billion

How to Apply: This funding will solely be provided to Amtrak. Funds will be used by the U.S. Department of Transportation for improvements for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK). \$450 million will be spent for security improvements. No more than 60 percent of the remaining funds will be spent in the Northeast Corridor. It requires that funds be awarded within 30 days of enactment and that all projects funded be completed within two years.

Federal Agency:	Federal Transit Administration
Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment:	\$750 million

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed through an existing authorized formula for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems.

Federal Agency:	Federal Transit Administration
Capital Investment Grants:	\$750 million

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction.

For more information on the how the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act relates to the Department of Transportation, please visit the links below:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA):

http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

You can also call your FTA Regional office at:

201 Mission Street
 Suite1650
 San Francisco, CA 94105-1839

Telephone: (415) 744-3133

Fax: (415) 744-2726

Federal Transit Administration’s California Allocation:

Sections 5307 and 5340	Sections 5311 and 5340:	Sections 5309 Fixed Guideway Mod:	Total
\$968,313,638.00	\$33,963,166.00	\$66,171,889.00	\$1,068,448,693.00

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA):

<http://www.fra.dot.gov/Downloads/ARRA%20FAQ%20022309%20FINAL.pdf>

Federal Highways Administration (FHWA):

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/summary.htm> or contact Gloria Shepherd, Associate Administrator for Planning, Environment, and Realty at gloria.shepherd@dot.gov.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA):

<http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

Amtrak

<http://secorridor.fra.dot.gov/usfra.cfm?Section=usfra>
fra.publicaffairs@dot.gov

(202) 493-6024
 Federal Railroad Administration
 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW,
 Stop 35
 Washington, DC 20005

Army Corps of Engineers
<http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/>

Federal Agency: Army Corps of Engineers
Federal Funding: \$4.6 billion

Funding by Army Corps Program:

- Investigations: \$25 million
- Construction: \$2 billion
- Mississippi: \$375 million
- Operations and Maintenance: \$2.075 billion
- Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program: \$100 million

Description: The Corps of Engineers provides construction and operation and maintenance of the nation's flood control and navigation infrastructure, as well as the construction environmental restoration projects. The Army Corps of Engineers will receive \$4.6 billion in Recovery funding for backlogged projects.

Contact: General questions can be directed to the regional Army Corps of Engineer office at (415) 503-6800.

Department of Commerce<http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm>

Program: Economic Development Assistance Programs
Funding Agency: Economic Development Administration
Federal Funding: \$150 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: The program's funding is first distributed regionally on a formulaic basis based on high unemployment or low per capita income, and then each region actively seeks competitive applications. \$50 million will be used for economic adjustment assistance to help communities recover from sudden and severe economic dislocation and massive job losses due to corporate restructuring. \$50 million may be transferred to federally authorized, regional economic development commissions.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>

Program: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Funding Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, United States Department of Commerce
Federal Funding: \$4.7 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: Funding is provided to award competitive grants to accelerate broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas and to strategic institutions that are likely to create jobs or provide significant public benefits. \$200 million shall be used for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity. \$250 million shall be for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband adoption. Internet service providers would be required to provide open access to broadband networks built using the federal funds.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/> or <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm>

Program: Scientific and Technical Research and Services
<http://www.nist.gov/recovery/>
Funding Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology
<http://www.nist.gov/recovery/>
Federal Funding: \$780 million

Description: Of that total, \$360 million would be for research and development facility construction grants, and \$240 million for research grants, additional research fellowships and advanced research and measurement equipment and supplies.

Department of Justice
<http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>

Program: **Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution**
Funding Agency: Office on Violence against Women
Federal Funding: \$225 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: Funding for Violence against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs will be available until September 30, 2010. \$175 million is for the STOP Violence against Women Formula Assistance Program. \$50 million is for transitional housing assistance grants.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. State and local units of government, non-profit non-governmental victims' services programs may apply. Visit http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm for STOP Violence Against Women program and http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm for the transitional housing assistance grants.

Program: **Byrne Competitive Grants**
Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs
Federal Funding: \$225 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: The funding is for competitive, peer-reviewed grants to units of State, local, and tribal government, and to national, regional, and local non-profit organizations to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov

Program: **Rural Law Enforcement**
Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs
Federal Funding: \$125 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: The funding is for grants to combat the persistent problems of drug-related crime in rural America. Funds are available on a competitive basis for drug enforcement and other law enforcement activities in rural states and rural areas, including for the hiring of police officers and for community drug prevention and treatment programs.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.

Program: **Victims Compensation**
Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs
Federal Funding: \$100 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: The funding is for formula grants to be administered through the Justice Department's Office for Victims for Crime 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.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>

Program: **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program**
Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs
Federal Funding: \$50 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: The funding will 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.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/> or <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/programs/ProgSummary.asp?pi=3#Funding>.

National Science Foundation

http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=114277&org=OLPA&from=news

Program: Robert Noyce Scholarship Program
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation
Federal Funding: \$60 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: The program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The program provides funds to institutions of higher education to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5733 or www.grants.gov

Program: Math and Science Partnerships
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation
Federal Funding: \$25 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: The Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program is a major research and development effort that supports innovative partnerships to improve K-12 student achievement in mathematics and science. MSP projects are expected to raise the achievement levels of all students and significantly reduce achievement gaps in the mathematics and science performance of diverse student populations.

How to Apply: Institutions of higher education, local K-12 institutions and their local partners may apply for these competitive merit based grants. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5756&org=NSF or www.grants.gov.

Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2009/03/03072009.html>

ARRA provides approximately **\$100 billion** to education, including investments that will save education jobs and provide urgent relief to school districts.

The Department of Education provisions of ARRA identifies five priority areas. They are:

- 1.) Investing in 21st Century Education
 - Restores state cuts to education
 - Strengthens education resources for students in need
 - Makes critical investments in early education for an additional 124,000 children
- 2.) Creating and saving jobs
 - Creates green jobs by encouraging modernization of our schools and universities
 - Invests in early education
 - Helps states prevent teacher layoffs and other critical public sector jobs
 - Trains workers for 21st Century jobs
 - Creates service and volunteer opportunities to rebuild America
- 3.) Making college more affordable
 - Boosts the Pell Grant Scholarship to its highest amount ever.
 - Expands work study and service opportunities for student
 - Stabilizes state budgets for higher education
- 4.) Creating jobs by Modernizing Schools and Colleges
 - Creates green, modern, state-of-the art classrooms and schools
 - Updates schools with 21st Century technology
- 5.) Investing in Excellent Teachers
 - Rewards teacher excellence
 - Trains and recruits outstanding teachers for classrooms that need them most
 - Prevents teacher layoffs

For an overview, please visit

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/implementation.html>

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF)

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/stabilization-fund.html>

SFSF is a new one-time appropriation of \$53.6 billion under the ARRA. Of this amount, the U.S. Department of Education will award governors approximately \$48.6 billion by formula under the SFSF program in exchange for a commitment to advance essential education reforms. These funds will help stabilize state and local government budgets to avoid reductions in education and other public services.

Title 1

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/title-i.html>

ARRA provides significant new funding for programs under Title 1, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, including \$10 billion to local education agencies for schools that have high concentration of students from families that live in poverty to improve teaching and learning.

IDEA Recovery Funds for Services to Children and Youths with Disabilities

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/idea.html>

ARRA appropriates significant funding for programs under Parts B and C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). IDEA provides funds to state educational agencies and local educational agencies to help them ensure that children with disabilities, including children three through five, have access to free appropriate public education to meet their needs and prepare them for their future.

Under the ARRA, the IDEA recovery funds are provided under three authorities: \$11.3 billion is available under Part B Grants to States; \$400 million is available under Part B Preschool Grants; and \$500 million is available under Part C Grants for Infants and Families. Preliminary information about each state's allocation is available at: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/recovery.html>.

California Allocation:

Title 1	Educational Technology State Grants	IDEA	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	Total
1,128,552,993	70,805,622	1,321,205,578	5,960,267,431	8,480,504,624

Contact:

California Department of Education
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901

General: 916-319-0800
TTY/TDD: 916-445-4556

Program: Impact Aid

Funding Agency: Department of Education
Federal Funding: \$100 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: This funding is for construction of schools that educate “federally-connected students or have federally-owned land.” Disbursement will be made to local school jurisdictions that are “financially burdened by federal activities.”

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

Program: Innovation and Improvement
Funding Agency: Department of Education
Federal Funding: \$200 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: All the funding provided is for the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) program. This program supports efforts to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools. A high-needs school is defined as a school with more than 30% of its enrollment from low-income families which is based on eligibility for free or reduced priced lunches or other poverty measures permitted by the state. Local Education Agencies including charter schools that are LEA’s in the State may apply.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=rt> or <http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherincentive/index.html>.

Program: Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research
Funding Agency: Department of Education
Federal Funding: \$680 million U.S.

Description: \$540 million is available for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants and \$140 million for Independent Living Programs. Of the funding available for Independent Living Programs, \$18.2 million will go to State grants, \$87.5 million to Independent Living Centers and \$34.3 million for Services for Older Blind Individuals.

How to Apply: All registered vocational rehabilitation service providers may apply. For independent living programs, all non-profit organizations that run centers for independent living are eligible to apply. To apply for funding for Services for Older Blind Individuals, agencies serving individuals who are blind

may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/cil/index.html> or www.grants.gov .

Program: **Student Financial Assistance**
Funding Agency: Department of Education
Federal Funding: \$15.84 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: \$15.64 billion of the funding will go to Pell Grants and \$200 million will be allocated for College Work-Study. The maximum Pell Grant award will be raised from \$4,850 to \$5,350.

How to Apply: Applicants for a Pell Grant should visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html> or www.fafsa.ed.gov or <http://studentaid.ed.gov> or www.students.gov to obtain application and further information.

Program: **Institute of Education Sciences**
Funding Agency: Department of Education
Federal Funding: \$250 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: Up to \$5 million may be used for State data coordinator and for awards to public or private organizations or agencies to improve data coordination.

How to Apply: Institutions of Higher Education may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/index.asp>.

Department of Homeland Security

http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/gc_1235067544334.shtm

Program: State and Local Programs
Funding Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Funding: \$300 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: \$150 million is for the Public Transportation Security Assistance and Railroad Security Assistance, including Amtrak security and \$150 million is for Port Security Grants. The bill waives the cost-share for Port Security Grants funded in this Act. Priority will be given to construction projects which address the most significant risks and can also be completed in a timely fashion.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency directly to transit agencies. Eligible agencies will be determined by the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). Visit <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/psgp/index.shtm#1> for Port Security Grants and <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/tsgp/index.shtm> for Transit Security Grants and www.grants.gov

Program: Firefighter Assistance Grants
Funding Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Funding: \$210 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: Funding is provided for modifying, upgrading or constructing non-Federal fire stations, not to exceed \$15,000,000 per grant.

How to Apply: Local fire departments may apply through the Firefighter Assistance Grants Program. Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>

Program: Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program Account
Funding Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Funding: \$5 million U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: These loans will apply to calendar year 2008 disasters to exceed \$5 million and equal no more than 50 percent of the operating budget of local governments if that government has suffered a loss of 25 percent or more in tax revenues.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. This program is available to areas that have received a disaster declaration at the federal level. Visit <http://www.fema.gov/government/recovery.shtm> .

Department of Defense
<http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/>

Program: **Near Term Energy Efficiency Technology Demonstrations and Research**
Funding Agency: Department of Defense
Federal Funding: \$300 million U.S.

Description: \$75 million each will be allocated to Army, Air Force, Navy and Defense-Wide for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation projects, including pilot projects, demonstrations and energy efficient manufacturing enhancements. Funds are for improvements in energy generation and efficiency, transmission, regulation, storage, and for use on military installations and within operational forces. Funding is to include research and development of energy from fuel cells, wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources to include biofuels and bioenergy.

How to Apply: Pursue a procurement opportunity with the Department of Defense.
http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/docs/guide_to_dod_contracting_opportunities_us_20070425.pdf

Housing and Urban Development

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>

Program: Supplemental Grants to Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs

Funding Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$4 billion

Description: This funding will provide financial assistance to Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to implement much needed capital improvements in public housing.

How to Apply: \$3 billion would be administered through the current grant process and \$1 billion would be administered through a new competitive grant process. The new process would provide funding to projects that rehabilitate units to improve energy efficiency, that increase affordable housing projects that are ready-to-go, and address the housing needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Projects that can award contracts, based on bids, within 120 days from the date that funds are available to the recipients would be given priority. Details for the competitive grants will be available at www.HUD.gov or www.grants.gov.

Program: Public Assisted Housing Stability and Energy Efficiency

Funding Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$2.25 billion

Description: This provides funding for energy-efficient renovations and retrofits of Section 202, Section 811, and Section 8 units.

How to Apply: Public housing authorities are eligible to apply through a competitive bid process. A local housing agency can attach up to 20 percent of its voucher assistance to specific housing units if the owner agrees to either rehabilitate or construct the units, or the owner agrees to set-aside a portion of the units in an existing development. For further details and to apply visit www.grants.gov or www.hud.gov.

Program: HOME

Funding Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$2.25 billion

Description: HOME is a flexible source of dollars for local jurisdictions, and funding provided through this account will help to rehabilitate and construct housing, as well as fill financing gaps caused by the credit freeze. There are

thousands of ready-to-go housing projects that have been stalled due to the economic crisis. HOME will serve as a financing mechanism to fill the gaps left by the private market, and will spur construction jobs in the hard-hit homebuilding industry. Funds are distributed by formula.

How to Apply: State and local governments are eligible to apply. For further details and to apply visit www.grants.gov or www.hud.gov .

Program:	Emergency Food and Shelter Program
Funding Agency:	Department of Homeland Security
Federal Funding:	\$100,000,000

Description: The Emergency Food and Shelter Program began in 1983 with a \$50 million federal appropriation. The program was created by Congress to help meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter. The program is governed by a national board composed of representatives of the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; United Jewish Communities; The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; and United Way of America. The Board is chaired by a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

How to Apply: Additional money will be given to the organizations listed above. The national board will allocate these additional funds to local agencies through an established federal formula based on unemployment, population and poverty data.

Small Business Provisions<http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

Program: Community Development Financial Institution Programs
Funding Agency: Department of Treasury
Federal Funding: \$100,000,000

Description: The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program was established by the Reigle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 to use federal resources to invest in and build the capacity of CDFIs to serve low-income people and communities lacking adequate access to affordable financial products and services.

How to Apply: An organization wishing to apply must be either already certified as a CDFI or be able to become certified by the Fund within two years of its application. For further details on how to become certified and to apply visit http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7.

SBA Summary**General Information**

The SBA extends financial assistance to for-profit small businesses mainly through the 7(a) Guaranty Loan Program, where private sector lenders such as banks and other financial institutions make the loan with an SBA guaranty.

The SBA has a credit and policy requirement that all applicants must meet. These include:

- Adequate equity investment in the business
- Evidence of ability to repay loan from earnings
- Reasonable amount of collateral

ARRA and SBA

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) contains a packet of loan fee reductions, higher guarantees, new SBA programs, secondary market incentive and enhancements to current SBA programs.

For example, the bill allows SBA to raise its loan guarantee from the current levels to as much as 90 percent for some loans. Increasing the guarantee percentage will encourage lenders to extend more capital to small businesses by increasing the share covered by an SBA guarantee.

Additionally, fees in the 7(a) and CDC/504 loan guarantee programs are to be eliminated or reduced as much as possible through September 30, 2010, with

the expectation that reduced fees will make SBA guarantees more attractive to small businesses seeking loans.

The bill provides \$730 million to SBA and makes changes to the agency's lending and investment programs so that they can reach more small businesses that need help. The funding includes:

- \$375 million for temporary fee reductions or eliminations on SBA loans and increased SBA guaranteed shares, up to 90 percent for certain loans
- \$255 million for a new loan program to help small businesses meet existing debt payments
- \$30 million for expanding SBA's Microloan program, enough to finance up to \$50 million in new lending and \$24 million in technical assistance grants to microlenders
- \$20 million for technology systems to streamline SBA's lending and oversight processes
- \$15 million for expanding SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee program
- \$25 million for staffing up to meet demands for new programs
- \$10 million for the Office of Inspector General

Contacts

For more information, potential applicants are encouraged to contact the State of California **SBA District Office**. The two offices that are closest to the 6th Congressional District are:

Sacramento District Office
6501 Sylvan Rd, Suite 100
Citrus Heights, CA 95610
P: (916)735-1700
F: 9167351719

San Francisco District Office
455 Market St., 6th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105
P: (415) 744-6820

Below are some additional non-profit, local resources:

Redwood Empire Small Business Development Center

Santa Rosa Junior College
606 Healdsburg Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401
<http://www.santarosa.edu/instruction/jtwd/sbdc>
(707) 524-1770

RESBDC provides quality management and technical assistance for existing and potential small businesses.

This includes one-on-one professional business counseling, workshops and seminars, and special programs designed for business owners in Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties

North Coast SCORE

777 Sonoma Avenue
Room 115 B
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
www.score.org
(707) 571-8342

SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

Program: **Community Health Centers**

Funding Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration, which is an office within the Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Funding: \$500,000,000

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 the uninsured. Grants for new sites and services are to be two years in length. The Conferees specifically encourage funding currently approved community health centers applications.

How to Apply: **This funding is for community health centers.** Grants will be available through HRSA and will be awarded directly to community health centers. Community Health centers can apply through www.grants.gov or <http://www.hrsa.gov/>.

Program: **National Health Service Corp.**

Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services through HRSA

Federal Funding: \$300,000,000

Description: This funding will be used for extending service contracts and operations. Funding will also go to training programs for the primary care medicine and dentistry fund, the public health and preventative medicine program and scholarship

How to Apply: Additional information can be found at <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/> .

Program: **Head Start**

Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Funding: \$1 Billion

Description: The Head Start funds will be allocated according to current statutory formula. HHS will work with local Head Start grantees in order to manage these resources to sustain FY 09 awards through FY10.

How to Apply: For more information and to apply visit www.hhs.gov or www.grants.gov.

Program: Early Head Start
Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$1.1 billion

Description: Early Head Start (EHS) is a federally funded community-based program for low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women. Its mission is simple: to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, to enhance the development of very young children, and to promote healthy family functioning.

How to Apply: These will be competitive grants administered through the Department of Health and Human Services. Apply through www.grants.gov or www.hhs.gov.

Program: Establish a New Initiative to award capacity building grants directly to nonprofits
Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$100,000,000

Description: This program will expand the delivery of social services to individuals and communities affected by the economic downturn.

How to Apply: The guidelines for the grant process will be established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. More information can be obtained at www.hhs.gov and www.grants.gov.

Program: Health IT
Federal Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$19.2 billion

Description: This bill promotes the use of health information technology (health IT), such as electronic health records, by: requiring the government to take a leadership role to develop standards by 2010 that allow for the nationwide electronic exchange and use of health information to improve quality and coordination of care; investing \$19 billion in health information technology infrastructure and Medicare and Medicaid incentives to encourage doctors, hospitals, and other providers to use health IT to electronically exchange patients' health information; and strengthening Federal privacy and security law to protect identifiable health information from misuse as the health care sector increases use of health IT.

How to Apply: Hospitals and Physician offices will automatically receive these benefits through their CMS reimbursements. Other medical agencies and services can apply for grants through the Department of Health and

Human Services to offset the cost of implementing HIT. To apply go to www.hhs.gov or www.grants.gov.

Program: National Institute of Health (NIH)
Federal Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$10 billion

Description: \$1 billion of the total allotted money will be distributed as competitive grants through the NIH National Center for Research. These grants will be awarded for construction and renovation of external research facilities.

How to Apply: For additional information and to apply for a grant visit www.grants.gov or <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm>.

Medicaid Grant Award Process

Under ARRA, approximately \$15 billion in grant money will be available immediately to help states meet the health care needs of many of their most vulnerable citizens.

The increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) or Federal match for Medicaid funding, will be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The first two quarters of the new funding for FY 2009 became available to states beginning Wednesday, Feb. 25, totaling approximately \$15.2 billion. The timing and process for that transaction may vary from state to state.

Funding will be made available to the States based on formulas using either actual spending for the first quarter of 2009 or November 2008 estimates. The final grant will be determined by calculating the difference between the Federal Medicaid funds using the pre-ARRA 09 FMAPs and the increased ARRA 09 FMAPs.

States will be required to attest they meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for the new funding. The FMAP increase will be available to the States once the compliance is reviewed.

California Allocation:
\$1,991,907,534.00

Department of Interior
<http://www.doi.gov/recovery/>

Program: Bureau of Land Management

Funding Agency: Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management

Federal Funding: \$305 million

Description: This funding is for the management of lands and resources under the Bureau's jurisdiction. The Bureau should select the individual projects based on a prioritized process which weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest time and which creates lasting value. Projects can include deferred maintenance, abandoned mine and well site remediation, road and trail maintenance, watershed improvement, and high priority habitat restoration.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed at the Bureau's discretion and not available for applicants.

Program: Wildland Fire Management

Funding Agency: Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management

Federal Funding: \$15 million

Description: These funds will be used for high priority hazardous fuels reduction projects on Federal lands

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed at the Bureau's discretion and not available for applicants.

Program: Operation of the National Park System

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Federal Funding: \$146 million

Description: These funds will be used for operations of the national park system. Eligible projects to be funded within this account include, but are not limited to, repair and rehabilitation of facilities and other infrastructure, trail maintenance projects and other critical infrastructure needs. The selection of individual projects will be selected by the National Park Service. It will be based on a prioritization process that weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs and creates lasting value.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed at the National Park Service's discretion and not available for applicants.

Program: Historic Preservation Fund**Funding Agency:** National Park Service**Federal Funding:** \$15 million

Description: These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.

How to Apply: Funds will be available through competitive grants administered through the Department of Interior. Check www.grants.gov for the announcement of the grant openings.

Program: Department of Interior - Construction**Funding Agency:** Department of Interior**Federal Funding:** \$589 million

Description: Eligible projects include: major facility construction, road maintenance, abandoned mine cleanup, equipment replacement, and preservation and rehabilitation of historic assets.

How to Apply: The Department of Interior will have the discretion to award funding for projects currently backlogged.

Program: Surveys, Investigations and Research**Funding Agency:** United States Geological Survey**Federal Funding:** \$140 million

Description: The surveys should consider a wide variety of activities, including repair, construction and restoration of facilities, equipment replacement and upgrades, national map activities, and other critical deferred maintenance and improvement projects.

How to Apply: Discretionary funding will be administered through the United States Geological Survey. Visit www.usgs.gov for more information.

Department of Labor
<http://www.dol.gov/recovery/>

Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program

What it does

This program, which was amended by ARRA, is a new, temporary unemployment insurance program that provides up to 20 additional weeks of unemployment benefits to certain workers who have exhausted their rights to regular unemployment compensation. A second tier of unemployment exists in states, like California, with a total unemployment rate of at least 6 percent and provides up to an additional 13 weeks of benefits.

The program began July 6, 2008 and H.R. 1 extended the program through December 26, 2009. This program is now 100 percent financed by the federal government through general funds within the U.S. Treasury.

Additionally, a provision increases benefits for all unemployment compensation programs by \$25.00 per week.

If I'm eligible, how can I apply?

If you are eligible, contact California's Employment Development Department at <http://www.edd.ca.gov/> to obtain specific information on how to apply for and receive benefits.

The U.S. Department of Labor maintains a website with additional information and link's to each state's agency at www.workforcesecurity.doleta.gov.

How long do the benefits last?

Tier 1

The maximum number of weeks for which an individual may be eligible under tier 1 benefits is capped at 20 weeks. Some individuals may be eligible for fewer weeks of the benefits.

Tier 2

Once an individual has exhausted their tier 1 benefits, a second tier may be available if the individual worked in a state with high employment, like California.

Program: Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve
Funding Agency: Department of Labor
Federal Funding: \$200 million

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.

How to Apply: These funds can be applied for through the Department of Labor as necessary.

Program: Youth Build
Funding Agency: Department of Labor
Federal Funding: \$50 million

Description: These funds will allow for expanded services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.

How to Apply: These funds will be distributed through competitive grants through the Department of Labor. Grant information will be available as the Department of Labor administers the program at www.grants.gov.

Program: “Green” and Health Care Worker Training
Funding Agency: Department of Labor
Federal Funding: \$750 million

Description: These funds will be available through competitive grants for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. Grants will be awarded for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy. Grants will also be available to prepare workers for careers in the health care sector. These grants are also available to train workers for wireless and broadband deployment.

How to Apply: The Department of Labor will provide additional information as to How to Apply as they administer this program. Please check www.grants.gov and www.dol.gov for more information.

Program: Community Service Employment for Older Americans
Funding Agency: Department of Labor
Federal Funding: \$120 million

Description: The Community Service Employment grants for older Americans are a community service and work based training program created in 1965. Through this program, older workers have access to employment assistance available through the One-Stop Career Centers of the workforce investment system. The wages paid to these low-income seniors will provide a direct stimulus to the economies of local communities.

How to Apply: Nonprofit organizations may apply. Current grantees will

be provided with the additional funding directly from the Department of Labor.

Program: Job Corps
Funding Agency: Department of Labor
Federal Funding: \$250 million

Description: These 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. A portion of the funds will be available to provide additional training for careers in the energy efficiency, renewable energy, and environmental protection industries.

How to Apply: Discretionary funding will be used by the Office of Job Corps within the Department of Labor.

California Allocation:

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Statutory Formulas for State Allotments, 2009 Recovery Act

WIA Youth Activities:	WIA Adult Actives	WIA Dislocated Worker Activities	Employment Service (Wagner-Peyser):
\$186,622, 034.00	\$80,117,954.00	\$221,906,888.00	\$46,970,564.00

Department of Energy
<http://www.energy.gov/news2009/6934.htm>

Program: Biomass from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$800 million

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for biomass research and development.

How to Apply: Please check <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/> for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at www.grants.gov.

Program: Geothermal from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Recovery Funding: \$400 million

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for geothermal technologies research and development.

How to Apply: Please check <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/> for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at www.grants.gov.

Program: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$400 million

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants to local governments that are not eligible entities for grants through the formula. This program will assist eligible entities in implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, to reduce total energy use, and to improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building and other appropriate sectors

How to Apply: Please check www.doe.gov for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at www.grants.gov.

Program: Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy**Federal Funding:** \$2 billion

Description: Domestic manufacturing facilities are eligible for this funding. The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components.

How to Apply: Please check www.doe.gov for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at www.grants.gov.

Program: Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy**Federal Funding:** \$300 million

Description: Funds will be distributed by competitive grants for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles through the DOE's Clean Cities program.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will administer these grants on a competitive basis through its Clean Cities Program, to state and local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and appropriate private entities to be used to purchase and demonstrate alternatively fueled vehicles that utilize fuel cell, electric, or hybrid drive system technologies. Please visit www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov for the announcement following the program's implementation.

Program: Transportation Electrification**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy**Federal Funding:** \$400 million

Description: This funding is for a transportation electrical system construction program, authorized by the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act, at transportation facilities, including seaports and truck stops.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will administer these grants on a competitive basis. Please visit www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov for the announcement following the program's implementation.

Program: Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate program and Energy Star program

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: This funding will provide rebates for residential consumers for the purchase of residential Energy Star products to replace used appliances with more efficient models.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will administer these rebates through the Energy Star program. Please visit www.energystar.gov for more information as the program is implemented.

Program: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability-Smart Grid Investment

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$4.5 billion

Description: The existing transmission system in the United States requires modernization in light of increasing demand. This funding will provide for research and development, pilot projects, and federal matching funds for the Smart Grid Investment Program to meet the goal of developing a modern electric grid, enhancing security and reliability of energy infrastructure, and facilitating recovery from disruptions to the energy supply. A smart grid is an approach to operating the nation's electricity transmission and distribution system using advanced digital technology to save energy and cost, and to allow demand response, use of storage technologies (including plug-in hybrid batteries), integration of dispersed renewable and distributed generators, enhanced reliability and quicker repair of outages, and improved power quality.

How to Apply: There will be a regional demonstration initiative administered through the Department of Energy. There will also be 50 percent matching grants to states provided by the Department. More information will be available at www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov.

Program: Fossil Energy Research and Development

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$3.4 billion

Description: This funding provides funding for research, development, and demonstration of carbon sequestration, also known as carbon capture projects.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded competitively in the form of grants and contracts. Please check www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov for more information as it is announced.

Program: **Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup**
Funding Agency: Department of Energy
Federal Funding: \$483 million

Description: This funding will create jobs in environmental cleanup and remediation services; address legal requirements with states to perform mandated cleanup activities; and accelerate the completion of capital projects, shortening out-year mortgage costs. Sites related to past nuclear activities are excluded.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded discretionally as well as competitively in the form of grants. Please check www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov for more information as it is announced.

Program: **Science**
Funding Agency: Department of Energy
Federal Funding: \$1.6 billion

Description: The Office of Science at the Department of Energy is the single largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States, providing more than 40 percent of total funding for this vital area of national importance. It oversees – and is the principal federal funding agency of – the Nation’s research programs in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences. Independent scientific research provides the foundation for innovation and future technologies. But since federal funding for research and development has declined steadily over the last decade, this funding will support improvements to DOE laboratories and scientific facilities to provide the foundation for research and development efforts.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check www.energy.gov for more information.

Program: **Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy**
Funding Agency: Department of Energy
Federal Funding: \$400 million

Description: Energy to support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy efficiency as authorized by the America COMPETES Act. The

Department of Energy estimates that this amount of funding will support 50,000 jobs through research and construction of laboratory facilities.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check www.energy.gov for more information.

Program: **Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program**
Funding Agency: Department of Energy
Federal Funding: \$6 billion

Description: This new loan program would provide loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies. The \$6 billion is expected to support more than \$60 billion in loans for these projects. \$10 million from this \$6 billion will support the administrative expenses for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan program.

How to Apply: After implementing this new loan program, more information will be available at www.energy.gov.

Program: **Defense Environmental Cleanup**
Funding Agency: Department of Energy
Federal Funding: \$5.127 billion

Description: This funding will accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the Nation's past nuclear activities. This funding will create jobs in environmental cleanup and remediation services; address legal requirements with states to perform mandated cleanup activities; and accelerate the completion of capital projects, shortening out-year mortgage costs.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check www.energy.gov for more information.

Program: **Biomass from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program**
Funding Agency: Department of Energy
Federal Funding: \$800 million

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for biomass research and development.

How to Apply: Please check <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/> for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. For more information, visit www.grants.gov.

Program: Geothermal from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy**Federal Funding:** \$400 million

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for geothermal technologies research and development.

How to Apply: Please check <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/> for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at www.grants.gov .

Program: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy**Federal Funding:** \$3.2 billion

Description: This program, which was authorized by the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act, provides grants to state, local, and tribal governments to fund public facility renovation projects that would install more energy efficient building technologies and materials, and energy efficient technology demonstration projects. \$2.8 billion will be distributed through a formula developed by the Department of Energy. The remaining \$400 million shall be awarded on a competitive basis to entities not qualifying through the formula.

How to Apply: Please check www.doe.gov for additional information. Federal grants can be found at www.grants.gov .

U.S. Social Security Administration

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

ARRA provides more than \$1 billion in supplemental appropriations to the Social Security Administration and provides for a one-time \$250 payment to all SSI recipients and adult Social Security beneficiaries.

\$1 billion breakdown

- **\$500 million** for National Computer Center
- **\$500 million** for processing of SS retirement and disability cases
 - **\$40 million** of this is available for health information technology research and activities

Q&A

Q: Am I eligible to receive this one-time payment?

A: You are eligible to receive the one-time, \$250 payment from the SSA if you are a(n):

- Supplemental Security Income recipient
- Adult Social Security beneficiary
- Adult Railroad Retirement beneficiary
- Disability beneficiary
- Veterans compensation beneficiary
- Pension beneficiary

NOTE: You must have been entitled to one type of Social Security benefit for at least one month during the three month period ending in January. Additionally, no person may receive a recovery payment if his or her SSI or Social Security benefits are suspended.

Q: If I am eligible, what will I have to do to claim the one-time payment?

A: Nothing. The one-time \$250 payment will automatically be processed and arrive to you by mail.

Q: When can I expect the payment?

A: If you are eligible, you should receive the payment by May 31, 2009.