

Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Fund (Fund)

The Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Fund was created by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Act) and amended by the Call Home and Safe Port Acts of 2006. The Fund receives offsetting receipts from the auction of electromagnetic spectrum recovered from discontinued analog television signals, and provides funding for several programs (listed below) from these receipts. The Act specifies that recovered spectrum not dedicated to public safety use will be auctioned by the Federal Communications Commission in 2008, and identifies the distribution of revenue.

The Act, as amended, also provides borrowing authority to the Department of Commerce to commence specified programs prior to the availability of auction receipts, which are expected to be available in the 4th quarter, FY 2008. Amounts borrowed from the Treasury will be returned without interest upon the availability of auction revenue.

Obligations (\$ millions)				
Programs Authorized to Borrow (unless otherwise noted)	FY 2007		FY 2008	
	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE
Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program	\$90.9	6	\$426.3	9
Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grants	950.6	3	17.1	4
New York City 9/11 Digital Transition	8.1	<1	21.1	<1
Assistance to Low-Power Television Stations	0.5	2	7.8	4
National Alert and Tsunami Warning Programs ¹	6.0	<1	40.0	<1
Enhanced 9-1-1 Service Support ²	0.0	0	21.5	<1
TOTAL	1,056.1	11	533.8	17

¹ National alert system programs are authorized to borrow, the Tsunami program is not.
² No borrowing -- subject to the availability of receipts.

