



Public Safety, Crime Victims, and Justice

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
2009

A summary of programs
expected to bring funds to New Hampshire



Funds shown are one - time only funds unless fiscal year allocations are indicated

Page references to ARRA are to the PDF version of the law posted at the New Hampshire Recovery web site: <http://www.nh.gov/recovery/>

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Program Title: **Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution**

Short Description: Grant funds to assist programs for women who are the victims of violence and to assist law enforcement and prosecutors with prosecuting crimes of violence against women.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$175,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: \$ 1,058,641

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Managing Agency: New Hampshire Attorney General

Status: Awaiting federal guidance on use

Award Criteria: As authorized by Part T of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. S796gg et sec.)

Time Line for use: Not yet announced.

Details: ARRA - page 15.

The Act directs \$175 million to support the work of states, tribal governments, state domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, and tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions. The majority of these funds will be awarded to states, allocated based on population, under the “Services Training Officers and Prosecutors (STOP) Formula Grant Program to promote a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhance services and advocacy to victims, improve the criminal justice system's response, and promote effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The remaining funds will be awarded to state coalitions, tribal governments, and tribal coalitions based on statutory set-asides from STOP funds.

- Justice recovery website
 - <http://justice.gov/recovery/>
- Funding information
 - <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery-grants-awards.htm>
 - Special Notice <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/applicants.htm>

Program Title: Violence Against Women - Transitional Housing Assistance Grants

Short Description: The Transitional Housing Assistance Grant Program will administer \$50 million in grants focusing on a holistic, victim-centered approach to transitional housing services and related support services that move individuals into permanent housing.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$50,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Applying Agency: New Hampshire Attorney General's Office/NH Non-Profits that provide transitional housing

Status: Awaiting federal release of grant criteria and applications.

Award Criteria: As established by section 40299 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1999 (Public Law 103-322)

Time Line for use: Not yet announced.

Details: ARRA - page 15.

Justice recovery website: <http://justice.gov/recovery/>

- Funding information:
- <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/>
- Special Notice:
- <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/applicants.htm>

Transitional housing grants are historically applied for by New Hampshire based non-profit agencies. The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office coordinates Victim/Witness activities Statewide through its Office of Victim/Witness Assistance.

- New Hampshire DOJ victim website:
- <http://doj.nh.gov/victim/index.html>

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Program Title: **State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance**

Short Description: Funds used to for law enforcement purposes by the Attorney General's Office and sub-grants to State, County, and Municipal Law Enforcement programs.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$2,000,000,000

New Hampshire Funds: \$9,774,576

(\$3,520,821 is allocated directly to larger municipalities, see link below to view list)
(\$6,253,755 is allocated to the State, of which approximately 55% is made available to programs benefiting smaller municipalities that do not receive direct funds)

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Managing Agency: New Hampshire Attorney General's Office

Status: Awaiting federal allocation of funds to states

Award Criteria: JAG grants are allocated based on a formula of population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent is set aside for units of local governments.

Time Line for use: Awaiting federal grant condition announcement.

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- US Justice recovery website:
- <http://justice.gov/recovery/>
- Allocation for larger municipalities and the State:
 - <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recjag/NH.xls>
- General Program information:
 - <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Program Title: **Grants to improve function of criminal justice system**

Short Description: New program of competitive grants to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crime (other than compensation), and youth mentoring grants.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$225,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Applying Agency: New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office/Department of Safety

Status: Awaiting federal announcement of grant conditions and application.

Award Criteria: No yet announced.

Time Line for use: Not yet announced.

Details: ARRA - page 16.

The Attorney General’s Office and the Department of Safety are monitoring this grant opportunity to ensure State or municipal law enforcement pursue grants once the federal Justice Department announces the terms, conditions, and award criteria.

- Justice recovery website: <http://justice.gov/recovery/>
- Information coming soon as of February 27, 2009 on
 - <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>
- Discretionary grants available to multiple applicants

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Program Title: **Victims of Crime**

Short Description: Additional funds for existing programs assisting the victims of crime.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$100,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: \$62,240
(from \$47,500,00 for victim's compensation component, allocation from Victims of Crime Act assistance grants has not be estimated by federal authorities yet.)

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Justice.

Managing Agency: New Hampshire Attorney General's Office

Status: Funds supplement existing programs, victims of crime may seek compensation and assistance now.

Award Criteria: See Attorney General's Office web site information

Time Line for use: Available now

Details: ARRA - page 16.

For victim's compensation payment criteria and information on the program go to:

<http://doj.nh.gov/victim/compensation.html>

Congress and the President provided \$100 million for VOCA spending in the stimulus package. This amount will be divided \$47.5 million for compensation grants, \$47.5 million for VOCA assistance grants, and \$5 million for OVC for use on discretionary grants and federal-victim assistance.

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Program Title: **Rural Crime**

Short Description: New grant program to prevent and combat rural crime, particularly drug related crimes.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$125,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Managing Agency: To be Determined. Attorney General’s Office

Status: Awaiting Federal DOJ announcement of grant terms, criteria and application process

Award Criteria: Not yet announced.

Time Line for use: Preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. ARRA, Sec 1602

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- Justice recovery website
 - <http://justice.gov/recovery/>
- Information coming soon as of February 25, 2009 on
 - <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>
- Most likely a discretionary program available to multiple applicants

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Program Title: **Internet Crimes Against Children**

Short Description: Additional funds for existing program supporting regional efforts to combat internet crimes against children.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$50,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: Unknown – allocations not yet announced

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Managing Agency: Portsmouth, New Hampshire Police Department

Status: Awaiting federal announcement of allocations and disbursal timeline.

Award Criteria: Not yet announced.

Time Line for use: Not yet announced.

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ICAC Task Force funding helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to cyber enticement and child pornography cases. This help encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education.

- Justice recovery website
 - <http://justice.gov/recovery/>
- ICAC specific information
 - <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>
- Usually applied for by the NH ICAC group via the Portsmouth Police Department

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Program Title: **Community Oriented Policing**

Short Description: The COPS program funds wages for additional law enforcement officers hired to do community oriented policing.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$1,000,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Applying Agency: Any New Hampshire municipality may apply for funds

Status: Municipalities can start the pre-application process now – see COPS web site.

Award Criteria: Review information on the COPS web site

Time Line for use: Pre-application activities can be started now and applications are expected to be available in March.

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- Justice recovery website
 - <http://justice.gov/recovery/>
- COPS specific information
 - <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>
- Discretionary funding available to multiple applicants.

“The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). Application materials are scheduled to be available before the end of March. CHRP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts. Up to \$1 billion in grant funding will be available for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers. There is no local match requirement for CHRP, but grant funding will be based on current entry-level salary and benefits packages and therefore any additional costs for higher salaries or benefits for particular individuals hired will be the responsibility of the grantee agency. CHRP grants will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date, as a result of local budget cuts. At the conclusion of federal funding, grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHRP grant.”

All information is the best available as of 3/06/09 and is subject to change. Estimated funds may change significantly as federal agencies finalize allocations and/or competitive grants are awarded.