

LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Total ARRA Funds Available \$36,085.8

Total Budget Request \$3,000.0 Fed

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUNDS

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$9,161.9

Budget Request: \$0 Operating

Purpose: Support efforts to prepare at-risk youth between the ages of 14 and 24 for summer and year-round employment opportunities, for adult employment and training activities, with an emphasis on low-income individuals needing assistance to obtain employment, and for dislocated worker employment and training activities. No new positions requested. Expands an existing program.

Timing Issues

- The application deadline for these funds was 3/13/09, it was submitted 3/11/09.
- Guidance that money must be spent quickly and effectively; expenditure authority expires on June 30, 2011.

Other Restrictions

- There are no state matching requirements.

Sub-Recipients

- Qualifying youth and adult clients will be served by grantees, the Job Center Network or Eligible Training Providers.

WAGNER PEYSER JOB CENTER SERVICE FUNDS

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$4,304.7

Budget Request: \$0 Operating

Purpose: Available for job center and labor exchange services to assist workers in obtaining employment and employers in finding qualified employees. Requesting eight PFT positions. Expands an existing program.

Timing Issues

- The application deadline for these funds was 3/13/09, it was submitted 3/12/09.
- Funding is available until September 30, 2010; expenditure authority expires on June 30, 2011.

Other Restrictions

- There are no state matching requirements.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$1,800.0

Budget Request: \$0 Operating

Purpose: Assist individuals with disabilities to obtain and retain employment. Expands an existing program.

Timing Issues:

- No separate application is necessary to receive these funds; distribution is automatic based on formula funding already being received.
- Expenditure authority expires on September 30, 2011.

Other Restrictions

- There are no state matching requirements.

Sub-Recipients

- Eligible individuals with significant disabilities served by agency staff, vendors, and grantees.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$1,115.7

Budget Request: \$0 Operating

Purpose: To address increased unemployment insurance workloads.

Timing Issues:

- No separate application was necessary to receive these funds; the funds were deposited directly into the UI Alaska Trust Fund on February 27, 2009.
- Expenditure authority expires on June 30, 2011.

Other Restrictions

- There are no state matching requirements.

INDEPENDENT LIVING/BLIND SERVICES

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$246.2

Budget Request: \$0 Operating

Purpose: Assisting individuals with disabilities through services that lead to competitive employment, independent living and business ownership. Activities include providing home accessibility modifications, adaptive equipment and/or services that allow people to remain in their homes and communities. Funds will also be used to expand independent living services statewide, including rural and remote areas of the state, by encouraging partnerships, collaborative efforts, training and outreach. Expands an existing program.

Timing Issues:

- No separate application is necessary to receive these funds; distribution is automatic based on formula funding already being received.
- Funding is available until September 30, 2011.

Other Restrictions

- There is a 10% State match requirement which will be met using existing budgeted General Funds.

Sub-Recipients

- State Independent Living Council, Centers for Independent Living, and the Alaska Center for Blind and Visually Impaired.

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$507.3

Budget Request: \$0 Operating

Purpose: Provides employment opportunities for low-income persons age 55 or older, to foster individual economic self-sufficiency and transition individuals to unsubsidized employment. Expands an existing program.

Timing Issues:

- The application deadline for these funds was 3/09/09, it was submitted 3/11/09, the first half of the funds were made available to the state on 3/19/09.
- Funding is available until September 30, 2010; expenditure authority expires on June 30, 2011.

Other Restrictions

- There is a 10% State match requirement which will be met using existing budgeted STEP funds.

Sub-Recipients

- Grantees providing service to qualifying seniors.

TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Total ARRA Funds Available: \$350.0

Budget Request: \$0 Operating

Purpose: Provides additional statewide administrative and client counseling and case management services.

Expands an existing program.

Timing Issues:

- At this time the department has not received instructions regarding applying for the funds.
- Funding is available until September 30, 2010; expenditure authority expires on June 30, 2011.

Other Restrictions

- There are no state matching requirements.

Recipients

- Qualifying clients.

✓ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION**Total ARRA Funds Available:** \$3,000.0**Budget Request:** \$3,000.0 Fed FY09 Capital

Purpose: Provides additional funds necessary to complete the Alaska Vocational Technical Center culinary building replacement and cafeteria upgrade for which the construction bids are coming in \$3,000.0 over the general funded FY09 capital project.

Timing Issues:

- The application deadline for these competitively awarded funds was 3/12/09, it was submitted 3/12/09.

Other Restrictions

- There are no state matching requirements.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION**Total ARRA Funds Available:** \$15,600.0**Budget Request:** \$0 Operating

Purpose: This financial incentive is available to Alaska if our unemployment insurance program includes specific eligibility criteria for unemployment insurance benefits. Based on our analysis, receipt of the incentive would require one statutory change: the addition of an alternate base period for benefit qualification. This statutory change would result in an estimated .03% increase in employer unemployment insurance rates; however this would be offset with the statutory reduction in the employer share of UI costs in FY 10. Incentive funds may be used to pay unemployment insurance benefits, or, subject to appropriation, maintain and support existing UI and Employment Service operations.

Timing Issues:

- Must apply for funds by September 30, 2011.
- Federal guidance is that these funds will not terminate until fully expended..

Other Restrictions

- There are no state matching requirements.