



Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
ARRA
Agency Report
Source: <http://www.va.gov/recovery/>

Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

Department of Veterans Affairs
ARRA Analysis

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(VA)**

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Office of Inspector General	Oversight and audit of programs, grants, and activities		\$1,000,000
Veteran Health Administration (VHA)	Veterans Health Administration Medical Facilities		\$1,000,000,000
Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)	VBA Information Technology Systems		\$50,000,000
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Top Initiatives by NonGrants \$

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Department of Veterans Affairs
Report Date: 2009-03-13

Financial Status:

- Total Obligations: \$0
- Total Disbursements: \$0

Major Actions Taken to Date:

- On 03/11/2009, OMB approved VA's Recovery Act spend plans

Major Planned Actions:

- VA will submit spend plans to Congress by 03/19/2009

Report Date: 2009-03-20

Financial Status:

- Total Obligations: \$0
- Total Disbursements: \$0

Major Actions Taken to Date:

- REQUIRED EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR MEDICAL FACILITIES, NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION, AND IT SYSTEMS ACCOUNTS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS ON 03/19/2009
- ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE PLAN (INFORMATIONAL) FOR GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES ALSO SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS ON 03/19/2009

Report Date: 2009-03-27

Financial Status:

- Total Obligations:\$1,125
- Total Disbursements:\$0

Major Actions Taken to Date:

- Recovery section approved by OMB and posted on NEA site
- Agency-wide plan approved by OMB
- Paperwork Reduction Act clearance received from OMB
- Apportionment submitted/approved
- Application guidelines developed
- Potential applicants identified
- Potential panelists identified
- Intra-agency working group established
- Weekly meeting of working group initiated
- Press release submitted for approval
- Press release posted
- Panel review process finalized
- Agency-wide meeting held to orient staff
- Application guidelines posted on NEA Web site
- Synopses and application packages posted on Grants.gov
- Potential applicants notified
- Accounting codes established
- Reviewed/commented on draft OMB reporting requirements
- Agency-wide plan submitted to Congress and posted on NEA site
- Grants.gov contingency of operations plan submitted to OMB
- Received applications for state arts agencies and regional arts organizations
- Potential panelists recruited for review of applications from nonprofit organizations for direct grants
- Began receipt of applications from nonprofit organizations for direct grants
- Implemented first phase of technology solution for review of applications from nonprofit organizations for direct grants
- Processed applications for state arts agencies and regional arts organizations and mailed material to panelists
- Allocated staffing resources to work on the processing of applications from nonprofit organizations for direct grants

Major Planned Actions:

- Complete matrix for tracking actions to implement Act
- Complete agency-wide calendar to implement Act
- Recruit for Inspector General office position
- Continue exploring alternatives to Grants.gov
- Fine tune review process
- Develop award and post-award materials
- Develop program-specific plan for OMB and Congress

- Conduct panel review for applications from state arts agencies and regional arts organizations
- Conduct National Council on the Arts review for applications from state arts agencies and regional arts organizations
- Test technology solution for review of applications from nonprofit organizations for direct grants

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Agency Plans and Reports

Source: http://www.va.gov/recovery/Agency_Plans_and_Reports.asp

This page provides information on the Department of Veterans Affairs' plans and reports related to the Recovery Act, including agency and program specific reports required by the Recovery Act.

Veterans Health Administration – Medical Facilities Non-Recurring Maintenance (NRM) and Energy Projects

- Expenditure Plan
- Expenditure Plan by Category
- Expenditure Plan by State

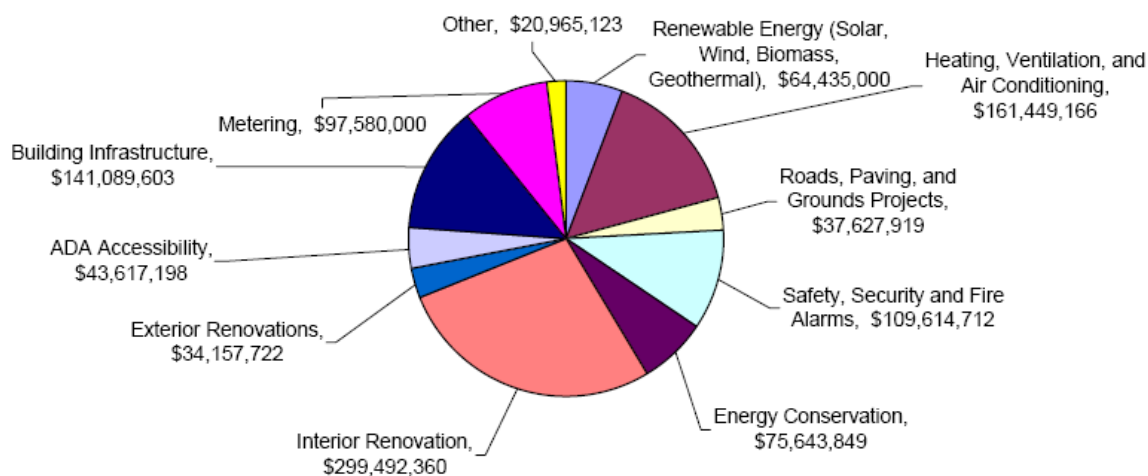


FY 2009 Veterans Health Administration Non-Recurring Maintenance (NRM) / Energy ARRA Spending

Veterans Health Administration ARRA Spending by Category

	Qty	Totals	All Energy Related Projects	Renewable Energy	Percentage of Total
Renewable Energy (Solar, Wind, Biomass, Geothermal)	62	\$ 64,435,000	\$ 64,435,000	\$ 64,435,000	6%
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	170	\$ 161,449,166	\$ 161,449,166	\$ -	15%
Roads, Paving, and Grounds Projects	42	\$ 37,627,919	\$ -	\$ -	3%
Safety, Security and Fire Alarms	102	\$ 109,614,712	\$ -	\$ -	10%
Energy Conservation	56	\$ 75,643,849	\$ 75,643,849	\$ -	7%
Interior Renovation	276	\$ 299,492,360	\$ -	\$ -	28%
Exterior Renovations	47	\$ 34,157,722	\$ -	\$ -	3%
ADA Accessibility	45	\$ 43,617,198	\$ -	\$ -	4%
Building Infrastructure	106	\$ 141,089,603	\$ -	\$ -	13%
Metering	3	\$ 97,580,000	\$ 97,580,000	\$ -	9%
Other	47	\$ 20,965,123	\$ -	\$ -	2%
¹⁷ Total	956	\$ 1,085,672,652	\$ 399,108,015	\$ 64,435,000	100%

¹⁷ The total funding for projects included in these plans is slightly more than the ARRA funds provided in order to account for the potential slippage of projects due to unforeseen technical issues



Veterans Health Administration – Grants for State Extended Care

- Expenditure Plan
- Expenditure Plan by State

FY 2009 Grants for State Extended Care Facilities ARRA Spend Plan

ARRA Overview

State	Number of Projects	ARRA Funding (\$ in thousands)
AZ	2	\$ 19,035
CO	1	\$ 2,045
CT	1	\$ 5,397
FL	1	\$ 3,250
GA	1	\$ 715
IA	2	\$ 3,104
IL	4	\$ 12,803
IN	1	\$ 869
MA	1	\$ 793
ME	2	\$ 707
MI	1	\$ 704
MN	1	\$ 4,799
MO	7	\$ 3,512
NC	2	\$ 16,294
NJ	2	\$ 1,890
NY	1	\$ 470
OH	4	\$ 1,246
PA	1	\$ 17,109
RI	1	\$ 1,204
TX	4	\$ 34,720
UT	2	\$ 13,218
VA	1	\$ 372
WI	6	\$ 6,666
Total	49	^{1/} \$ 150, 922

^{1/} Grant costs exceed ARRA funding because they are estimates and may be adjusted based upon actual costs as projects are completed.

National Cemetery Administration Monument and Memorial Repairs

- Expenditure Plan
- Expenditure Plan by Category

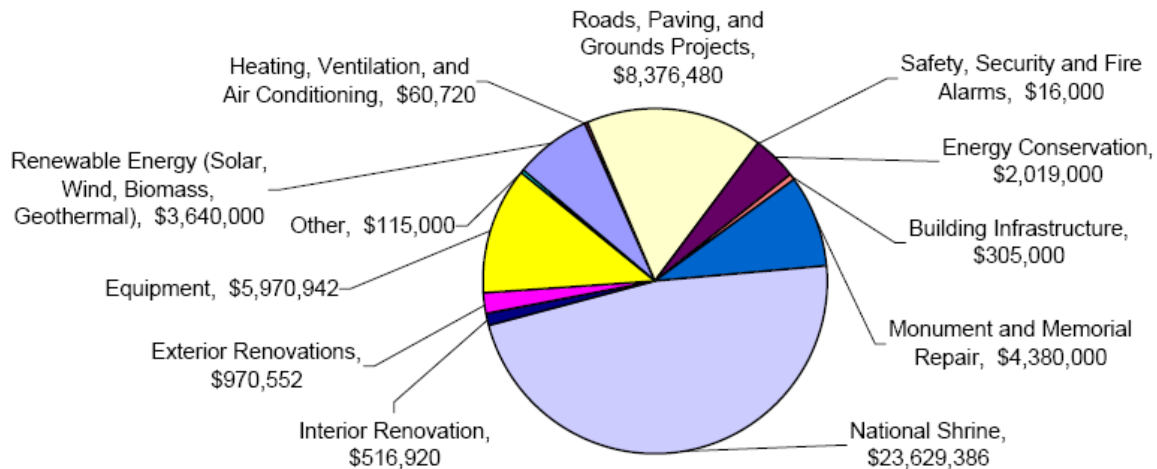
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FY09 National Cemetery Administration (NCA)/Energy ARRA Spend Plan

National Cemetery Administration ARRA Spending by Category

	Qty	Totals	All Energy Related Projects	Renewable Energy	Percentage of Total
Renewable Energy (Solar, Wind, Biomass, Geothermal)	3	\$ 3,640,000	\$ 3,640,000	\$ 3,640,000	7%
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	1	\$ 60,720	\$ 60,720	\$ -	0%
Roads, Paving, and Grounds Projects	52	\$ 8,376,480	\$ -	\$ -	17%
Safety, Security and Fire Alarms	2	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Energy Conservation	9	\$ 2,019,000	\$ 2,019,000	\$ -	4%
Building Infrastructure	3	\$ 305,000	\$ -	\$ -	1%
Monument and Memorial Repair	49	\$ 4,380,000	\$ -	\$ -	9%
National Shrine	19	\$ 23,629,386	\$ -	\$ -	47%
Interior Renovation	12	\$ 516,920	\$ -	\$ -	1%
Exterior Renovations	25	\$ 970,552	\$ -	\$ -	2%
Equipment	216	\$ 5,970,942	\$ -	\$ -	12%
Other	4	\$ 115,000	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Total	395	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 5,719,720	\$ 3,640,000	100%



April 2, 2009

***VA Announces Recovery Spending
Includes \$250 Payment to Eligible Veterans***

http://www.va.gov/RECOVERY/docs/Stimulus_Final.doc

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will spend more than \$1.4 billion as part of President Obama's economic recovery plan to improve services to America's Veterans. VA's Internet site – www.va.gov/recovery – provides current information about VA's work to deliver its portion of Recovery Act funds into the economy to benefit Veterans.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) enables the VA to improve medical facilities and national cemeteries, provide grants to assist states in acquiring or constructing state nursing homes and extended care facilities, and to modify or alter existing facilities to care for Veterans.

VA will dedicate ARRA funds to hire and train 1,500 temporary claims processors to speed benefits delivery to Veterans and pursue needed information technology initiatives for improved benefits and services. Funds will also be used to oversee and audit programs, grants, and projects funded under ARRA.

As part of the President's Recovery plan, VA will also make one-time payments of \$250 to eligible Veterans and survivors to mitigate the effects of the current economy. These payments will be issued as early as June 2009. VA estimates \$700 million in payments will be made to eligible beneficiaries as part of this measure.

To be eligible for the \$250 payment, VA beneficiaries must have received compensation, pension, dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), or spina bifida benefits at any time between November 2008 and January 2009. Also, beneficiaries must reside within the United States or Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. No application is necessary. VA will use its existing payment records to determine eligibility for the \$250 payment.

Beneficiaries will receive their payments the same way they receive their monthly VA benefits (either by direct deposit or mail). VA will inform beneficiaries and the public when releasing the payments. This payment is not countable in determining eligibility for VA pension or Parents' DIC. The law allows one \$250 payment per individual. The payment is tax-free. VA beneficiaries who also receive benefits from the Social Security Administration or Railroad Retirement Board will be paid through those agencies, and will therefore not receive the payment from VA.

More details, including VA stimulus project timelines, will be available May 1, 2009.

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