



An Oregonian's Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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I. Tax Provisions

Program: Addition of Permanent Sequestration Requirement to CO2 Capture Tax Credit

In 2008, Congress provided a \$10 credit per ton for the first 75 million metric tons of carbon dioxide captured and transported from an industrial source for use in enhanced oil recovery, and \$20 credit per ton for carbon dioxide captured and transported from an industrial source for permanent storage in a geologic formation. Facilities were required to capture at least 500,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year to qualify. This provision would require that any taxpayer claiming the \$10 credit per ton for carbon dioxide captured and transported for use in enhanced oil recovery must also ensure that such carbon dioxide is permanently stored in a geologic formation.

How to Apply: New provision does not change the way participants file for the tax credit, just the qualifications to be able to apply for the tax credit.

Program: Advanced Energy Investment Credit

This provision establishes a new 30% investment tax credit for facilities engaged in the manufacture of advanced energy property. Credits are available only for projects certified by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, through a competitive bidding process. The Secretary of Treasury must establish a certification program no later than 180 days after date of enactment, and may allocate up to \$2.3 billion in credits. Advanced energy property includes technology for the production of renewable energy, energy storage, energy conservation, efficient transmission and distribution of electricity, and carbon capture and sequestration.

How to Apply: Please check www.energy.gov for more information as the Advanced Energy Investment Credit is implemented.

Program: Alternative Minimum Tax

This provision would provide more than 26 million families with tax relief

in 2009 by extending AMT relief for nonrefundable personal credits and increasing the AMT exemption amount to \$70,950 for joint filers and \$46,700 for individuals.

How to Apply: This benefit will automatically go into effect without any action from the taxpayer.

Program: Child Tax Credit

Federal Funding: \$14.8 billion

Oregon's Share: \$131.4 million (198,000 Oregon children helped)

A child tax credit is a tax credit based on the number of dependent children in a family. This provision would increase the eligibility of the refundable child tax credit.

How to Apply: The provision is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. The tax credit will be given after filing for taxes. For more information, visit www.irs.gov or oregonhelps.org.

Program: Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (“CREBs”)

This provision authorizes an additional \$1.6 billion of new clean renewable energy bonds to finance facilities that generate electricity from the following resources: wind; closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; marine renewable; and trash combustion facilities. This \$1.6 billion authorization will be subdivided into thirds: 1/3 will be available for qualifying projects of State/local/tribal governments; 1/3 for qualifying projects of public power providers; and 1/3 for qualifying projects of electric cooperatives.

How to Apply: Qualified participants will be able to utilize this bond program as it is developed. Check www.treasury.gov for additional information after this program is implemented.

Program: Computers as Qualified Education Expenses in 529 Education Plans

Plans are tax-advantaged savings plans that cover all qualified education expenses, including: tuition, room & board, mandatory fees and books. The

bill provides that computers and computer technology qualify as qualified education expenses.

How To Apply: Families that use 529 Education Plans will now be able to withdraw funds from the 529 account, tax free, to go toward to purchase of computers or computer technology.

Program: Delay Application of Withholding Requirement on Certain Governmental Payments for Goods and Services

For payments made after December 31, 2010, the Code requires withholding at a three percent rate on certain payments to persons providing property or services made by Federal, State, and local governments. The withholding is required regardless of whether the government entity making the payment is the recipient of the property or services. Numerous government entities and small businesses have raised concerns about the application of this provision. The provision would delay for one year (through December 31, 2011) the application of the three percent withholding requirement on government payments for goods and services in order to provide time for the Treasury Department to study the impact of this provision on government entities and other taxpayers.

How To Apply This provision is effective on the date of enactment.

Program: Delayed Recognition of Certain Cancellation of Debt Income

Under current law, a taxpayer generally has income where the taxpayer cancels or repurchases debt for an amount less than its adjusted issue price. The amount of cancellation of debt income (“CODI”) is the excess of the old debt’s adjusted issue price over the repurchase price. Certain businesses will be allowed to recognize CODI over 10 years (defer tax on CODI for the first four or five years and recognize this income ratably over the following five taxable years) for specified types of business debt repurchased by the business after December 31, 2008 and before January 1, 2011.

How to Apply: Business can claim this when they file for taxes. For information on qualifications, visit www.treasury.gov .

Program: Duty Refund Recollection

This provision prohibits U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from demanding that U.S. lumber, steel, and other companies repay duties that CBP collected on Canadian and Mexican imports, and then distributed to the companies between 2001 and 2005.

How to Apply: Application not necessary as the program is implemented.

Program: Earned Income Tax Credit

Federal Funding: \$4.7 billion

Oregon's Share: \$50.5 million

Temporarily increases the earned income tax credit for families with three or more children from 40% to 45%. Taxpayers will receive this credit by claiming it on their tax returns. Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

For more information visit: www.irs.gov or oregonhelps.org.

Program: Economic Recovery Payment to Recipients of Social Security, SSI, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Disability Compensation Benefits

This provision would provide a one-time payment of \$250 to retirees, disabled individuals and SSI recipients receiving benefits from the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement beneficiaries, and disabled veterans receiving benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The one-time payment is a reduction to any allowable Making Work Pay credit.

How to Apply: For more information, please visit www.irs.gov, www.treasury.gov, or oregonhelps.org.

Program: Eliminate Costs Imposed on State and Local Governments by the Alternative Minimum Tax

The alternative minimum tax (AMT) can increase the costs of issuing tax exempt private activity bonds imposed on State and local governments.

Under current law, interest on tax- exempt private activity bonds is generally subject to the AMT. This limits the marketability of these bonds and, therefore, forces State and local governments to issue these bonds at higher interest rates. Last year, Congress excluded one category of private activity bonds (i.e., tax- exempt housing bonds) from the AMT. The bill would exclude the remaining categories of private activity bonds from the AMT if the bond is issued in 2009 or 2010. The bill also allows AMT relief for current refunding of private activity bonds issued after 2003 and refunded during 2009 and 2010.

How to Apply: Municipalities will not need to apply; this provision will automatically take effect.

Program: Expansion of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Programs

This provision expands current Trade Adjustment Assistance Programs. Among other things, it extends TAA to trade-affected services sector workers and workers affected by off shoring or outsourcing to all countries, including China or India. It increases training funds available to states by 160 percent to \$575 million per fiscal year, creates a new TAA program for trade-affected communities, allows for automatic TAA eligibility for workers suffering from import surges and unfair trade, makes training, healthcare and reemployment TAA benefits more accessible and flexible, and improves the TAA for Firms and TAA for Farmers programs. It reauthorizes all TAA programs (which expired December 31, 2007) through December 31, 2010. Plant closures and mass layoffs affecting 50 or more workers at a single site of employment; Layoffs at several companies in a single local community including layoffs not meeting the single site criterion that, in total, have significantly increased the total number of unemployed individuals in the community. Priority will be given to those applications where the layoffs resulted in an increase of 1 percent in the local area unemployment during the preceding 12 months. Layoffs at multiple locations (multi--company) that occur within a 4--month period and in which each layoff impacts 50 or more workers; Closures and realignments of military installations; Emergencies or disasters that have been declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA); and Special assistance, including health insurance coverage assistance, to trade--impacted workers and other individuals eligible under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002.

How to Apply: TAA is administered through the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. For more information, visit <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/> or dol.gov/recovery.

Program: Extension and Increase in Authorization for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs)

The bill allows an additional \$1.4 billion of QZAB issuing authority to State and local governments in 2009 and 2010, which can be used to finance renovations, equipment purchases, developing course material, and training teachers and personnel at a qualified zone academy. In general, a qualified zone academy is any public school (or academic program within a public school) below college level that is located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community and is designed to cooperate with businesses to enhance the academic curriculum and increase graduation and employment rates. QZABs are a form of tax credit bonds, which offer the holder a Federal tax credit instead of interest. This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.045 billion over 10 years.

How to Apply: The taxpayer holding qualified school construction bonds on a credit allowance date is entitled to a tax credit. The amount of the tax credit is determined by multiplying the bond's credit rate by the face amount on the holder's bond. The tax credit will be received when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p954/ar02.html#d0e3636>

Program: Extension of Bonus Depreciation

Businesses are allowed to recover the cost of capital expenditures over time according to a depreciation schedule. Last year, Congress temporarily allowed businesses to recover the costs of capital expenditures made in 2008 faster than the ordinary depreciation schedule would allow by permitting these businesses to immediately write-off fifty percent of the cost of depreciable property (e.g., equipment, tractors, wind turbines, solar panels, and computers) acquired in 2008 for use in the United States. The bill

would extend this temporary benefit for capital expenditures incurred in 2009.

How to Apply: The extension of the first-year depreciation deduction is generally effective for property placed in service after December 31, 2008. This benefit can be claimed when filing for taxes.

Program: Extension of Small Business Expensing

In order to help small businesses quickly recover the cost of certain capital expenses, small business taxpayers may elect to write-off the cost of these expenses in the year of acquisition in lieu of recovering these costs over time through depreciation. Until the end of 2010, small business taxpayers are allowed to write-off up to \$125,000 of capital expenditures subject to a phase-out once capital expenditures exceed \$500,000. Last year, Congress temporarily increased the amount that small businesses could write-off for capital expenditures incurred in 2008 to \$250,000 and increased the phaseout threshold for 2008 to \$800,000. The bill would extend these temporary increases for capital expenditures incurred in 2009.

How to Apply: Small business can obtain this credit when filing for taxes.

Program: Extension of Emergency Unemployment

Compensation

Through December 31, 2009, this provision continues the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, which provides up to 33 weeks of extended unemployment benefits to workers exhausting their regular benefits.

How to Apply: Those receiving unemployment compensation will automatically receive this extension.

Program: 5-Year Carryback of Net Operating Losses for Small Businesses

A net operating loss means the amount by which a taxpayer's business deductions exceed the gross income. Under current law, net operating losses may be carried back to the two taxable years before the year that the loss

arises and carried forward to each of the succeeding twenty taxable years after the year that the loss arises. For 2008, the bill would extend the maximum NOL carryback period from two years to five years for small businesses with gross receipts of \$15 million or less.

How to Apply: This provision is effective for net operating losses arising in taxable years ending after December 31, 2007. The taxpayer can file for this benefit when filing for taxes.

Program: Incentives to Hire Unemployed Veterans and Disconnected Youth

Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups; families receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, certain veterans receiving food stamps or disability compensation, certain ex-felons, residents of designated communities, individuals in vocational rehabilitation, certain youths employed during the summer, certain food stamp recipients, certain recipients of SSI, and longterm recipients of family assistance. The bill creates two new targeted groups of prospective employees: unemployed veterans and disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6 months. This proposal is estimated to cost \$231 million over 10 years.

How to Apply: The participating business will receive the work opportunity tax credit when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit www.irs.gov or <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p954.pdf>.

Program: Increase in Earned Income Tax Credit

The earned income tax credit (EITC) is a tax credit for low-income working individuals and families that is refundable for certain taxpayers, meaning it

can be claimed even if the credit is worth more than the taxes owed. This provision would temporarily increase the earned income tax credit from 40% to 45% for working families with three or more children.

How to Apply: Taxpayers will receive this credit by claiming the credit on their tax returns. The provision is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. For more information about the EITC, please contact www.irs.gov or the Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer.

Program: Increase in Unemployment Compensation Benefits

The bill increases unemployment weekly benefits by an additional \$25 through 2009.

How to Apply: Those receiving unemployment compensation will automatically receive this extension.

Program: Industrial Development Bonds (IDB)

Under current law, certain manufacturing facilities are eligible for tax exempt bond financing. Section 144(a) (12) (C) specifically limits the definition of a manufacturing facility for the purposes of such financing to facilities that are used in the manufacturing or production of tangible personal property. This provision amends the definition of manufacturing facility to any facility used in the manufacturing, creation, or production of tangible or intangible property described in section 197(d)(1)(C)(iii). Intangible property is any patent, copyright, formula, process, design, pattern, knowhow, format, or other similar item. The proposal also clarifies which physical components of a manufacturing facility qualify as "ancillary" and therefore are subjected to a 25% limitation in the amount of bond issuance used to build or re-construct those components.

How to Apply: This provision will take effect adding to the definition for tax exempt bonds.

Program: Long-term Extension and Modification of Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit

This proposal would extend the placed-in-service date for wind facilities for

three years (through December 31, 2012). This proposal would also extend the placed-in-service date for three years (through December 31, 2013) for certain other qualifying facilities: closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; waste-to-energy; and marine renewable facilities.

How to Apply: This proposal extends existing tax credits. Information on how to file can be found at www.irs.gov.

Program: Low Incoming Housing Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits

Under current law, taxpayers are allowed to claim a low-income housing tax credit for certain investments made in low-income housing. These tax credits help attract private capital to invest in the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of qualified low-income housing buildings. Current economic conditions have severely undermined the effectiveness of these tax credits. As a result, the bill would allow taxpayers to receive a grant from the Treasury Department in lieu of tax credits. Under this provision, state housing agencies would receive a grant equal to up to eighty-five percent of forty percent of the state's low-income housing tax credit allocation in lieu of the low-income housing tax credits they would have received. The subawards are subject to the same requirements (including rent, income, and use restrictions on such buildings) as the low-income housing tax credit allocations. The grant program would apply to each state's 2009 low income housing tax credit allocation.

How to Apply: Qualified housing agencies can apply at www.recovery.oregon.gov.

Program: "Making Work Pay" Tax Credit

Federal Funding: \$116.2 billion

Oregon's Share: \$1.4 billion (1,351,000 Oregonians helped)

For 2009 and 2010, the bill would provide a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 for working individuals and \$800 for working families.

How to Apply: Taxpayers will receive this benefit through a reduction in the amount of income tax withheld from their paychecks. Taxpayers may

consult with their employer and visit www.irs.gov for more information.

Program: Modify Speed Requirement for High-Speed Rail Exempt Facility Bonds

Under current law, States are allowed to issue private activity bonds for high-speed rail facilities. Under current law, a high-speed rail facility is a facility for the transportation of passengers between metropolitan areas using vehicles that are reasonably expected to operate at speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour between scheduled stops. This provision would allow these bonds to be used to develop rail facilities that are used by trains that are capable of attaining speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour.

How to Apply: This provision adds to the definition of an existing bond. More information can be found at www.treasury.gov.

Program: New Market Tax Credits

New Market Tax Credits are given to qualified equity investment made to acquire stock in a corporation or a capital interest in a partnership that is a qualified community development entity (CDE). Under current law, there are \$3.5 billion of New Markets Tax Credits available for each of 2008 and 2009. The provision increases the available credits for 2008 to \$5 billion and the available credits for 2009 to \$5 billion.

How to Apply: This tax credit will go directly to state certified CDE's.

Program: Parity for Transit Benefits

Current law provides a tax-free fringe benefit employers can provide to employees for transit and parking. Those benefits are set at different dollar amounts. This provision would equalize the tax-free benefit employers can provide for transit and parking. The proposal sets both the parking and transit benefits at \$230 a month for 2009, indexes them equally for 2010, and clarifies that certain transit benefits apply to federal employees.

How to Apply: Eligible participants will receive information on how to apply through their workplace as this program is implemented.

Program: Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle Credit

This provision modifies and increases a tax credit passed into law at the end of last Congress for each qualified plug-in electric drive vehicle placed in service during the taxable year. The base amount of the credit is \$2,500. If the qualified vehicle draws propulsion from a battery with at least 5 kilowatt hours of capacity, the credit is increased by \$417, plus another \$417 for each kilowatt hour of battery capacity in excess of 5 kilowatt hours up to 16 kilowatt hours. Taxpayers may claim the full amount of the allowable credit up to the end of the first calendar quarter in which the manufacturer records its 200,000th sale of a plug-in electric drive vehicle. The credit is reduced in following calendar quarters. The credit is allowed against the alternative minimum tax (AMT). This bill also restores and updates the electric vehicle credit for plug-in electric vehicles that would not otherwise qualify for the larger plug-in electric drive vehicle credit and provides a tax credit for plugin electric drive conversion kits.

How to Apply: Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return.

Program: Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

This provision authorizes an additional \$2.4 billion of qualified energy conservation bonds to finance State, municipal and tribal government programs and initiatives designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This provision would also clarify that qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community programs. This provision also clarifies that qualified energy conservation bonds may be used for programs in which utilities provide ratepayers with energy-efficient property and recoup the costs of that property over an extended period of time.

How to Apply: Qualified participants will be able to utilize this bond program as it is developed. Check www.treasury.gov for additional information after this program is implemented.

Program: Qualified School Construction Bonds

The bill creates a new category of tax credit bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities or for the acquisition of land on which a public school facility will be constructed. There is a national limitation on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by State and local governments of \$22 billion (\$11 billion allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010). There is a national limitation on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by Indian tribal governments of \$400 million (\$200 million allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010). This proposal is estimated to cost \$9.877 billion over 10 years.

How to Apply: The taxpayer holding qualified school construction bonds on a credit allowance date is entitled to a tax credit. The amount of the tax credit is determined by multiplying the bond's credit rate by the face amount on the holder's bond. The tax credit will be received when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit www.irs.gov.

Program: Refundable Credit for Certain Federal and State Pensioners

The bill would provide a one-time refundable tax credit of \$250 in 2009 to certain government retirees who are not eligible for Social Security benefits. This one-time credit is a reduction to any allowable Making Work Pay credit.

How to Apply: For more information, please visit www.irs.gov.

Program: Refundable First Time Home Buyer Tax Credit

There is an \$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers who purchase a home from Jan 1, 2009 to December 1, 2009. It also eliminates repayment obligations that are under current law unless the home is sold within three years of purchase. In that case, the credit would still be subject to the current-law recapture rules.

How to Apply: **Eligible taxpayers** can claim this credit when filing their taxes.

Program: Removal of Dollar Limitations on Certain Energy Credits

Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a thirty percent (30%) tax credit for qualified small wind energy property (capped at \$4,000).

Individuals are allowed to claim a thirty percent (30%) tax credit for qualified solar water heating property (capped at \$2,000), qualified small wind energy property (capped at \$500 per kilowatt of capacity, up to \$4,000), and qualified geothermal heat pumps (capped at \$2,000). This provision would repeal the individual dollar caps. As a result, each of these properties would be eligible for an uncapped thirty percent (30%) credit.

How to Apply: Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return. For more information, visit www.irs.gov.

Program: Repeal Subsidized Energy Financing Limitation on the Investment Tax Credit

Under current law, the investment tax credit must be reduced if the property qualifying for the investment tax credit is also financed with industrial development bonds or through any other Federal, State, or local subsidized financing program. The provision in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would repeal this subsidized energy financing limitation on the investment tax credit in order to allow businesses and individuals to qualify for the full amount of the investment tax credit even if such property is financed with industrial development bonds or through any other subsidized energy financing.

How to Apply: Participants will find that the financing limitation for subsidized energy has been removed.

Program: Seniors, Veterans and People with Disabilities Benefit

Funding Agency: Department of Agriculture

Federal Funding: \$14.2 billion

Oregon's Share: \$182 million

Description: Funds provide for a one-time payment of \$250 to retirees,

people with disabilities including disabled veterans and those receiving benefits from Railroad Retirement.

For more information visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/> or oregonhelps.org.

Program: Small Business Capital Gains

This provision increases the percentage of exclusion for qualified business stock sold by an individual from 50 percent to 75 percent.

How to Apply: This provision is effective for stock issued after the date of enactment and before Jan. 1, 2011. Businesses can claim this credit when filing for taxes.

Program: Tax Credit Bond Option for State and Local Governments (“Build America Bonds”)

The Federal government provides significant financial support to State and local governments through the federal tax exemption for interest on municipal bonds. Both tax credit bonds and tax-exempt bonds provide a subsidy to municipalities by reducing the cash interest payments that a State or local government must make on its debt. Tax credit bonds differ from tax-exempt bonds in two principal ways: (1) interest paid on tax credit bonds is taxable; and (2) a portion of the interest paid on tax credit bonds takes the form of a Federal tax credit. The Federal tax credit offsets a portion of the cash interest payment that the State or local government would otherwise need to make on the borrowing. For 2009 and 2010, this proposal provides State and local governments with the option of issuing a tax credit bond instead of a tax-exempt governmental obligation bond. Because the market for tax credits is currently small given current economic conditions, the bill would allow the State or local government to elect to receive a direct payment from the Federal government equal to the subsidy that would have otherwise been delivered through the Federal tax credit for bonds.

How to Apply: Please check www.treasury.gov for more information as they implement this program.

Program: Tax Credits for Alternative Refueling Property

The alternative refueling property credit provides a tax credit to businesses (e.g., gas stations) that install alternative fuel pumps, such as fuel pumps that dispense E85 fuel, electricity, hydrogen, and natural gas. For 2009 and 2010, this provision would increase the 30% alternative refueling property credit for businesses (capped at \$30,000) to 50% (capped at \$50,000). Hydrogen refueling pumps would remain at a 30% credit percentage; however, the cap for hydrogen refueling pumps will be increased to \$200,000. In addition, this provision would increase the 30% alternative refueling property credit for individuals (capped at \$1,000) to 50% (capped at \$2,000).

How to Apply: Participants will be able to file for this tax credit on their tax return. For more information, visit www.irs.gov.

Program: Tax Credits for Energy-Efficient Improvements to Existing Homes

This provision would extend the tax credits for improvements to energy efficient existing homes through 2010. Under current law, individuals are allowed a tax credit equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements installed during the taxable year. This tax credit is capped at \$50 for any advanced main air circulating fan, \$150 for any qualified natural gas, propane, oil furnace or hot water boiler, and \$300 for any item of energy efficient building property. For 2009 and 2010, this provision would increase the amount of the tax credit to thirty percent (30%) of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements during the taxable year. This provision would also eliminate the property-by-property dollar caps on this tax credit and provide an aggregate \$1,500 cap on all property qualifying for the credit. This provision would update the energy-efficiency standards of the property qualifying for the credit.

How to Apply: Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return. For more information visit www.energy.gov/recovery/index.html.

Program: Temporary Assistance to States with Advances to Unemployment Trust Funds

This provision temporarily waives interest payments and the accrual in interest on loans received by state unemployment trust funds through December 31, 2010.

How to Apply: Application not necessary as interest payments are waived as this program is implemented.

Program: Temporary Election to Claim the Investment Tax Credit in Lieu of the Production Tax Credit

Under current law, facilities that produce electricity from solar facilities are eligible to take a thirty percent (30%) investment tax credit in the year that the facility is placed in service. Facilities that produce electricity from wind, closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation, hydropower, landfill gas, waste-to-energy, and marine renewable facilities are eligible for a production tax credit. The production tax credit is payable over a ten-year period. Because of current market conditions, it is difficult for many renewable projects to find financing due to the uncertain future tax positions of potential investors in these projects. The bill would allow facilities to elect to claim the investment tax credit in lieu of the production tax credit.

How to Apply: Participants will be able to file the tax credit on their tax return. For more information, visit www.irs.gov.

Program: Temporary Reduction of Small Business Corporation Built-In Gains Holding Period from 10 Years to 7 Years

Under current law, if a taxable corporation converts into an S corporation, the conversion is not a taxable event. An S Corporation pays no corporate level tax. Instead a loss of gain goes directly to their shareholders. When a company converts to an S corporation, they must hold its assets for ten years in order to avoid a tax on any built-in gains that existed at the time of the conversion. The bill would temporarily reduce this holding period from ten

years to seven years for sales occurring in 2009 and 2010.

How to Apply: This provision will go into effect for businesses for taxable year beginning after December 31, 2008.

Program: Temporary Suspension of Taxation of Unemployment Benefits

Under current law, all federal unemployment benefits are subject to taxation. The average unemployment benefit is approximately \$300 per month. The proposal temporarily suspends federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits per recipient. Any unemployment benefits over \$2,400 will be subject to federal income tax. This proposal is in effect for taxable year 2009.

How to Apply: The provision will take effect and suspend the withholding of federal income tax on unemployment benefits automatically.

Program: Treasury Department Energy Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits

Under current law, taxpayers are allowed to claim a production tax credit for electricity produced by certain renewable energy facilities and an investment tax credit for certain renewable energy property. These tax credits help attract private capital to invest in renewable energy projects. Current economic conditions have severely undermined the effectiveness of these tax credits. As a result, this provision would allow taxpayers to receive a grant from the Treasury Department in lieu of tax credits. This grant will operate similarly to the current-law investment tax credit.

How to Apply: The Treasury Department will issue a grant in an amount equal to thirty percent (30%) of the cost of the renewable energy facility within sixty days of the facility being placed in service or, if later, within sixty days of receiving an application for such grant.

Program: Unemployment Compensation Modernization

This provision provides one-time grants to reward and encourage States enacting specific reforms designed to increase UC coverage among lowwage,

part-time and other jobless workers, as well as provides an additional \$500 million in administrative funding to all States.

How to Apply: States will receive this funding to support unemployment compensation modernization.

Program: Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Funding Agency: Department of Labor

Federal Funding: \$42.8 billion

Oregon's Share: \$162.1 million for benefit increase (329,000 Oregonians helped); \$548.4 million for extended benefits (53,000 Oregonians helped); \$91.5 million for UIMA if Oregon adopts 'Alternative Base Period'.

Description: Funding to increase benefits by \$25 per week through December 2009. Money is also allocated for administrative funding and incentives for modernization of state programs to increase access to benefits among low-wage, part-time and other laid-off workers as provided in the Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act.

For more information visit:

<http://workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/uifactsheet.asp> or
<http://www.employment.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/UI/index.shtml>

Program: Work Opportunity Tax Credit

Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups. The bill would create two new targeted groups of prospective employees: (1) unemployed veterans; and (2) disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6

How to Apply: Companies can claim this credit when filing their taxes.

II. Health Insurance Assistance

Program: COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act)

To assist individuals in maintaining health coverage, the bill provides a 65% subsidy for COBRA continuation premiums for up to 9 months for workers who have been involuntarily terminated, and for their families. This subsidy also applies to health care continuation coverage if required by states for small employers. To qualify for premium assistance, a worker must be involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. The subsidy would terminate upon offer of any new employer sponsored health care coverage or Medicare eligibility. Workers who were involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008 and enactment, but failed to initially elect COBRA because it was unaffordable, would be given an additional 60 days to elect COBRA and receive the subsidy. To ensure that this assistance is targeted at workers who are most in need, participants must attest that their same year income will not exceed \$125,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for families.

How to Apply: Current law requires employers to work with employees about how to access COBRA and private health plans must also assist former employees in receiving this benefit. Additional information can be found at: insurance.oregon.gov/FAQs/federal-stimulus-cobra-faq.html or contact the Department of Consumer and Business Services - Insurance Division at cp.ins@state.or.us or 503-947-7980.

Program: Disproportionate Share Hospital Payment

Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Funding: \$460 million

Oregon's Share: \$ 1.1 million

Description: Temporarily increases Medicaid funds to hospitals that disproportionately care for low-income, special needs patients.

For more information visit: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp> or

www.hhs.gov/recovery.

Program: Extension of Moratoria on Medicaid Regulations

The bill extends moratoria on Medicaid regulations for targeted case management, provider taxes, and school-based administration and transportation services through June 30, 2009. The bill also adds a moratorium on the Medicaid regulation for hospital outpatient services through June 30, 2009. The provision includes a Sense of Congress that the Secretary of HHS should not promulgate regulations concerning payments to public providers, graduate medical education, and rehabilitative services.

How to Apply: The moratoria will automatically go into effect.

Program: Extension of the Qualified Individual Program

The bill extends the Qualified Individual program, which assists certain low income individuals with Medicare Part B premiums, through December 31, 2010. The program helps Medicare beneficiaries who have a limited income but are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid with financial assistance to help pay their Medicare premiums.

Program: Prompt Payment Requirements for Nursing Facilities and Hospitals

The bill temporarily applies Medicaid prompt pay requirements to nursing facilities and hospitals.

How to Apply: This benefit will automatically be provided for Nursing facilities and hospitals. For additional information, contact the Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer at 503-231-2300.

Program: Temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

The bill increases FMAP funding for a 27-month period beginning 10/1/2008 through 12/31/2010, with an across-the-board increase to all states of 6.2% and a similar increase for territories. A bonus structure (in addition to the across-the-board increase) provides an additional decrease in

State financial obligations for Medicaid based on increases in the State's unemployment rate. States will also be required to maintain effort on eligibility.

How to Apply: States will automatically receive this benefit.

III. Fiscal Relief for State and Local Government

Program: Medicaid

Federal Funding: \$87 billion

Oregon's Share: \$830 million

Description: Helps states maintain Medicaid programs. Requires states to maintain eligibility rules, pay providers promptly and provide required matching funds.

For more information visit: hhs.gov/recovery or www.oregon.gov/DHS/index.shtml, or contact Jim Scherzinger at 503-945-5865 or jim.scherzinger@state.or.us.

Program: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Federal Funding: \$53.6 billion

Oregon's Share: \$570.3 million

Description: \$39.5 billion will be distributed to local school districts, \$5 billion to states as bonus grants for meeting key performance measures in education, \$8.8 billion to states for high priority needs including public safety and education. Funds will be distributed by the state.

For more information visit:

<http://www.publiccharters.org/files/publications/ARRA%20-%20State%20Stabilization%20Fund%20Overview%203.pdf>

Or for a general overview of the program:

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

Program: Child Care

Federal Funding: \$2.0 billion

Oregon's Share: \$22.5 million; 4,860 Oregon children helped

Description: Funding to provide quality improvements to infant and toddler care for children of low-income working parents. The program is also estimated to generate paid employment for 125,000 caregivers.

For more information visit: www.oregon.gov/dhs/index.shtml, or contact Eric Moore, Department of Human Services, eric.l.moore@state.or.us or 503-945-5737.

Program: Child Support Enforcement

Federal Funding: \$1.0 billion

Oregon's Share: \$22.2 million

Description: Helps states enforce child support directives.

For more information visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/> or hhs.gov/recovery.

Program: Clean Water

Federal Funding: \$6 billion

Oregon's Share: \$73.7 million

Description: Loans to upgrade wastewater treatment and drinking water systems.

For more information visit: www.deq.state.or.us/wq/loans/loans.htm or www.econ.oregon.gov.

Program: Community Development Block Grant

Federal Funding: \$1.0 billion

Oregon's Share: \$10.2 million

Description: Additional funding for housing and other vital services for those hit hardest by the recession. Funds are distributed through a formula.

For more information visit:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/> or www.hud.gov/recovery.

Program: Community Services Block Grant

Federal Funding: \$1.0 billion

Oregon's Share: \$8.0 million

Description: Funding to provide supportive services to assist low-income individuals and families in becoming self-sufficient. Money is dispersed directly to states who will allocate the funds to locally-based institutions that provide services to low-income individuals and families. States will receive the money from the Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/> or hhs.gov/recovery.

Program: Emergency Food and Shelter

Federal Funding: \$100 million

Oregon's Share: \$1.5 million

Description: Emergency assistance for homeless individuals. Funding is allocated to national organizations which will disperse the money to locally-based agencies through an established federal formula.

For more information visit: <http://www.efsp.unitedway.org/>

Program: Emergency Food Assistance

Federal Funding: \$150 million

Oregon's Share: \$1.2 million

Description: Provides additional funding to help supplement the diets of low-income individuals by providing emergency food and nutrition assistance. Money is allocated to locally-based organizations.

For more information visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/>, oregon.gov/DHS/index.shtml, or contact Vic Todd, Department of Human Services at vic.todd@state.or.us or 503-945-5633.

Program: Foster Care and Adoption

Federal Funding: \$843.5 million

Oregon's Share: \$10.2 million

Description: Provides additional funding for child welfare program services.

For more information visit: <http://www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/foster/>

Program: Head Start and Early Head Start

Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Funding: \$2.1 billion

Oregon's Share: \$7.2 million for Head Start

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. 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 to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, to enhance the development of very young children, and to promote healthy family functioning.

For more information visit:

National Head Start: <http://www.nhsa.org/>

Oregon Head Start/Early Head Start: <http://www.ohsa.net/>

National Early Head Start: <http://www.ehsnrc.org/>

Oregon Department of Education: www.oregon.gov/ODE, or contact Patrick Burk at 503-947-5679 or patrick.burk@state.or.us.

Program: Higher Education

Funding Agency: Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$15.8 billion

Oregon's Share: \$188.3 million for Pell; \$2.7 million for work study

Description: Funding to increase the maximum Pell grant from \$4,850 to \$5,350 for award year 2009-2010. Remaining funding goes toward work study programs.

For more information visit:

Oregon Department of Education: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml> or

www.ed.gov/recovery.

Program: Highway Infrastructure

Federal Funding: \$27.5 billion

Oregon's Share: \$333.9 million

Description: Highway and bridge construction projects

For more information visit: www.dot.gov or recovery.oregon.gov

Program: HOME Investment Partnerships

Funding Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$2.3 billion

Oregon's Share: \$27.3 million

Description: Funding to build and rehabilitate low-income housing using green technologies.

For more information visit: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery> or www.ohcs.oregon.gov.

Program: Home Weatherization

Federal Funding: \$5.0 billion

Oregon's Share: \$50.3 million

Description: Helps low-income families reduce their energy costs by weatherizing their homes. Funds are provided based on an on-site energy audit and cost-effective guidelines. The expanded program includes households at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines. The maximum allowance per household has been increased from \$2,500 to \$6,500.

For more information visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/CONS/RES/reshome.shtml>

Program: Homelessness Prevention

Funding Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$1.5 billion

Oregon's Share: \$15 million; 3,400 households helped

Description: Provides short-term rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services.

For more information visit: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery> or

oregonhelps.org.

Program: Independent Living

Funding Agency: Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$140 million

Oregon's Share: \$0.2 million

Description: Funding for resources to improve the independence, productivity, and quality of life of individuals with disabilities.

For more information visit: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/cil/index.html> or oregonhelps.org.

Program: K-12 Education

Funding Agency: Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$27.2 billion

Oregon's Share: \$130.6 million for Title I; \$134.5 million for IDEA; \$1.6 million for homeless youth; \$6 million for Education Technology

Description: Funding to help prevent cuts in programs including Title I for disadvantaged children, IDEA for special education services, education for homeless youth, Education Technology program for computer and science labs, and others.

For more information visit:

Oregon Department of Education: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/recovery>

Program: Neighborhood Stabilization

Funding Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Oregon's Share: \$10 million

Description: Funding to purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed and vacant properties.

For more information visit: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>

Program: Prevention and Wellness Fund

Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Funding: \$1 billion

Oregon's Share: \$3.6 million for immunization services

Description: Funding to help fight preventable diseases, including \$300 million for immunization services.

For more information visit: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery>

Program: Public Housing Capital Fund

Funding Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$4 billion

Oregon's Share: \$14.4 million

Description: Funding to repair and modernize public housing and vacant properties to create more affordable housing and prevent blight.

For more information visit: <http://www.hud.gov/>

Program: Public Safety: Internet Crimes Against Children

Funding Agency: Department of Justice

Federal Funding: \$50 million

Oregon's Share: \$700,000

Description: Recovery money for prosecuting use of computer technology to sexually exploit children.

For more information visit: www.doj.gov/recovery

Program: School Lunch Equipment

Funding Agency: Department of Agriculture

Federal Funding: \$100 million

Oregon's Share: \$0.9 million

Description: Funds will be provided to states administering a school lunch program in a manner proportional with each state's administrative expense allocation. States shall then provide grants to school food authorities based on the need for equipment assistance. From these grants, priority will be

given to schools that have at least 50% enrollment eligible to receive free or reduced priced meals.

For more information visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/>

Program: Senior Blind Services

Funding Agency: Department of Human Services

Federal Funding: \$34.5 million

Oregon's Share: \$0.5 million

Description: Provides additional funding to support agencies that serve the blind, aging population.

For more information visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/>

Program: Senior Nutrition

Funding Agency: Department of Agriculture

Federal Funding: \$100 million

Oregon's Share: \$1.6 million

Description: Provides funding for senior food programs including Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meals.

For more information visit: www.oregon.gov/DHS/index.shtml or contact Elaine Young, Department of Human Services, at elaine.young@state.or.us or 503-373-1726.

Program: Seniors, Veterans and People with Disabilities Benefit

Funding Agency: Department of Agriculture

Federal Funding: \$14.2 billion

Oregon's Share: \$182 million

Description: Funds provide for a one-time payment of \$250 to retirees, people with disabilities including disabled veterans and those receiving benefits from Railroad Retirement.

For more information visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/> or oregonhelps.org.

Program: SNAP (Food Stamps)

Funding Agency: Department of Agriculture

Federal Funding: \$20 billion

Oregon's Share: \$307 million in increased benefits; \$5.7 million for state administrative costs; 516,000 Oregonians helped

Description: Money will go directly to states to supplement their existing food stamp program. The money will be distributed based on the needs of people in their state. The intent is to temporarily lift the three-month limit for unemployed childless adults. The benefits are scheduled to be allocated to recipients in April 2009.

For more information visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/assistance/foodstamps/foodstamps.shtml>

Program: State and Local Law Enforcement

Funding Agency: Department of Homeland Security

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Oregon's Share: \$22.2 million

Description: Recovery funding to prevent, fight, and prosecute crime

For more information visit: www.dhs.gov or

www.oregon.gov/cjc/index.shtml.

Program: State Energy Program

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$3.1 billion

Oregon's Share: \$ 40.3 million

Description: Funding from the State Energy Program is directed to state energy offices which allocate money based on their respective priorities.

Grants are used to fund emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. Funds are distributed at the state's discretion.

For more information visit: egov.oregon.gov/energy/odoe

Program: Training and Employment Services

Funding Agency: Department of Labor

Federal Funding: \$4.12 billion

Oregon's Share: \$6.4 million for adults; \$15.2 million for youth; \$14.7 million for dislocated workers; \$1.8 million for senior employment

Description: Provides funding for job training, including state grants for adults, youth and dislocated workers. Additional money is available for community service employment for low-income seniors.

For more information visit: <http://www.doleta.gov/>

Program: Transportation Improvement

Funding Agency: Department of Transportation

Federal Funding: \$8.4 billion

Oregon's Share: \$75.7 million

Description: Recovery funds available for new rail construction and for upgrading existing transit systems

For more information visit: www.dot.gov/recovery or www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/economic_stimulus.shtml. For a list of Portland metro-area recovery projects approved by Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation, please visit http://www.oregonmetro.gov/files/planning/project_list.pdf.

Program: Victim's Assistance

Funding Agency: Department of Justice

Federal Funding: \$100 million

Oregon's Share: \$900,000

Description: Recovery funds for support, compensation and assistance to crime victims

For more information visit: www.doj.gov/recovery or recovery.oregon.gov

Program: Violence Against Women Prevention

Funding Agency: Department of Justice

Federal Funding: \$225 million

Oregon's Share: \$2.9 million

Description: Recovery funding for the prevention and prosecution of crimes against women.

For more information visit: www.doj.gov

Program: Vocational Rehabilitation

Funding Agency: Department of Labor

Federal Funding: \$540 million

Oregon's Share: \$7.1 million

Description: Provides additional funding to vocational rehabilitation service providers to promote the employment of people with disabilities. 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.

For more information visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/index.shtml> or contact Stephanie Taylor, Department of Human Services, at stephanie.taylor@state.or.us or 503-945-6201.

IV. Federal Relief, Grant Opportunities

Army Corps of Engineers Funding

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.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

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/recovery> .

Department of Commerce

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/recovery>

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

Funding Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology

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 Defense

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

Department of Education

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/recovery>.

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

Program: Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research

Funding Agency: Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$680 million U.S. (Conference Report)

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 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: Who is this applicable to? Who is eligible? 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>

National Science Foundation

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

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 Energy

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 or www.energy.gov/recovery

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 or www.energy.gov/recovery.

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/recovery 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% matching grants to states provided by the Department. More information will be available at www.energy.gov/recovery 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/recovery 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/recovery 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 U.S. 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/recovery for more information.

Program: Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$390 million

Description: This Fund’s primary mission is to provide decontamination and decommissioning and cleanup of the nation’s three gaseous diffusion plants, namely in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded discretionally by the Department of Energy. Please check www.energy.gov/recovery 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/recovery.

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/recovery 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.

Program: Advanced Battery Manufacturing Grants

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Description: 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. Information about Federal grants may be found at www.grants.gov.

Department of Health and Human Services

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/recovery 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/recovery.

Program: Establish a New Initiative to award capacity building grants directly to non-profits

Funding Agency: Department of Health and Humans 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/recovery 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>.

Department of Homeland Security

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 Interior

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 Justice

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. Also visit www.doj.state.or.us/crimev

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 or www.doj.state.or.us.

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>, or

www.doj.state.or.us.

Department of Labor

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 or www.dol.gov/recovery.

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 the SCSEP services as well as other 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. See www.dol.gov/recovery.

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.

U.S. Department of Transportation

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: 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

Oregon's Share: \$30 million, which will be distributed to up to 12 airports.

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. For more information visit www.oregon.gov/aviation or contact Dan Clem, Oregon Department of Aviation, at daniel.e.clem@state.or.us or call 503-378-2340.

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. 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.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Program: Hazardous Substance Superfund

Funding Agency: EPA

Federal Funding: \$600 million

Description: Funds are limited to the Superfund Remedial program. The Superfund Remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and the environment. Of the over 15,000 uncontrolled hazardous waste sites nation-wide, EPA currently has listed 1,255 sites on its National Priority List. It is these sites, selected based on a hazard ranking system, which would benefit from recovery funds.

How to Apply: The EPA will award these funds based on the National Priority List for Superfund Remedial sites. Please continue to check www.epa.gov/recovery or www.epa.gov/superfund for additional information.

Program: Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund

Account

Funding Agency: EPA

Federal Funding: \$200 million

Description: Through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program, EPA provides resources to states and territories for the oversight, enforcement and cleanup of petroleum releases from underground storage tanks (USTs). EPA estimates that every year 7,570 new releases occur. Added to the number of sites not yet completed, there could be as many as 116,000 sites requiring clean up actions in 2009.

How to Apply: The EPA will award these funds based on their priority lists for the program. Please visit www.epa.gov/recovery as they continue to administer the program.

Program: Brownfields Projects

Funding Agency: EPA

Federal Funding: \$100 million

Description: Funds are provided for Brownfields competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent of which are

mandated by law to address petroleum contamination. Funds will capitalize revolving funds and provide low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.

How to Apply: Eligible entities include state, local and tribal governments, legislatures, general purpose units of local government, land clearance authorities or other quasi-governmental entities and non-profit organizations.

Grants will be distributed by federal agency on a competitive basis. Visit www.epa.gov/recovery or www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grants

Funding Agency: EPA

Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: Created in 2005, the DERA program provides grants and loans to states and local governments for projects that reduce diesel emission. Priority projects include those that maximize public health benefits by significantly reducing particulate matter emissions which are a significant threat to both human health and a likely contributor to global warming. The program also targets geographic areas with high air pollution and air toxics and areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution, such as truck stops and ports. EPA funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs.

How to Apply: Eligible entities include US regional, State, local, tribal or port agencies with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality and nonprofit organizations that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that operate diesel fleets. Visit www.grants.gov or www.epa.gov/recovery for more information.

Financial Services

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.

Housing and Urban Development

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 funding 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% 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/recovery.

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

Funding Agency: Small Business Administration

Federal Funding: \$636,000,000

Description: This program provides \$636 million for new direct lending and guarantee authorities under the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 504 certified development company (CDC) program, which provides growing businesses with long-term; fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings. Additional provisions for small businesses can be found in the tax section of this document.

How to Apply: Competitive grants can be obtained through the Small Business Administration at www.grants.gov or www.sba.gov. The SBA would be authorized to guarantee up to 90% of small business loans originating under the 504 program, and to refinance such loans.