

# Roadmap to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



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On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 into law. The United States is facing a severe economic crisis, and South Dakota is not immune to national trends. This extraordinary economic situation calls for quick and decisive action. I believe the ARRA will have a strong stimulative effect on our economy through tax benefits, job creation and infrastructure investment. Among the many benefits for South Dakota are approximately \$236 million for transportation infrastructure; more than \$270 million for education-related programs and state assistance; and tax breaks for hundreds of thousands of South Dakota families, individuals and businesses.

I am pleased to provide this *Roadmap to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*. We all share a significant stake in this effort to strengthen our economy, and it's important that we understand how and where these resources are being invested. Some of the information in this document is based on estimates and is subject to formulaic calculations. In an effort to provide you with the most up-to-date information, we will continue to update the *Roadmap* as more information becomes available.

*Today does not mark the end of our economic troubles. Nor does it constitute all of what we must do to turn our economy around. But it does mark the beginning of the end - the beginning of what we need to do to create jobs for Americans scrambling in the wake of layoffs; to provide relief for families worried they won't be able to pay next month's bills; and to set our economy on a firmer foundation, paving the way to long-term growth and prosperity.*

-President Barack Obama, 2/17/09, Denver, CO

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## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Program: Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband**

**Funding Agency:** Rural Utilities Service

**Federal Funding:** \$2.5 billion

**Description:** Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure throughout the country. Seventy-five percent of the area to be serviced 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](http://www.grants.gov) and <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>.

## **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 awards 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](http://www.grants.gov) and [http://www.dot.gov/citizen\\_services/grants\\_loans/](http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/) as more information will be posted as it becomes available.

**Program: Public Transportation**

**Funding Agency:** Federal Transit Administration

**Federal Funding:** \$6.9 billion

**Description:** These funds will be administered through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Eighty percent of the funding will be distributed through the FTA's urbanized formula, 10% of the funding will be through FTA's rural formula, and 10% will be through FTA's growing states and high density formula.

**How to Apply:** Formula funding through FTA to states and qualifying cities.

**Program: Rail Transportation: Intercity and High Speed**

**Funding Agency:** U.S. 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](http://www.grants.gov) and <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>.

**Program: Grants-in-Aid for Airports**

**Federal Agency:** Federal Aviation Administration

**Federal Funding:** \$1.1 billion

**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.

**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 at 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. No more than 60% of the remaining funds will be spent in the Northeast Corridor. It requires that funds be awarded within 30 days of enactment and that all projects funded be completed within two years.

**Program: Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment**

**Federal Agency:** Federal Transit Administration

**Federal Funding:** \$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.

**Program: Capital Investment Grants**

**Federal Agency:** Federal Transit Administration

**Federal Funding:** \$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.

**Army Corps of Engineers Funding**

**Federal Agency:** Army Corps of Engineers

**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 of environmental restoration projects. The Army Corps of Engineers will receive \$4.6 billion in ARRA funding for backlogged projects.

## **Department of Commerce**

### **Program: Economic Development Assistance Programs**

**Funding Agency:** Economic Development Administration

**Federal Funding:** \$150 million

**Description:** The program's funding is first distributed regionally on a formula 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. An additional \$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/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>

### **Program: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

**Funding Agency:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, United States Department of Commerce

**Federal Funding:** \$4.7 billion

**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 Justice**

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

**Funding Agency:** Office on Violence against Women

**Federal Funding:** \$225 million

**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. An additional \$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 and non-profit non-governmental victim's services programs may apply.

Visit [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop\\_grant\\_desc.htm](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](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm) for the transitional housing assistance grants.

### **Program: Byrne Competitive Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

**Federal Funding:** \$225 million

**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](http://www.grants.gov).

### **Program: Rural Law Enforcement**

**Funding Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

**Federal Funding:** \$125 million

**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](http://www.grants.gov) or <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.

### **Program: Victims Compensation**

**Funding Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

**Federal Funding:** \$100 million

**Description:** The funding is for formula grants to be administered through the Justice Department's Office for Victims of 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](http://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

**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/>

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/programs/ProgSummary.asp?pi=3#Funding>

## **National Science Foundation**

**Program: Robert Noyce Scholarship Program**

**Funding Agency:** National Science Foundation

**Federal Funding:** \$60 million

**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

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5733](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5733) or

[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

**Program: Math and Science Partnerships**

**Funding Agency:** National Science Foundation

**Federal Funding:** \$25 million

**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](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5756&org=NSF)

or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

## **Department of Education**

### **Program: Impact Aid**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$100 million

**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](http://www.grants.gov) or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

### **Program: Innovation and Improvement**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$200 million

**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>.

### **Program: Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$680 million

**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](http://www.grants.gov).

### **Program: Student Financial Assistance**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$15.84 billion

**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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or

<http://studentaid.ed.gov> or [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov) to obtain application and further information.

**Program: Institute of Education Sciences**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$250 million

**Description:** 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>

## **Department of Homeland Security**

**Program: State and Local Programs**

**Funding Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Federal Funding:** \$300 million

**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](http://www.grants.gov)

**Program: Firefighter Assistance Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Federal Funding:** \$210 million

**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

**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>.

**Program: Emergency Food and Shelter Program**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Homeland Security

**Federal Funding:** \$100 million

**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.

## **Department of Defense**

**Program: Near Term Energy Efficiency Technology Demonstrations and Research**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Defense

**Federal Funding:** \$300 million

**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](http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/docs/guide_to_dod_contracting_opportunities_us_20070425.pdf)

## **Department of 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](http://www.HUD.gov) or [www.grants.gov](http://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 funds 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 percent 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](http://www.grants.gov) or [www.hud.gov](http://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](http://www.grants.gov) or [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

## **Small Business Provisions**

**Funding Agency:** Small Business Administration

**Federal Funding:** \$636 million

**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.

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

*\*Two additional provisions for small businesses can be found in the tax section of this document.*

## **Financial Services**

### **Program: Community Development Financial Institution Programs**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Treasury

**Federal Funding:** \$100 million

**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](http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7).

## **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 million

**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 House and Senate 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](http://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 million

**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](http://www.hhs.gov) or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program: Early Head Start**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

**Federal Funding:** \$1.1 billion

**Description:** Early Head Start 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](http://www.grants.gov) or [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov).

**Program: Establish a New Initiative to award capacity building grants directly to nonprofits**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Humans Services

**Federal Funding:** \$100 million

**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](http://www.hhs.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://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 patient's 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 Health IT. To apply go to [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov) or [www.grants.gov](http://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](http://www.grants.gov) or <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm>.

## **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 are 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 are 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 at the discretion of 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](http://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](http://www.usgs.gov) for more information.

## **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. Please check [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov) for more information.

**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](http://www.grants.gov).

**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 it administers this program. Please check [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and [www.dol.gov](http://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.

**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.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.doe.gov) for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**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](http://www.doe.gov) for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**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](http://www.energy.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://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](http://www.energy.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://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](http://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 percent matching grants to states provided by the Department. More information will be available at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://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](http://www.energy.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://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](http://www.energy.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://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](http://www.energy.gov) 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 Tennessee Technology Park in Tennessee, the Paducah GDP in Kentucky, and the Portsmouth GDP near Piketon, Ohio.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be awarded discretionally by the Department of Energy. Please check [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) 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](http://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](http://www.energy.gov).

**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](http://www.energy.gov) for more information.

**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](http://www.doe.gov) for additional information. Federal grants can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

## **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

**Program: Hazardous Substance Superfund**

**Funding Agency:** EPA

**Federal Funding:** \$600 million

**Description:** Funds are limited to the Superfund Remedial program, which 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 nationwide, 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](http://www.epa.gov) or [www.epa.gov/superfund](http://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 Program, EPA provides resources to states and territories for the oversight, enforcement and cleanup of petroleum releases from underground storage tanks. 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](http://www.epa.gov) as it continues to administer the program.

**Program: Brownfield Projects**

**Funding Agency:** EPA

**Federal Funding:** \$100 million

**Description:** Funds are provided for Brownfield 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 the federal agency on a competitive basis. Visit [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) or [www.grants.gov](http://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 U.S. regional, state, local, tribal or port agencies with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, as well as nonprofit organizations that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that operate diesel fleets. Visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) for more information.

# What does ARRA mean for South Dakota?

## Job-Creating Investments

Since the recession began in December 2007, the nation has lost more than 3.6 million jobs, with 50 percent of those losses occurring within the last three months, and the national unemployment rate has skyrocketed to 8.1 percent. Without swift action, economists estimate that an additional five million job losses could occur this year and the unemployment rate could rise to 10 percent.

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* will create or save 3.5 million good-paying jobs nationally over the next two years, more than 90 percent of which will be in the private sector. According to the White House, 10,000 of these jobs will be in South Dakota. Getting America back to work is the first step on the road to economic recovery and long-term competitiveness and prosperity.

## Infrastructure and science

In order to rebuild our weakening economy, these investments in our physical and cyber infrastructure will put South Dakotans immediately to work rebuilding our crumbling roads and bridges, and will also enable the creation of a stronger and more efficient infrastructure for the 21st century economy. The economic recovery package includes the following estimated benefits for South Dakota:

- \$19.7 million through the **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund** to address the backlog of drinking water infrastructure needs
- \$19.5 million through the **Clean Water State Revolving Fund** to address the backlog of clean water infrastructure needs
- \$183 million in **Highway Funding** to be used on activities eligible under the Federal aid Highway Program's Surface Transportation Program and could also include rail and port infrastructure activities at the discretion of the states



<http://www.sddot.com/pe/projdev/docs/EconStim02192009.pdf>



A portion of South Dakota's highway funding is allocated to counties and cities.

[http://www.sddot.com/pe/projdev/docs/ARARA\\_localpercentages.pdf](http://www.sddot.com/pe/projdev/docs/ARARA_localpercentages.pdf)

- \$11.3 million in **Transit Formula Funding** for investments in mass transit
- \$2.8 million through the **Public Housing Capital Fund** to enable local public housing agencies to address a national \$32 billion backlog in capital needs – especially those improving energy efficiency in aging developments – in this critical element of the nation's affordable housing infrastructure
- \$5.5 million in **HOME Funding** to enable state and local government, in partnership with community-based organizations, to acquire, construct, and rehabilitate affordable housing and provide rental assistance to poor families

- \$3.3 million through the **Homelessness Prevention Fund** to be used for prevention activities, which include: short or medium-term rental assistance, first and last month's rental payment, or utility payments. As such, most of this funding will go directly into the economy of local communities, as the funds will be used to pay housing and other associated costs in the private market.

### **Education and Training in South Dakota**

In order to compete in the 21st Century, we must have a well-educated workforce, capable of adapting to an ever-changing economic environment. Investing in education now will ensure that the next generation of South Dakota's workers is ready and able to meet the challenge of global competition. In the near-term, millions of workers have seen their jobs disappear, and find themselves unable to match their skill sets with existing opportunities. Providing job training in new and expanding fields will help to lower the unemployment rate and help today's workers better compete against foreign competition.

The economic recovery package includes the following estimated benefits for South Dakota:

- \$31.6 million for **Special Education Part B State Grants** to help improve educational outcomes for individuals with disabilities, raising the federal contribution to nearly 40 percent, the level established when the law was authorized more than 30 years ago
- \$43.4 million for **Title I Education for the Disadvantaged** to help close the achievement gap and enable disadvantaged students to reach their potential



[http://www.nea.org/assets/docs/HR\\_1\\_ARRA\\_State\\_Table.pdf](http://www.nea.org/assets/docs/HR_1_ARRA_State_Table.pdf)



Click here to see how much your school district will receive:

<http://edlabor.house.gov/documents/111/pdf/publications/SOUTHDAKOTA-20090213-HR1-LEAs.pdf>



Click here for updated Title 1 allocations for South Dakota school districts:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/southdakota.pdf>

- \$3.1 million in **education technology** funds to purchase up-to-date computers and software and provide professional development to ensure the technology is used effectively in the classroom
- \$2.8 million in **State Employment Service Grants** to match unemployed individuals to job openings through state employment service agencies and allow South Dakota to provide customized reemployment services
- \$1.1 million in **Dislocated Workers State Grants**, particularly for grants that support immediate strategies for regions and communities to meet their need for skilled workers, as well as longer-term plans to build targeted industry clusters with better training and a more productive workforce
- \$1.2 million for Department of Labor's **Adult State Grants**
- \$2.9 million for Department of Labor's **Youth State Grants**

- \$1.6 million for **Vocational Rehabilitation** to help individuals with disabilities prepare for and sustain gainful employment

According to the White House, the economic recovery package also includes more Pell Grants for the 22,000 **Pell Grant** recipients in South Dakota.

### **State Fiscal Stabilization**

The U.S. Department of Education estimates that the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* includes \$127.5 million for South Dakota through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. These funds will help stabilize state and local government budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential public services. The program will help ensure that local educational agencies (LEAs) and publicly funded institutions of higher education (IHEs) have the resources to avert cuts and retain teachers and professors. The program may also help support the modernization, renovation, and repair of school and college facilities. In addition, the law provides governors with significant resources to support education (including school modernization renovation, and repair), public safety, and other government services.

### **South Dakota's Energy**

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* provides investments in areas critical to the development of clean, efficient, American energy, including modernizing energy transmission, research and development of renewable energy technologies, and modernizing and upgrading government buildings and vehicles. The economic recovery package includes the following estimated benefits for South Dakota:

- \$23.7 million through the **State Energy Program**
- \$25 million through the **Weatherization Assistance Program**

### **Indian Country Investments**

To address the issues of chronic unemployment and deteriorating infrastructure in Indian Country, the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* has included approximately \$2.6 billion in funding for construction and infrastructure improvements and more than \$2.4 billion in bond authority for financing opportunities to create jobs and improve infrastructure with the goal of improving the quality of life for all Native Americans, including those in South Dakota. Provisions in the economic recovery plan include:

- **Improving Indian Health Service and Indian Health Facilities (\$500 million).** \$227 million will fund two new construction projects, \$100 million will be spent on maintenance and improvement programs, \$68 million to construct and repair sanitation facilities, and \$20 million for medical equipment. The economic recovery plan also includes \$85 million to upgrade and improve information technology at Indian Health Service facilities to improve the delivery of health care services to American Indians.
- **Enhancing Tribal Economic Opportunities.** The economic recovery plan creates \$2 billion in tax exempt bonds authority for tribal economic development

- endeavors; provides \$10 million to establish and improve Tribal Community Development Financial Institutions; and includes \$10 million for the BIA Indian Loan Guarantee Program.
- **Improving Access to Health Care.** The economic recovery plan prohibits co-payments for Medicaid recipients; exempts some Indian property from inclusion in resource determinations for Medicaid and CHIP; and makes it easier for American Indians to utilize Medicaid benefits through Medicaid-managed care organizations (\$25 million). Indian tribes are also expressly included as eligible for the Emergency Contingency Fund for State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
  - **Strengthening Indian Education.** Tribes will receive set-asides under Head Start, Early Head Start and Special Education (IDEA) programs. Tribes will also benefit from the \$100 million for Impact Aid. The economic recovery plan provides funding for construction and improvements to tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, and includes up to \$400 million for qualified Indian school construction bonds.
  - **Improving Tribal Infrastructure.** The economic recovery plan includes \$450 million to build new and to improve existing tribal government infrastructure, including Indian schools, roads, jails, and irrigation and dam projects on Indian lands.
  - **Addressing Tribal Public Safety and Justice.** \$225 million in funding is dedicated through the Department of Justice to building new and improving existing detention centers in Indian Country. The Act provides \$22.5 million to prevent and prosecute violence against women in Indian Country. Tribes are also eligible to compete for \$1 billion in the Community Oriented Policing Services program.
  - **Improving Tribal Housing.** \$510 million is dedicated to block and competitive grants administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act to construct and rehabilitate reservation homes and other authorized projects. Additional funding would go to the housing improvement program administered by the BIA. Tribes are also eligible to compete in HUD's \$5 billion weatherization assistance program.
  - **Improving Indian Reservation Roads.** \$327.5 million is allocated to improving tribal and BIA roads, bridges, and reservation transit systems. Of this amount, \$310 million would go the Indian Reservation Roads program within the Department of Transportation. An additional \$17.25 million will go to improve tribal transit programs.
  - **Improving drinking water and water service systems on reservations.** In addition to construction funds administered by the BIA, \$60 million is dedicated for Bureau of Reclamation Indian water intake and treatment facilities. Tribal governments would also receive approximately \$120 million through a set-aside in the Safe Drinking and Clean Water Revolving Funds.
  - **Expanding Nutrition Programs.** The economic recovery plan allocates \$5 million to the Food Distribution Program for Indian Reservations (USDA) to support the approximately 86,000 low-income Native Americans who receive

monthly assistance. The Native Elder Nutrition program also receives \$3 million to care for tribal elders.

### **Protecting the Vulnerable in South Dakota**

The current economic crisis has affected all South Dakotans, but none more so than the most vulnerable among us. The spending proposed here will serve to lessen the blow of the current recession, providing immediate relief for children, the poor, and others who may find themselves struggling to put food on the table or a roof over their head. It will also address the urgent need to provide safe and secure places to live, even in neighborhoods that are struggling with high unemployment and surging foreclosure rates. The economic recovery package includes the following estimated benefits in our state:

- \$308,321 for **National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance**
- \$231,108 through the **Emergency Food Assistance Program**
- \$42.1 million in **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** benefits
- \$163,398 for the **Emergency Food and Shelter Program**, which provides grants to nonprofit and faith-based organizations at the local level to supplement their programs for emergency food and shelter to provide for the immediate needs of the homeless
- \$5.5 million in **Child Care and Development Block Grants** to provide quality child care services for in low-income families who increasingly are unable to afford the high cost of day care
- \$1.9 million for **Head Start** to allow additional children to participate in this program, which provides development, educational, health, nutritional, social and other activities that prepare children to succeed in school
- \$4.1 million in **Community Services Block Grants** to local community action agencies for services to the growing numbers of low-income families hurt by the economic crisis, such as housing and mortgage counseling, jobs skills training, food pantry assistance, as well as benefits outreach and enrollment
- \$500,000 for **Senior Meals Programs** to help senior meals programs cope with steep increases in food and fuel costs. Many programs are reducing meal deliveries to seniors or closing meal sites

According to the Center for Law and Social Policy, South Dakota will receive an estimated \$3.3 million, benefiting an estimated 900 households in South Dakota for **Homelessness Prevention** activities, which include short- to medium-term rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization assistance, and rapid re-housing assistance for those who have become homeless.

### **Law Enforcement in South Dakota**

Nearly every sector of the American job market has suffered job loss and programming cuts, including state and local law enforcement. Cuts in this field can have a devastating direct and indirect effect on the health of a community by way of increased crime, lowered property values, business closings, and the loss of good paying, upwardly-mobile, middle class growing jobs. The economic recovery package includes the following estimated benefits for South Dakota:

- \$5 million in **Byrne/JAG grants** to support law enforcement efforts



<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recjag/SD.xls>

- \$ 1.5 million for **crime victims compensation and assistance**
- \$403,670 in **Internet Crimes Against Children Grants** to help law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative response to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children
- \$940,371 in **Violence Against Women Grants** for victim services programs to improve the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women and to assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services

The Center for Law and Social Policy estimates that the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* also includes \$5.9 million for South Dakota in federal matching funds for child support enforcement, which will improve South Dakota's ability to collect child support – a critical safety net for struggling families and a reliable source of economic stimulus because those families reinvest the money into the local economy for basic needs.

## **Extended Unemployment Insurance for South Dakota**

Unemployment in South Dakota stood at 4.4 percent in January 2009 (the last month for which we have data). The Department of Labor estimates that South Dakota could receive \$17.8 million in new funding if South Dakota fully enacts the UI modernization incentives that the new law provides.

According to the National Employment Law Project, this means that an additional \$100 in unemployment insurance benefits will be offered to approximately 17,000 workers who have lost their jobs in this recession. The package also extends the deadline to qualify for the Emergency Unemployment Compensation extensions through December 31, 2009.

The National Employment Law Project has estimated the number of people that will benefit from these provisions.



<http://www.nelp.org/page/-/UI/RecoveryPlanEstimates.pdf>

## Fiscal Relief for South Dakota Through Medicaid

Rising unemployment rates mean that more people are losing their health insurance and relying on Medicaid to maintain coverage. The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* provides almost \$87 billion over the next two years in additional federal matching funds to help states, including South Dakota, maintain their Medicaid programs. Already 28 states have proposed or enacted cuts to public health programs and state budget deficits continue to grow. This temporary, targeted funding is critical to ensuring that states experiencing significant unemployment receive additional funding. South Dakota will receive \$120 million that will help the state avoid cutting eligibility for Medicaid and maintain the services available to recipients.



<http://www.staterecovery.org/Websites/staterecovery/Images/1-22-09bud-fmap.pdf>

## Tax Relief for South Dakota Families and Businesses

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* offers the following tax provisions, which will help South Dakota businesses and families; create jobs; and boost South Dakota's economy:

- Up to \$400 for workers (or \$800 for married couples) in the new **Making Work Pay Tax Credit** for 320,000 workers and their families in South Dakota
- \$250 to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and disabled veterans
- \$2,500 for 7,000 additional families in South Dakota that will qualify for the new **American Opportunity Tax Credit** that makes college more affordable for 3.8 million families nationwide
- Extended and increased first-time **Homebuyer Tax Credit** to both help aspiring homeowners and stabilize plummeting home prices
- **Extended Bonus Depreciation and Small Business Expensing** through 2009, allowing businesses that make capital investments to immediately deduct one-half the cost. Small businesses can immediately deduct 100 percent of the cost of these investments

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* would protect over 26 million working families across the nation from the **Alternative Minimum Tax**, representing thousands of dollars in additional income taxes. According to the Congressional Research Service, 23,000 South Dakotans would be protected from the Alternative Minimum Tax in 2009.