

# **RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

## ***BACKGROUND & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES***

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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 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.

**Program: Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Agriculture

**Federal Funding:**

**Description:** The States shall provide competitive grants to school food authorities based upon the need for equipment assistance in participating schools with priority given to school in which not less than 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), <http://www.usda.gov>, or <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/pubs/pa1699.htm>

## **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](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

**Ohio Funding:** \$137,228,232

**Description:** These funds will be administered through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). 80% 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:** 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](http://www.grants.gov) and <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>.

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

**Federal Agency: Federal Aviation Administration**

**Grants-in-Aid for Airports:** \$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 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. 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.

**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.

**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/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 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.

**How to Apply:** Please visit [www.doc.gov](http://www.doc.gov)

**Department of Justice**

**Program: COPS Hiring Grant Program**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Justice

**Federal Funding:** 1 Billion

**Description:** The COPS Hiring Grant Program supports local law enforcement entities with hiring approximately 13,000 new law enforcement officers for three years. The grantee is responsible for at least 25 percent in matching funds and must commit to use their own funds to keep the officer on board in the fourth year. The program provides funding directly to state and local jurisdictions for the salaries and benefits of newly hired officers engaged in community policing. This allows communities, regardless of size, to directly hire police officers and sheriffs' deputies who are then deployed into community policing, or a comparable number of veteran officers can be redeployed into community policing activities in their place.

**How to Apply:** The Application materials are scheduled to be available @ [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov) on or about 16 March 2009, and must be completed and returned within 6 weeks.

**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](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 U.S.

**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:** Funding that is awarded directly to the state governments, will be administered by a State Administering Agency (SAA) which will then set priorities and allocate funds within that state. Additional information about SAAs can be found here: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/saa/index.htm>

**Program: Rural Law Enforcement**

**Funding Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

**Federal Funding:** \$125 million U.S.

**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:** Information about how to apply will be announced soon [www.usdoj.gov/recovery](http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery)

**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](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 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/>  
<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 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

**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 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](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 for the emergency repairs of school facilities and modernization grants to carry out the modernization of school facilities.



**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: Homeless Student Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** 720 Million

**Description:** 650 million is available through formula funding and \$70 million in competitive grants. The States' educational agencies will sub-grant the McKinney-Vento funds to local school districts on a competitive basis or according to a formula based on the number of homeless students identified by the local educational agencies in the State.

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit [www.ed.gov/funds](http://www.ed.gov/funds)

**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>.

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

**Program: Student Financial Assistance**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$17.1 billion

**Description:** \$17.1 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 per student.

**How to Apply:** Applicants for a Pell Grant should visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html>, [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), or <http://studentaid.ed.gov> to obtain 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>

**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](http://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 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:** Please visit

[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)

## **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 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](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 (what type of formula? Where can it be found? ).

**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).

**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.

**Program: Neighborhood Stabilization Stimulus Program**

**Funding Agency:** Housing and Urban Development

**Federal Funding:** 1,980,000,000

**Description:** Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), round 2. Competitive grants awarded for activities eligible under division B, title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-289, NSP round 1), to address home foreclosure and abandonment and for the provision of capacity building and support for NSP grantees. Rating factors will include grantee capacity to execute projects, leveraging potential, and concentration of investment to achieve neighborhood stabilization. Grantees must expend at least 50 percent of each grant within 2 years and 100 percent within 3 years of grant award. HUD must issue Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) with application requirements no later than May 3, 2009. Applicants will prepare an application and, for programmatic funding, complete citizen participation before submitting to HUD. Applications will be due to HUD not later than 150 days after enactment. HUD will review applications and make awards shortly thereafter.

**How to Apply:** Eligible applicants are states, units of general local government, nonprofit entities, and consortia of nonprofit entities, which may submit proposals in partnership with for profit entities. Please visit [www.hud.gov/recovery](http://www.hud.gov/recovery) for more information

**Program: Public Housing Capital Fund Stimulus**

**Funding Agency:** Housing and Urban Development

**Funding Funding:** 995,000,000

**Description:** To provide funds for the capital and management activities of Public Housing Agencies as authorized under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (the "Act"), with the exception that funds cannot be used for operations or rental assistance. The funds shall be awarded by competition for priority investments, including investments that leverage private sector funding or financing for renovations and energy conservation. Funds shall be obligated through competitive funding by September 30, 2009. Public housing authorities shall give priority to capital projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available to the public housing authorities. Public housing agencies shall prioritize capital projects that are already underway or included in the 5-year capital fund plans required by the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437c-1(a)). Funds provided under this heading shall serve to supplement and not supplant expenditures from other Federal, State, or local sources or funds independently generated by the grantees. Notwithstanding section 9(j), public housing agencies shall obligate 100 percent of the funds within 1 year of the date on which funds become available to the agency for obligation, shall expend at least 60 percent of funds within 2 years of the date on which funds become available to the agency for obligation, and shall expend 100 percent of the funds within 3 years of such date.

**How to Apply:** HUD will issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) seeking applications from eligible applicants. Awards shall be obligated through competitive funding by September 30, 2009.

**Small Business**

**Program: Business Stabilization**

**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.

**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% of small business loans originating under the 504 program, and to refinance such loans.

**Other Provisions in the American Recovery Act for Small Businesses:**

Provides an additional \$69 million for salaries and expenses, including \$24 million for microloan technical assistance, and \$20 million to improve lender oversight;

Provides an additional \$6 million for direct loans;

Provides an additional \$15 million for the SBA's surety bond program and increases the size of the maximum bond;

Eliminates (or reduces as much as possible) fees in the 7(a) and 504 business loan programs and for lender oversight;

Allows the SBA to guarantee certain loans that, in part, refinance existing business loans;

Authorizes the SBA to guarantee pools of first lien CDC/504 loans sold to third party investors;

Increases the funds ("leverage") available to SBA-licensed Small Business Investment Companies (SBICs);

Requires SBICs to invest at least 50% of their venture capital in low-income areas as defined by the New Market Venture Capital program; and

Requires SBICs to make 25% of their investments in "smaller" companies, which are defined as having a net financial worth of not more than \$6 million and an average net income for the past two years of not more than \$2 million.

For more information, please visit [www.sba.gov/recovery](http://www.sba.gov/recovery)

### **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](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: \$500,000,000**

**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](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: \$300,000,000**

**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](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 (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](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:** \$100,000,000

**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](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 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](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 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](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.

**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, please visit 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 they administer 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: Weatherization and State Energy Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

**Federal Funding:** 8 Billion

**Description:** The funds will be divided between the Weatherization Assistance Program, which will receive nearly \$5 billion, and the State Energy Program, which will receive up to \$3 billion. This will help families save hundreds of dollars every year on their energy bills, while creating approximately 87,000 jobs.

The State Energy Program funding will be used to provide rebates to consumers for home energy audits or other energy-saving improvements; to develop renewable energy and alternative fuel projects; to promote Energy Star products; to upgrade the energy efficiency of state and local government buildings; and other innovative state efforts to help families save money on their energy bills. The weatherization funding will improve the energy efficiency of the homes of low-income families by adding more insulation, sealing leaks, or modernizing heating and air conditioning equipment, at a cost of up to \$6,500 per home. The energy efficiency upgrades will be available for families making up to 200% of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, this translates to about \$44,000 per year in the lower 48 states, \$55,140 per year in Alaska, and \$50,720 per year in Hawaii.

**How to Apply:** Visit [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)

**Program: Biomass from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

**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: The Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicles Data Center/  
Advanced Battery Manufacturing Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** 2 Billion

**Description:** Funds shall be available for grants for the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components and the Secretary shall provide facility funding awards under this section to manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries that are produced in the United States, including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component manufacturers, and software designers

**How to Apply:** Please visit for more information:

[http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/vehicles/hybrid\\_electric\\_storage.html](http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/vehicles/hybrid_electric_storage.html)

**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, 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](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**

**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: 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.doe.gov) for additional information. 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:** 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. Information about Federal grants may 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. 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](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 (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](http://www.epa.gov) 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](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

**How to Apply:** Please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)