



Questions from attendees

How will the stimulus plan support quality business competition?

- Bids
- Requests For Proposals
- Competitive procedures





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Stabilization Funds are going to be used to fully fund state adequacy aid to education. As such these funds are indistinguishable from state funds.

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At the same time, it is my understanding that these funds need to be accounted for separately and reported.

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Yes.

**Federal law and regulation
will require more reporting
than has occurred in the
past.**





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The exact character of the reporting that will be required for ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Funds used for adequacy have yet to be determined.





Questions from attendees

It will be necessary to have a system of segregating ARRA funds sufficiently to document how they have been used.



Questions from attendees

New Hampshire's Constitution requires that “the State . . . develop a system of accountability to ensure the delivery of a constitutionally adequate public education.”

Claremont School Dist. v. Governor,
142 N.H. 462, 477 (1997) (Claremont II).





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State officials are working with School officials to develop an appropriate and constitutionally sound accounting and reporting procedure that satisfies federal law and ARRA guidance.



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- **What will be the accountability standards to assure that the funds are used as provided in the Stimulus Bill?**
- **State funds will be tracked with separate revenue and expense codes in the State's accounting system.**



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All uses will be publicly posted on NH Recovery Web site

- **Bids, RFPs, Grant Opportunities**
- **All awarded contracts and grants**



Questions from attendees

- State compliance officers from the Office of Economic Stimulus will monitor use and assist with compliance
- Federal Inspectors General have received approximately \$184,000,000 to monitor use nationally





Questions from attendees

- **Recipients of contracts and grants will be required to give federal officials access to records, officials, and staff**
- **ARRA provides added whistle blower protections**

Questions from attendees

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Generally, No.

Stimulus funds will assist the State in providing the additional 123 million dollars in adequacy funding

required by State law



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Eligible schools will receive additional Title I and IDEA funds

- **Limited to permitted uses under federal law**
- **Spending plans must be approved by State Dept. of Education**





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Will school districts be allowed to use the stimulus money to restore significant budget cuts?

General Rule: Federal grant funds must be used to supplement, not supplant or replace state/local funds.



Questions from attendees

Will any of the stimulus money be used toward funding public libraries?

We do not know of any ARRA funded programs providing general funds for public libraries.



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The Broadband appropriation includes funds for competitive grants to promote and expand Internet access at Public Libraries and Community Colleges.



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- How do we as a town assist our population in the proper access of weatherization and fuel efficiency funding?

The NH Recovery Web Site will have videos to assist individuals with the process for seeking weatherization.



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There currently is a backlog of weatherization requests that will likely exhaust the ARRA weatherization funds.



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People who are qualified should nonetheless sign up. Some people with special needs qualify to be moved towards the front of the list.



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**Call the Community Action Agency nearest
you to apply:**

Tri-County 752-3248 or 888 842-3835

Belknap-Merrimack 225-6880

Southern NH 647-4470 or 800 322-1073

Strafford 749-1334

Rockingham 436-3896 or 800 639-3896

Southwest NH 352-7512 or 800 529-0005



Questions from attendees

How can my Small Business benefit by the Federal Stimulus programs?

- **Identify projects or activities that will be funded by ARRA that your business provides goods or services for.**



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Monitor grant awards or contracting opportunities:

- **At the NH Recovery web site**
- **Where municipalities/Schools post opportunities in your business area**



Questions from attendees

Can we use stimulus money to reinstate our School Resource Officer?

The Community Oriented Policing Services Grant Program will award grants for three years salary and benefits if a municipality agrees to fund for a 4th year.

NH Recovery web site at Public Safety Tab or

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>

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Questions from attendees

How and when will businesses be reimbursed for the 65% of COBRA paid out for separated employees?

For those businesses subject to the COBRA requirement, the business is permitted to deduct the 65% from their payroll tax payments.

<http://www.dol.gov/COBRA>





Questions from attendees

Will NH use only NH companies to do ARRA projects?

No. Prudent use of tax dollars and ARRA requires competitive selection process that seek the best deal for the people of the State.





Questions from attendees

What funds are available for Arts Programs?

NH State Council on the Arts expects to receive a ARRA grant of \$293,100.

Some of those funds will be available for Arts Program sub-grants Statewide.