



**Congressman Jim Cooper's  
Guide to the  
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Dear Friend,

I would like to share with you some important information about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

As I meet with business and community leaders across Tennessee, I realize that the Recovery Plan's opportunities can be hard to decipher. As your Congressman, I would like to offer you information that can best put you in a position to access available funds and begin to the hard work of reviving our struggling economy.

Accordingly, I put together the following guidebook that highlights the resources available to local governments, community organizations, businesses, and individuals. This guidebook is a starting point and is not meant to be an exhaustive source. Nevertheless, I will frequently update it to reflect new developments.

Tennessee stands to receive \$4.5 billion from the Recovery Plan. Some funding will be distributed through established state formulas that give funding authority to the governor and appropriate state agencies. Other funding will be allocated through existing federal agency grants. In some instances, the State or Federal funding mechanism has yet to be devised. Tennessee's state government is working diligently to establish the best methods to disperse all these funds.

I will update my House website, [www.cooper.house.gov](http://www.cooper.house.gov), to share new opportunities and how you can access them.

The White House has created a website, [www.recovery.org](http://www.recovery.org), to provide additional information about the recovery program and its progress. I encourage visiting this website, along with Tennessee's state recovery website, [www.tnrecovery.gov](http://www.tnrecovery.gov), for further information. Additionally, information about how to apply for federal grants can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

As you continue to interact with the stimulus, please do not hesitate to contact my office. I look forward to helping you in any way that I can.

Sincerely,



Jim Cooper  
Member of Congress



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*Helpful Resources*

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

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[www.tn.recovery.gov](http://www.tn.recovery.gov)

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[www.cooper.house.gov](http://www.cooper.house.gov)

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

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**Transportation**

The Recovery Act allocates more than \$48 billion for the nation’s highways, bridges, railways, and transit systems. Nearly all funds will be distributed to the states based on existing formulas. The Tennessee State Department of Transportation (TDOT) will administer the funds.

Tennessee will receive \$572.7 million for highway and bridge projects. \$69,934,160 will be set aside for urban distribution. \$86,815,495 will be set aside for suburban distribution. \$383,709,699 will be available for use in any area.

Nevertheless, there will not be enough federal funding to pay for all of TDOT’s potential projects. TDOT’s potential list transportation projects totaled \$1.6 billion, including \$850 million in highway projects. Federal transit, rail, and aviation funding levels are not yet tallied.

State Contact Information:

Tennessee Department of Transportation  
 James K. Polk Building  
 505 Deaderick Street  
 Suite 700  
 Nashville, TN 37243  
 615-741-2848

[www.tdot.state.tn.us](http://www.tdot.state.tn.us)

<http://state.tn.us/labor-wfd/EconomicFunding.html> - TDOT Recovery website

**Grant:** **Highway Improvement Programs**

**Amount:** \$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment.  
**Tennessee to get \$572,701,000**

**Type:** 50% distributed by STP formula; 50% apportioned by Fiscal Year 2008 obligation ratio.

**Administrator:** TDOT.

**Purpose:** For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.

**Provisions:** States must obligate 50% of funds within 120 days or funds will be reapportioned. All funds must be obligated within one year or funds will be reapportioned.



States must set aside 3% of funds for transportation enhancement activities. Funds cannot be used for advanced construction.

Funds are not subject to obligation limitations.

\$840 million in set-asides include: \$20 million for On the Job training programs; \$20 million for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Bonding Assistance.

Website: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure>  
<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

**Grant: Transit Capital Assistance**

Amount: \$8.4 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.  
**Tennessee to get \$72,016,364. \$50,819,566 in Section 5307 and 5304 funding. \$21,168,758 in Section 5311 and 5340 funding. \$28,040 in Section 5309 Fixed Guideway funding.**

Type: Funds are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas - 80% of the capital assistance funds are to be distributed through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) urbanized formula; 10% through their rural formula; and 10% through their growing states and high density formula

Administrator: Federal Transit Administration

Description: These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities

Website to find state and district #s: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html)

**Grant: Fixed Guideway Modernization**

Amount: \$750 million was included as part of transit capital assistance grants.  
**Tennessee to get \$28,000**

Type: Funds are allocated by a statutory formula to urbanized areas with rail systems that have been in operation for at least seven years.

Administrator: Federal Transit Administration / U.S. Department of Transportation

Purpose: These funds will be used for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems, including purchase and rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, line equipment, structures, signals and communications, power equipment and substations, passenger stations and terminals, security equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and software, system extensions, and preventive maintenance.

Website: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3558.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html)

**Grant: Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)**

Amount: \$750 million was included as part of capital investment grants. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Requirements Apply.

Type:	Distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction
Administrator:	Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Purpose:	For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guideway system, or bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities
Website:	<a href="http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html">http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html</a>
<b>Grant:</b>	<b>Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants</b>
Amount:	\$6.9 billion was included as part of transit capital assistance grants.
Provisions:	<p>\$100 million set aside for discretionary grants to public transit agencies for capital improvements to assist in reducing energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of public transport systems. Priority based on total energy savings and percentage of savings as percentage of total.</p> <p>80% of funds allocated to urbanized areas. 10% to growing states and high density states. 10% to rural areas and tribes.</p> <p>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements apply.</p>
Agency:	Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Website:	<a href="http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html">http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html</a>
<b>Grant:</b>	<b>National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants</b>
Amount:	\$1.5 billion in discretionary grants. Funds remain available through September 30, 2011.
Provisions:	<p>Priority given to projects that need Federal funds to complete financing, and are expected to be completed in three years.</p> <p>Minimum grant value is \$20 million. Maximum grant value is \$300 million (although the Transportation Secretary can waive the minimum value requirement). Federal share is 100% of project cost.</p>
Type:	Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments. Eligible projects include highway or bridge projects under Title 23 USC.
Agency:	U.S. Department of Transportation.
Websites:	<a href="http://www.dot.gov/">http://www.dot.gov/</a> <a href="http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/">http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/</a>
<b>Grant:</b>	<b>Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service</b>
Amount:	\$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program.
Type:	Discretionary grants for state government for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service
Agency:	Federal Railroad Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation

Website: [www.fra.dot.gov](http://www.fra.dot.gov)  
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>

**Grant: Capital Grants to Amtrak**

Amount: \$1.3 billion included for capital grants to Amtrak for security and non-security improvements

Type: Grants will be given directly to Amtrak; no more than 60% will be spent in the Northeast corridor. \$450 million shall be used for capital security grants. None of the funding shall be used to subsidize operating losses of Amtrak.

Agency: Federal Railroad Administration

Purpose: To maintain and improve the national system of intercity passenger rail. In addition to security improvements, repair, rehabilitation, or upgrade of railroad assets or infrastructure, and for capital projects that expand passenger rail capacity including the rehabilitation of rolling stock (locomotives and passenger cars)

Website: [www.fra.dot.gov](http://www.fra.dot.gov)  
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30>  
<http://www.amtrack.com> (for jobs and contracting opportunities)

**Grant: Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to airports for infrastructure improvements**

Amount: \$1.1 billion  
**\$5 million to Nashville International Airport**  
**\$4.5 million to Tennessee State Block Grant Program**

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Federal Aviation Administration

Purpose: Grants to airports who are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for repairs and improving critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion. Federal share of projects will be 100%. Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within two years of enactment of the Recovery Act and serve to supplement, rather than supplant, planned expenditures from airport generated revenues or from other state and local sources.

Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

**Grant: Federal Aviation Administration -- Competitive Grants to improve FAA power systems**

Amount: \$200 million  
 \$80 million to replace air traffic control centers and TRACONS  
 \$50 million to upgrade the FAA's power system  
 \$50 million to modernize air traffic control centers  
 \$20 million to install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment

Provisions: Priority to projects that will be completed in two years. Federal share is 100%. Includes a Buy American provision.

Type: competitive grants

Agency: Federal Aviation Administration

Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

**Grant: Competitive Grants to Small Domestic Shipyards**

Amount: \$100 million

Type: competitive grants  
 Agency: Department of Transportation  
 Purpose: grants for investments and improvements  
 Website: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

## **Environment (Water, Environmental Cleanup, and Army COE):**

The Recovery Act allocates \$6.4 billion for water and wastewater management projects. Most of these funds will be distributed to states based on existing formulas but the federal government will administer some of the funds through a competitive grant and loan program.

### State Contact Information:

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)  
 401 Church Street  
 L&C Tower  
 Nashville, TN 37243  
 888-891-TDEC (8332)

<http://www.tennessee.gov/environment>

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/recovery/index/shtml> - Recovery website.

### **Grant: Clean Water State Revolving Fund**

Amount: \$4 billion.

**Tennessee to get \$56,930,300. However, funds can be redistributed by the EPA administrator if projects are not under contract or construction within one year.**

The Recovery Act has a requirement that at least 50% of stimulus funding in this area must be used for additional subsidies like principle forgiveness, and 20% of the funds must be used for green infrastructure, energy and water efficiency and innovative environmental projects. The funding for drinking water and wastewater projects is being channeled through the existing State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program. Under current Tennessee statute, the SRF program administers low-interest loans and TDEC makes those funding recommendations for SRF projects to the Tennessee Local Development Authority board for approval.

### Description:

TDEC received approximately 500 project requests totaling more than \$1.5 billion.

TDEC held public meetings on March 20 to present the fiscal year 2009 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) for the SRF capitalization grants. IUPs serve as the planning documents for the state's intended use of the Recovery Act's federal appropriations for the SRF. The draft IUPs will become final after a 10-day post-public meeting comment period.

### State Contact Info:

If you would like to review the IUPs, please contact Dale Hager at 615-532-0457. All comments must be received in the State Revolving Fund Loan Program's office no later than April 3. Comments may be mailed to Mr. Hager, submitted via email to [dale.hager@state.tn.us](mailto:dale.hager@state.tn.us), or sent to Mr. Hager's at facsimile number 615-532-0199.

For any questions about the SRF Loan Program, please contact Sam Gaddipati at 615-532-

0445, [sam.gaddipati@state.tn.us](mailto:sam.gaddipati@state.tn.us), or Emily Kelly at 615-532-0019, [emily.kelly@state.tn.us](mailto:emily.kelly@state.tn.us).

If you want to schedule a pre-application meeting for your city, utility district, or water/wastewater authority, please contact Ron Reddout at 615-532-0498, [ronal.reddout@state.tn.us](mailto:ronal.reddout@state.tn.us)

**Activities:** Loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants; agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control, including storm water and sewer overflows; alternative treatment technologies; and water reuse and conservation projects.

**Website:** <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>  
For an extensive report on how states can apply for grants:  
[http://www.epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/2009-03-02\\_FINAL\\_ARRA\\_SRF\\_Guidance.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/2009-03-02_FINAL_ARRA_SRF_Guidance.pdf)

**Grants: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

**Amount:** \$2 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.  
**Tennessee to get \$20,238,000.**

[See preceding entry for information on State Revolving Funds]

**State Contact Info:** If you want to schedule a pre-application meeting for your city, utility district, or water/wastewater authority, please contact Ron Reddout at TDEC at 615-532-0498, [ronal.reddout@state.tn.us](mailto:ronal.reddout@state.tn.us)

**Activities:** Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems

**Website:** <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>

**Grants: Brownfields Evaluation and Clean-Up**

**Amount:** \$100 million  
**EPA provides grants and revolving loan funding directly to communities for brownfields assessment and cleanup once per year. Eight Tennessee communities and coalitions have applied for 14 grants totaling \$5,054,670. Funding will not go through TDEC. Waives the 20% cost share requirements under CERCLA.**

**Type:** Low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.

**Website:** <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer>

**Grant: Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup**

**Amount:** \$600 million

**Administrator:** Environmental Protection Agency. These cleanup funds go directly into the federal pipeline for the National Priorities List and do not go through TDEC.

Provisions:	Funds will be limited to the existing 1,255 sites on its National Priority List of superfund remedial sites. The superfund remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and environment. The U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Reservation NPL site may receive funding to be spent over 3 years on accelerating the Integrated Facilities Disposition Program.
Website:	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm">http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm</a>
<b>Grants:</b>	<b>Diesel Emission Reduction Program</b>
Amount:	\$300 million. <b>Tennessee to get \$1.73 million over two years. TDEC's Division of Air Pollution Control will use the funds to advance the existing Clean Diesel Grant program, which assists trucking companies with the eligible costs associated with the purchase of idling reduction units.</b>
Type:	Competitive grants fund technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs. 70% of the funding supports nation-wide, competitive grants; the remaining 30% funds grants to states with approved programs.  The Recovery Act waives the state Grant and Loan Matching Incentive Provisions in the Diesel Emission Reduction Act. No grant or loan provided under this program shall be used to fund the costs of emission reductions that are mandated under Federal, State, or local law.
Website:	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/">http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/</a> <a href="http://www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm">www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm</a> <a href="http://www.epa.gov/recovery">http://www.epa.gov/recovery</a>
Webform:	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm">http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm</a>
<b>Grants:</b>	<b>Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust (LUST)</b>
Amount	\$200 million <b>Tennessee to get \$4,681,000</b>
Website:	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/ltffacts.htm">http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/ltffacts.htm</a> <a href="http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/wheruliv.htm">http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/wheruliv.htm</a> (Visit for a list of eligible projects and contacts in your state/district)
State Contact Information:	UST/LUST Program Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Underground Storage Tanks 4th Floor, L & C Tower 401 Church Street Nashville, TN 37243-1541 Phone: 615-532-0945 Fax: 615-532-9759 <a href="http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/ust/">http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/ust/</a>  Fund Program

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
 Underground Storage Tank Reimbursement Fund  
 4th Floor, L & C Tower  
 401 Church Street  
 Nashville, TN 37243  
 Phone: 615-532-0972  
 Fax: 615-532-9759  
<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/ust/fund&reimburs.shtml>

**Grants:** **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction**  
**Amount:** \$2 billion to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for construction activities.  
**Type:** Funding was included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.  
**Provisions:** Funding cannot be cost-shared with the Inbound Waterways Trust Fund. Not less than \$200 million is set aside for water-related environmental infrastructure (Section 219) project assistance. Spending is limited to projects that can be carried out without new budget authority.  
**Agency:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
**Description:** Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and storm protection, ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array of other purposes.  
**Website:** <http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/default.aspx> (for updates and information on contracting and biz opportunities)  
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx> -- to find regional contacts who can provide a list of projects/plans

**Grants:** **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance**  
**Amount:** \$2 billion to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance activities.  
**Type:** Funding will be provided to existing Corps projects  
 Spending will be limited to projects that can be carried out without new budget authority. Removes the \$20 million annual cap for spending on levees authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 2007.  
**Agency:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
**Description:** Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of facilities constructed by the Corps. Work to be accomplished consists of dredging, repair, and operation of structures and other facilities.  
**Website:** <http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/default.aspx> (for updates and information on contracting and biz opportunities)  
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx> -- to find regional contacts who can provide a list of projects/plans

**Grants:** **Bureau of Reclamation – Clean Drinking Water Fund**  
**Amount:** \$1 billion  
**Type:** Grants based on priority ranking system  
**Agency:** Bureau of Reclamation  
**Purpose:** To provide clean, reliable drinking water to rural areas and to ensure adequate water supply to western localities impacted by drought



Website: <http://www.usbr.gov/>

**Grants: Watershed Infrastructure**

Amount: \$340 million

Type: Grants based on priority ranking system

Funding shall be used for projects that can be completed within these funding amounts and will not create budgetary obligations in future fiscal years. Not less than \$126 million shall be spent on water reclamation and reuse projects authorized in the Reclamation Watershed and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act of 1992.

Not less than \$60 million shall be spent on rural water projects, primarily on water intake and treatment facilities.

Not less than \$10 million shall be spent on Bureau-wide inspection of canals program in urban areas.

Costs of extraordinary maintenance and replacement activities shall be repaid pursuant to existing authority, except the Secretary shall determine the length of repayment period (not to exceed 50 years).

The Secretary of Interior is granted unlimited reprogramming authority.

Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Purpose: watershed improvement programs to design and build flood protection, water quality projects, repair aging dams, and purchase and restore conservation easements in river flood zones

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html>

**Grants: Rural Water and Waste Disposal**

Amount: \$1.38 billion

Type: grants

Agency: Department of Agriculture -- State Administrators

Purpose: help communities fund drinking water and wastewater treatment systems

Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

Contact: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/states/usamap.htm>



## Energy

The Recovery Act allocates \$32.7 billion for various programs within the Department of Energy. \$16.8 billion of which is specified for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), which offers public-private partnerships to support enhancements in energy efficiency and productivity. The Department of Energy also received \$6 billion for environmental management, \$4.5 billion for smart grid related programs, \$3.4 billion for fossil energy R&D, and \$6 billion to underwrite up to \$60 billion in loans.

### State Contact Information:

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development  
 Energy Division  
 321 Rosa L. Parks Avenue  
 Nashville, TN 37243-1102  
 615-741-1888  
[www.tnecd.gov/energy.htm](http://www.tnecd.gov/energy.htm)

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
 401 Church Street  
 L&C Tower  
 Nashville, TN 37243  
 888-891-TDEC (8332)  
<http://www.tennessee.gov/environment>  
<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/recovery/index/shtml> - Recovery website.

Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration  
 State Building Energy Management Program  
 Tennessee State Capitol  
 Nashville, TN 37243-0285  
 615-741-2401  
<http://www.state.tn.us/finance/rpa/sbem.html>

<b>Grants:</b>	<b>State Energy Efficiency Programs</b>
Amount:	<b>\$3.2 billion.</b> <b>Tennessee to get \$42,243,200</b> <b>State Energy Office to get \$12,818,200</b> <b>Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to get \$6,225,400</b> <b>Wilson County to get \$433,300</b>
Type:	States receive most funding through a formula; \$400 million on a competitive basis.
Provisions:	States will receive 28% of formula funding; eligible units of local government will get 68%. Local government allocation is required to be based equally on resident population and daytime population, as well as factors such as amount of commercial or office real estate.
Description:	The State Energy Program will be for rebates to consumers for home energy audits or other energy saving improvements; development of renewable energy projects for clean electricity generation and alternative fuels; promotion of Energy Star products; efficiency upgrades for state and local government buildings; and other innovative state efforts to help save families money on their energy bills.

[See below for specific information on individual programs]

**Grants: Weatherization Assistance Program**

**Amount:** \$5 billion was included for the Weatherization Assistance Program.  
**Tennessee to get \$99,112,101**

**Type:** States receive funding through a formula

**Description:** The Weatherization Assistance Program supports the weatherization of homes, including adding more insulation, sealing leaks, and modernizing heating and air conditioning equipment. The Recovery Act expands the eligibility of low income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program (funds will be available for families making up to 200% of the federal poverty level – about \$44,000 a year for a family of four). It also increases the funding assistance level per dwelling (from \$2,500 per dwelling to \$6,500). It provides further assistance for units partially weatherized between 1975 and 1994. Training and technical assistance funding permitted up to 20% of total appropriations.

**Grants: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)**

**Amount:** \$3.2 billion was included for EECBG.  
 \$2.8 billion is available as authorized under Subtitle E of Title V of the Energy Independence and Security Act. \$400 million is available in competitive grants from the Department of Energy.  
**Tennessee to get \$42,243,200**

Of the \$2.8 billion available under EISA, 68% will be allocated through direct formula grants from DOE to cities with a population of at least 35,000, or that are one of the 10 most populous cities in the state (also to counties with a population of at least 200,000, or that are one of the 10 most populous counties in the state). 28% will be allocated through direct formula grants to all 50 states. 2% will be allocated in competitive grants from DOE to cities or counties that are not eligible for direct formula grants from DOE.

Not less than 60% of the amount received by each state shall be sub-granted to units of local government in the state that are not eligible for direct formula grants from DOE. Each state decides how to award sub-grants.

All entities eligible for program funds either through direct grants from DOE or from sub-grants from states will be eligible for \$400 million in competitive grants. The award criteria of these competitive grants are to be determined by DOE.

**Purpose:** To reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy consumption, Improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other energy consuming sectors of the economies of eligible entities

**Description:** Assists states and local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy

used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources.

Website: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\\_grants.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm)

**Grants: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)**

Amount: \$16.8 billion was included for EERE

Type: Competitive grants to private sector, state and local governments, national labs, and universities

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Programs: 10 energy programs, including the Biomass Program; Building Technologies Program; Federal Energy Management Program; Geothermal Technologies Program; Hydrogen, Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Program; Industrial Technologies Program; Solar Energy Technologies Program; Vehicle Technologies; Wind & Hydropower Technologies Program; and Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/)

[See below for specific programs administered by EERE]

**Grants: Biomass Program**

Amount: \$800 million to be dedicated to projects related to biomass

Type: Competitive grants

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Activities: For research, development and demonstration for converting biomass resources to biofuels

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov/biomass](http://www.eere.energy.gov/biomass)

**Grants: Geothermal Technologies Program**

Amount: \$400 million to be dedicated for geothermal activities and projects

Type: Competitive grants

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Activities: Research, development and demonstration efforts that emphasize the advancement of enhanced geothermal systems

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal](http://www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal)

**Grants: Advanced Battery Manufacturing**

Amount: \$2 billion was included for Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components

Type: Competitive Grants to domestic manufacturing facilities

The Secretary may use a portion of EERE funds to accelerate hiring of expert staff.

\$2.5 billion is for applied research, development, demonstration and deployment activities, including: \$800 million for projects related to biomass; \$400 million for geothermal projects and activities; and \$50 million to support research to increase the efficiency of information and communications technology and improve standards. Also, \$400 million for transportation electrification; \$300 million for an Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program; and \$300 million for the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program and the Energy Star program.

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Activities: For the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components; DOE must provide facility funding awards 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

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)

**Grants: Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program**

Amount: \$300 million.

Type: Competitive Grant to state governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities.

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) - Clean Cities Program

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To establish a grant program through the DOE Clean Cities Program to encourage the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles or other emerging electric vehicle technologies.

Activities: Funds used for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles, including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, or hybrid vehicle project funded by the grant also eligible.

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities)

**Grants: Transportation Electrification**

Amount: \$400 million for Transportation Electrification grant projects.

Type: Competitive Grant to states, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To implement a grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions, including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground support equipment and cargo handling equipment

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)

**Grants: Smart Grid Investment Program**

Amount: \$4.5 billion was included for the Smart Grid Investment Program, of which \$100 million is for worker training and \$10 million is to implement a smart grid interoperability framework. Programs are authorized under Title XIII – Smart Grid – of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Type: regional demonstration initiative and matching grants to states

Office: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy  
 Purposes: To modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, energy storage research, development, demonstration and deployment, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply, and authorized purposes.  
 Website: [www.oe.energy.gov](http://www.oe.energy.gov)  
[www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm](http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm)

**Grants: Fossil Energy Research and Development Program**

Amount: \$3.4 billion.  
 -\$1.52 billion is for a competitive solicitation for a range of industrial carbon capture and energy efficiency improvement projects.  
 -\$1 billion is for fossil energy R&D.  
 -\$800 million is for the Clean Coal Power Initiative Round III Funding Opportunity Announcement.  
 -\$50 million is for a competitive solicitation for site characterization activities in geologic formations.  
 -\$20 million for geologic training and research grants.  
 Type: Competitive grants and contracts  
 Office: Office of Fossil Energy  
 Agency: U.S. Department of Energy  
 Description: Research and Development programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently store greenhouse gases.  
 Website: [www.fossil.energy.gov](http://www.fossil.energy.gov)

**Grants: Physics Research Science Program**

Amount: \$1.6 billion.  
 Type: Competitive grants to universities, companies, and national laboratories  
 Office: Office of Science  
 Agency: U.S. Department of Energy  
 Description: Grants will primarily be awarded for research in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences  
 Website: [www.science.doe.gov](http://www.science.doe.gov)  
<http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html>

**Grants: Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)**

Amount: \$400 million.  
 Type: Awards to institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research and development centers.  
 Agency: U.S. Department of Energy  
 Purposes: To support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy

Website: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)

**Loan: Innovative Technology Loan**

Amount: \$6 billion

Type: Loan guarantees to legible applicants include any firm, corporation, company, partnership, association, society, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, or governmental non-Federal entity that meets specific guidelines

Agency: Department of Energy

Purposes: loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies

Website: <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html>

**Grants: Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup**

Amount: \$5.127 billion

\$755 million for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Y-12 sites, to accelerate demolition and disposal of remaining uranium enrichment plant buildings, surplus Manhattan Project era buildings, and highly contaminated uranium processing buildings; to perform soil remediation and to protect area groundwater; to accelerate cleanup of the most significant sources of off-site mercury release to East Fork Poplar Creek.

Type: Awards based on priorities established by Dept. of Energy

Agency: Department of Energy

Purpose: accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the nation's past nuclear activities

Website: <http://www.em.doe.gov/pages/siteslocations.aspx?PAGEID=MAIN>

**Loan: Transmission Loan Guarantees**

Amount: \$4 billion

Type: Guarantee loans that support early commercial use of advanced technologies

Agency: Department of Energy

Purposes: loans for renewable energy power generation and transmission projects

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)  
<http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/>

**Grants: Training of electric grid workers**

Amount: \$100 million

Type: Grants to states; partners could include non-profits, labor associations, state and local veterans' groups, and state and local gov'n'ts

Agency: Department of Energy

Website: [www.oe.energy.gov](http://www.oe.energy.gov)  
<http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm>

**Bonds: Clean Renewable Energy Bonds**

Amount: \$1.6 billion

Type: Tax-credit bonds for state/local/tribal gov'n'ts, public power providers, and electric

Agency: cooperatives  
 Internal Revenue Service  
 Purposes: create interest-free financing for certain renewable energy projects  
 Website: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news\\_detail.cfm/news\\_id=12249](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249)  
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html>

**Bonds: Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds**  
 Amount: \$2.4 billion  
 Type: Tax-credit bonds issued for capital expenditures  
 Agency: Internal Revenue Service  
 Description: very broad parameters for energy conservation projects including capital expenditure in public buildings, green community programs, renewable energy production, various R&D applications, mass commuting facilities, energy-related demonstration projects, and public energy efficiency education campaigns  
 Website: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news\\_detail.cfm/news\\_id=12249](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249)  
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html>

## Housing

The Recovery Act allocates \$13.61 billion for projects and programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, nearly 75% of which was allocated to state and local recipients on February 25, 2009 – only eight days after the Act was signed into law. The remaining 25% of funds will be awarded via competition in the coming months.

State Contact Information:  
 Tennessee Housing Development Agency  
 404 James Robertson Parkway, Suite 1200  
 Nashville, TN 37243-0900  
 615-815-2200  
 800-228-THDA  
<http://www.thda.org>

**Grants: Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs Grants**  
 Amount: \$4 billion  
**Tennessee to get \$80,304, 187**  
**Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency to get \$12,271,958**  
**Gallatin Housing Authority to get \$844,319**  
**Lebanon Housing Authority to get \$737,854**

Type: \$3 Billion allocated to states via formula  
 \$1 billion in competitive grants  
 Office: Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements  
 Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 Description: Funds to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) for building repair and modernization, including critical safety repairs. The Public Housing Capital Fund provides 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"), including modernization and development of public housing. The funds cannot be used for operations or rental assistance.

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 give priority consideration to the rehabilitation of vacant rental units and 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)). Any restriction of funding to replacement housing uses shall be inapplicable. Funds provided shall supplement and not supplant expenditures from other Federal, State, or local sources or funds independently generated by the grantee. Notwithstanding Section 9(j), public housing agencies shall obligate 100 percent of the funds within one year of the date on which funds become available to the agency for obligation, shall expend at least 60 percent of funds within two years of the date on which funds become available to the agency for obligation, and shall expend 100 percent of the funds within three years of such date.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir.cfm>  
 List of Tennessee Allocations: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/tn.cfm>

**Grants: Homelessness Prevention Fund**  
 Amount: \$1.5 billion  
**Tennessee to get \$20,294,861**  
 Type: States and localities receive funding through a formula  
 Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 Purpose: Funding provides short-term homeless prevention assistance to those losing their housing.  
 Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/>  
 HUD Recovery State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

**Grants: Community Development Block Grants**  
 Amount: \$1 billion was included in formula funds to be distributed to local communities and states for community development and affordable housing activities.  
**Tennessee to get \$13,263,085.**  
**Nashville-Davidson to get \$1,316,347.**  
 Administrator: Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 HUD may waive or specify alternative requirements to expedite or facilitate use of funds (except fair housing, labor standards, environmental standards, or the Uniform Relocation Act).  
 Description: Community Development Block Grants enable local governments to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Under the Recovery Act, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement.



Eligible applicants include States, units of general local government that received CDBG Entitlement funding in FY 2008, non-entitlement jurisdictions in Hawaii, and Insular Areas.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>

HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

State Formulas:

**Grants: Neighborhood Stabilization Program**

Amount: \$2 billion

**Tennessee State Program to get \$49,360,421**

Office : Office of Community Planning and Development

Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development

Type: Competitive Grants

HUD must issue Notices of Funding Availability 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.

Eligible Applicants: States, units of local government, nonprofit entities, and consortia of nonprofit entities, which may submit proposals in partnership for profit entities.

Provisions: HUD may set aside 10% of funds for 'capacity development' and support of local communities receiving grants.

Recipients must spend at least 50% of funds within two years, and 100% of funds within three years. HUD may establish a minimum grant size.

Eligible Use Modifications:

- Allows for establishment and operation of land banks for foreclosed homes and residential properties.

- Redevelopment of demolished or vacant properties may only be for housing.

- No demolition of public housing.

- No more than 10% of aggregate grants may be used for demolition activities or establishing

land banks, unless HUD determines it is an appropriate response to local market conditions.

- NSP Authorization Amendments (applies to new and prior funding) adds lease eligibility protections for Section 8 participants.

The Act adds tenancy protections for renters in acquired foreclosed property. It repeals profit reinvestment purchaser equity benefit restrictions in sections 2301(d)(4) of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

Description: To help communities purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed, vacant properties in order to create more affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/>

HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

State Formulas:

**Grants:** **Lead Hazard Reduction Program**  
**Amount:** \$100 million  
**Tennessee to get \$0**  
 Awards made to all applicants that qualified for a grant under the Fiscal Year 2008 Lead Hazard Reduction Program NOFA, but did not receive one due to insufficient overall program funding. Remaining amounts to be awarded under regular Fiscal Year 2009 grant solicitation, including a detailed plan and strategy demonstration capacity.

**Office:** Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control  
**Agency:** U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development  
**Type:** Competitive Grants  
**Description:** Funds for competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to remove lead-based paint hazards in low-income housing.

**Website:** <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/grantprograms.cfm>  
**HUD Recovery** <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>  
**State Formulas:**

**Grants:** **Native American Housing**  
**Amount:** \$510 Million for rehabilitation and energy efficiency upgrades at housing maintained by Native American housing programs  
**Tennessee to get \$0**

**Agency:** U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development  
**Type:** \$255 Million through a formula  
 \$255 Million for competitive grants

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) eligible to receive funding under NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.)

**Website:** <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-formula.cfm>  
**HUD Recovery** <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>  
**State Formulas:**

**Grants:** **HOME Investment Partnership Program**  
**Amount:** \$2.25 billion  
**Agency:** U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development  
**Type:** Competitive (after initial formula allocations to States, based on Fiscal Year 2008 HOME apportionment.)  
**Provisions:** Housing credit agencies must commit at least 75% of funds within one year of enactment, and demonstrate that project owners have expended 75% of funds within 2 years of enactment and 100% within three years – failure by an owner to do so will result in redistribution of funds within the State. Available until September 30, 2011.

Priority given to projects that will be completed within three years. Eligible projects must be awarded LIHTC in Fiscal Years 2007, 2008, or 2009.

Housing credit agencies shall assure asset management functions comply with LIHTC

requirements. The eligible basis of a qualified LIHTC building receiving assistance cannot be reduced by the amount of any stimulus grant.

**Description:** To provide state and local governments with funds to create and rehabilitate affordable housing

**Website:** <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/>

**HUD Recovery State Formulas:** <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

**Grants: Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)**

**Amount:** \$2.25 billion

**Tennessee to get \$39,032,515**

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Type:** Funds will be distributed by formula to 52 State Housing Credit Agencies

**Description:** Funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects via a formula-based allocation to State housing credit allocation agencies

**Website:** <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm>

**Grants: First Time Homebuyer Credit**

The Recovery Act expands the first-time homebuyer credit to include purchases made before December 1, 2009. The IRS announced on February 25 that for first-time homebuyers who purchase in 2009, the maximum credit is \$8,000 and can be claimed on a buyer's 2008 federal tax return. The credit is claimed using Form 5405.

For first-time homeowners who bought in 2008, the maximum credit is \$7,500 and must be paid back over a period of 15 years.

**Grants: Home Weatherization Assistance Program**

**Amount:** \$5 billion

**Tennessee to get \$99,112,101**

The Weatherization Assistance Program supports the weatherization of homes, including adding more insulation, sealing leaks, and modernizing heating and air conditioning equipment. The Recovery Act expands the eligibility of low income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program (funds will be available for families making up to 200% of the federal poverty level – about \$44,000 a year for a family of four). It also increases the funding assistance level per dwelling (from \$2,500 per dwelling to \$6,500). It provides further assistance for units partially weatherized between 1975 and 1994. Training and technical assistance funding permitted up to 20% of total appropriations.

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy and Housing and Urban Development

**Type:** States receive funding through a formula

**Website:** [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe\\_guidelines.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe_guidelines.cfm)

**State Contact Info:** [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state\\_contacts.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state_contacts.cfm)

**Grants: Rural Housing Insurance Fund**

**Amount:** \$200 million

**Tennessee areas to receive \$213,855,369 in single family housing guaranteed loan programs.**

Agency: USDA - Rural Development - Rural Housing Service  
 Type: Direct and guaranteed loans  
 Description: Funds to insure or guarantee rural housing loans for single-family homes, rental and cooperative housing, and rural housing sites  
 Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>  
 Forms: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/formstoc.html>

**Grants: Rural Community Facilities**

Amount: \$130 million  
 Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office  
 Type: Competitive Grants  
 Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.  
 Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

## **Small Business / Economic Development**

The Recovery Act allocates \$730 million to the Small Business Administration and makes changes to the agency's lending and investment programs so that they can reach more small businesses that need help. The Act does not contain any changes to the existing Small Business and 8(a) Federal Contracting Programs.

For most purposes, the SBA's maximum guarantee for any borrower remains at \$1.5 million, or 75% of a \$2 million loan.

Applicants can apply immediately to any SBA participating lender to take advantage of these programs.

For a helpful guide to frequently asked questions about the Recovery Act's small business provisions:

[http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba\\_homepage/recovery\\_act\\_faqs.pdf](http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/recovery_act_faqs.pdf)

State Contact Information:  
 Small Business Administration  
 Tennessee District Office  
 50 Vantage Way, Suite 201  
 Nashville, TN 37228  
 615-736-5881  
 615-736-7232 (fax)

**Loan: Small Business Administration - 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program**

Amount: \$375 million. The temporary fee eliminations support an overall program level of \$8.7 billion.  
 Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)  
 Provision: This \$375 million is to temporarily eliminate fees on SBA-backed loans, and to raise SBA's guarantee percentage on SBA 7(a) loans to 90% (from 85%). The elimination of fees will

remain in effect until the end of the calendar year or until the funding is exhausted. The elimination of fees is retroactive to the day the Recovery Act was signed into law. SBA is working on developing a refund mechanism and expects to be able to begin issuing refunds around May 1, 2009. If borrowers have already paid lenders for the fees on eligible loans, the lenders must reimburse the borrowers from the SBA refund.

In order to qualify for a SBA 7(a) loan, borrowers must be unable to secure conventional commercial financing on reasonable terms and be a "small business" as defined by SBA size standards. [In 2008, of the \$18 billion in SBA backed loans, 35% went to start-up businesses, nearly 32% (\$5.7 billion) went to minority owned businesses, and nearly 23% went to women owned businesses. The most frequently financed industries in 2008 were services, retail trade, accommodation/food service, construction firms, and manufacturing.]

The maximum loan amount for a 7(a) loan is \$2 million.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/>  
<http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html>

**Loan: Small Business Administration- 504 Loan Program**

Amount: \$375 million . The temporary fee eliminations support an overall program level of \$3.6 billion.  
 Agency: Small Business (SBA)  
 Description: Funds are to ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 Certified Development Company Loans. These loans offer growing small businesses long-term, fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets. 504 loans may be used for purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities, or modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities; or purchasing long-term machinery and equipment.

The maximum loan structures and amounts vary since lenders and borrowers each determine how much equity they are putting into the loan. However, for the SBA portion of the loan, the maximum loan amount is either \$2 million or \$4 million, depending on the purpose of the loan.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html>  
<http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html>

**Grant: Business Stabilization Program**

Amount: \$255 million  
 Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)  
 Description: A new loan program to help small businesses meet existing debt payments. The program will offer 100% guaranteed deferred payment of loans up to \$35,000 to help viable small businesses facing immediate economic hardship make payments on existing qualifying loans.  
 Website: [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

**Grant: Economic Development Assistance**

Amount: \$150 million  
 Agency: Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration  
 Description: Funds for economically distressed areas to generate private sector jobs. Priority consideration will be given to those areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic

dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring.

Type: Competitive Grants

Website: <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>

**Grant: Community Development Financial Institutions**

Amount: \$100 million

Agency: U.S. Department of the Treasury

Description: These funds will be used to help spur economic development and low-cost financial services to underserved communities.

Provisions: The Recovery Act provides the CDFI Fund with \$3 billion of New Markets Tax credit allocation authority divided equally between Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009. This tax credit authority can be allocated to qualified Community Development Entities.

In addition to the Fund's annual appropriation for Fiscal Year 2009, the Act provides an additional \$100 million. \$90 million will go to CDFI's Financial Assistance awards (\$8 million will go to Native Initiatives, and \$2 million will cover administrative expenses).

For all CDFI program awards made under the Fiscal Year 2009 funding round, the Act waives requirements to obtain matching funds from non-Federal sources, and the general requirement that no single awardee (or its affiliates) can receive more than \$5 million in assistance from the CDFI Fund over a three year period.

The Fiscal Year 2009 CDFI Program round is currently closed (applications were due to the CDFI Fund by October 29, 2008). However, the CDFI Fund will reopen the application window to permit additional CDFIs to apply. The CDFI will make the first announcement by June 2009, when all \$90 million of Recovery Act funding for the CDFI Program will be awarded to the most highly rated applicants that submitted applications in response to the original notice of funding.

Contact Information: Questions about the CDFI Fund component of the Recovery Act can be made at the CDFI Fund's dedicated helpdesk line, 1-202-622-6350.

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

**Loan: Micro-Loan Program**

Amount: \$30 million

Agency: Small Business (SBA)

Description: Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html>  
<http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html>

**Loan: Surety Bond Program Expansion**

Amount: \$15 million

Agency: Small Business (SBA)

Description: Allows more small businesses to compete for contracts by raising the maximum amount for contracts that qualify for SBA surety bonds to \$5 million and up to \$10 million for certain

contracts.

<http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html>

## **Job Training & Unemployment**

The Recovery Act allocates \$3.95 billion to the Employment and Training Administration to provide funding for activities under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Summaries of specific programs are below.

### State Contact Information:

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development  
321 Rosa Parks Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-741-1888  
<http://www.tennessee.gov/ecd>

Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
220 French Landing Drive  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-741-6642  
<http://www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd>

**Grants:** **Employment Training Services for Adults**  
**Amount:** \$500 million  
**Tennessee to get \$10,945,000**  
**Type:** States will receive formula funding, with 85% suballocated to local Workforce Investment Boards.  
**Description:** Funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations. Priority Use of Funds is for services to individuals on public assistance and other low income individuals.  
**Website:** [http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general\\_info.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm)

**Grants:** **Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Services**  
**Amount:** \$1.25 billion  
**Tennessee to get \$29,028,000**  
**Type:** States will receive formula funding, with 85% suballocated to local Workforce Investment Boards.  
**Description:** Funds are to provide quality employment and training services to assist individuals in finding employment, and to help employers find the skilled.  
**Website:** [http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA\\_default.cfm?#](http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA_default.cfm?#)

**Grants:** **Employment Training Services for Youths**  
**Amount:** \$1.2 billion  
**Tennessee to get \$25,353,000**



Type:	States will receive formula funding, with 85% suballocated to local Workforce Investment Boards.
Description:	Age eligibility of youth participants increased from 21 to 24 for this funding only.
Provisions:	Allocation of minimum allotments and minimum or maximum percentages available for youth activities (WIA Section 127 (b)(1)(C)(iv)) must be made as if the total amount available for youth activities in the Fiscal Year does not exceed \$1 billion. Measure of performance used to assess summer employment program is the work readiness performance indicator – attainment of basic skills, work readiness, and/or occupational skills (WIA Section 136(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I)) No standard set-aside for Youth Opportunity Grants Funds remain available through June 30, 2010 Workforce Investment Boards may award contracts to institutions of higher education or other training provider if it would facilitate the training of multiple individuals in high-demand occupations and does not limit customer choice.
Website:	<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/">http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/</a>
<b>Grants:</b>	<b>Employment Services</b>
Amount:	\$250 million
Type:	States will receive formula funds.
Description:	Funding for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment.
Website:	<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner_Peyser.cfm">http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner_Peyser.cfm</a>
<b>Grants:</b>	<b>Dislocated Worker Assistance</b>
Amount:	\$200 million
Office:	Employment & Training Administration
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
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.
Website:	<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/">http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/</a> <a href="http://www.doleta.gov/grants/">http://www.doleta.gov/grants/</a>
<b>Grants:</b>	<b>YouthBuild</b>
Amount:	\$50 million
Type:	Formula funds and Competitive Grants
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Provides services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing. Allows participation by an individual who has dropped out of high school and reenrolled in an alternative school, if that reenrollment is part of a sequential service strategy, for program years 2008 and 2009.
Website:	<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/">http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/</a>
<b>Grants:</b>	<b>Green Jobs Training</b>
Amount:	\$500 million
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration



Type: Competitive Grants  
Description: These funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.  
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/>

**Grants: Community Service Employment for Older Americans**  
Amount: \$120 million  
**Tennessee to get \$484,000**  
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration  
Type: Formula funds and Competitive Grants. States and 18 designated national nonprofits are eligible for grants, often with subgrants to Area Agencies on Aging or other local implementers.  
Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities for low income seniors  
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>

**Grants: Job Corps Program**  
Amount: \$250 million  
Office: Office of Job Corps  
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Description: The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth.  
Funds remain available for obligation through June 30, 2010.  
Waives certain procedures relating to appropriation accounts available for definite periods (31 USC 1552(a)) if funds are used for a multiyear lease agreement that will result in construction of activities that can commence within 120 days of enactment.  
Waives limits on advance, progress, and other payments (31 USC 3324(a)) in order to expedite projects.  
Website: <http://www.jobcorps.gov/>

**Grants: Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers**  
Amount: Reauthorizes all TAA programs until Dec. 31, 2010, increases funding to states by \$575 million  
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance  
Type: Discretionary grants  
Description: Fund to help workers at firms who have become (or are threatened to become) fully or partially separated from employment due to trade with foreign countries.  
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/taa/WhoWeServe.cfm>

## Health

The Recovery Act allocates \$137 billion for programs administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. It is also expected that subsidies for COBRA benefits (administered by the Department of Labor) will cost \$28 billion.

### State Contact Information:

Tennessee Department of Health  
425 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Cordell Hull Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-741-3111  
<http://health.state.tn.us>

**Grants:** **Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase**  
**Amount:** \$86.6 billion  
**Tennessee to initially get \$1.62 billion. Tennessee to get \$10,200,000 for Foster Care/Adoption Assistance.**

Starting on February 25, states will be able to access the first two quarters of FMAP Medicaid relief funding.

Each state will receive a base 6.2% FMAP increase (with additional FMAP increases for increased unemployment rates). Each state's eligibility for additional FMAP increases will be evaluated each quarter based on the most recent unemployment data, with states qualifying for a greater level of assistance if their economic situation worsens.

FMAP increases apply to the costs of Medicaid benefits and to Title IV-E foster care and adoption assistance (but the increase related to unemployment would not apply to Title IV-E spending).

**Agency:** State Medicaid  
**Type:** Formula Funding to States  
**State Funding Websites:** <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmap.html>  
<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefunds.html>

**Grants:** **COBRA**  
**Amount:** The Recovery Act provides a 65% subsidy for COBRA premiums to help the unemployed and their families. The estimated cost of this provision is \$28 billion.  
**Provisions:** Assistance-eligible individuals are required to pay only 35% of the premium. An employer may take the subsidy amount as a credit on its quarterly employment tax return. However, the employer may only provide the subsidy — and take the credit on its payroll tax return — after it has received the 35% premium payment from an individual. A payroll tax return is the only means to claim credit and be reimbursed for the COBRA subsidy.

The premium subsidy is not included in the individual's income. However, tax liability is increased, to achieve repayment of a portion of the subsidy, for those taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income is between \$125,000 and \$145,000, or \$250,000 and \$290,000 for those filing joint returns. If a taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$145,000, or \$290,000 for those filing joint returns, the full amount of the subsidy must be repaid as an additional tax. There is no additional tax for individuals with modified adjusted gross income less than these income levels.

**Eligible applicants:** Individuals who have been involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009, and their families. Income must not exceed \$125,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for families. Subsidy will be terminated for individuals who obtain employer-sponsored health care insurance or are Medicare-eligible, or are eligible for other group health plans. Otherwise, the subsidy will end after 9 months. Also, there is no premium reduction for periods of coverage that began prior to February 17, 2009.

Individuals must elect to enroll in COBRA within 90 days after the date of notice of the plan enrollment option described in the Recovery Act.

The subsidy requirement applies to group health plans that are subject to the federal COBRA continuation coverage requirements or to similar requirements under state law. Employers are required to provide the 65% subsidy to eligible individuals who make the 35% payment.

With regard to self-insured plans: employers must provide the COBRA coverage to eligible individuals who pay 35% of the otherwise required premium. The remaining 65% is treated as a payment of payroll taxes by the employer maintaining the plan.

**Contact Information.**

The Department of Labor will conduct outreach to employers, group health plan administrators, public assistance programs, States, and insurers to educate the public and provide enrollment assistance.

The Labor Department's website on COBRA:  
<http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/cobra.html>

**Grants:** **Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants**  
**Amount:** \$1.5 billion  
**Office:** Bureau of Primary Health Care  
**Agency:** Health Resources and Services Administration  
**Type:** Competitive Grants for Existing Grantees  
**Description:** To renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements.  
**Websites:** <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

**Grants:** **Community Health Center Services Grants**  
**Amount:** **\$500 million was included for Community Health Centers.**  
**Tennessee facilities receiving grants (\* connotes 5<sup>th</sup> district):**

**East Tennessee State University; Johnson City; \$161,312**  
**Rural Medical Services, Inc.; Newport; \$241,377**  
**Rural Health Services Consortium; Rogersville; \$434,886**  
**Chota Community Health Services, Inc.; Vonore; \$205,515**  
**Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department; Chattanooga; \$193,852**  
**Erlanger Medical Center; Chattanooga; \$286,579**  
**Mountain People's Health Councils; Huntsville; \$186,086**  
**Community Health of East Tennessee; Jacksboro; \$155,976**  
**Dayspring Family Health Center, Inc.; Jellico; \$186,440**  
**Cherokee Health Systems; Talbott; \$500,316**  
**Morgan County Health Council, Inc; Wartburg; \$145,923**  
**\*Matthew Walker Comprehensive; Nashville; \$711,163**  
**\*United Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.; Nashville; \$451,913**  
**\*University Community Health Services, Inc.; Nashville; \$193,029**  
**Tennessee State Department of Health; Cookeville; \$639,969**  
**Hardeman County CHC; Bolivar; \$192,908**  
**Perry County Medical Center, Inc.; Linden; \$162,315**  
**Hardin County Regional Health Center; Savannah; \$189,777**  
**Citizens of Lake County for Health; Tiptonville; \$129,841**  
**Christ Community Health Services, Inc.; Memphis; \$548,065**  
**Memphis Health Center; Memphis; \$285,003**  
**\*Tennessee State Department of Health; Nashville; \$147,014**

**Office:** Bureau of Primary Health Care  
**Agency:** Health Resources and Services Administration  
**Type:** Competitive Grants for Existing Grantees  
**Description:** To increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare.  
**Website:** <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>

**Grants:** **Community Health Center Services Grants - New Access Point Grants**  
**Amount:** \$155 million was allocated to create 126 new community health centers.  
 \$973,593 was awarded to United Neighborhood Health Services.

**Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Service Administration  
**Type:** Grants Administered by Department of Health and Human Services  
**Description:** Funds to create 126 new Community Health Centers.  
**Website:** <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html>  
**Facilities Funded:** <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/applicant.html>

**Grants:** **National Health Service Corps**  
**Amount:** \$300 million  
**Office:** National Health Service Corps  
**Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration  
**Type:** Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment  
**Description:** To fund training for primary healthcare providers in specific health professional in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps  
**Website:** <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/>

**Grants: Health Care Workforce**

Amount: \$200 million  
 Office: Bureau of Health Professions  
 Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration  
 Type: Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment  
 Description: To provide for training of health professions  
 Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm>  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

**Grants: Biomedical Research**

Amount: \$8.7 billion  
 Office: Office of the Director  
 Agency: National Institutes of Health  
 Type: Competitive Grants  
 Description: To expand jobs in biomedical research to study diseases.  
 Website: [http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement\\_arra.htm](http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm)

**Grants: University Research Facilities**

Amount: \$1.3 billion  
 Agency: National Institutes of Health - National Center for Research Resources  
 Type: Competitive Grants  
 Purpose: To renovate and equip university research facilities.  
 Description: Funding will be used for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities and for the acquisition research equipment.  
 Website: <http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/>

**Grants: Prevention and Wellness Program**

Amount: \$950 million was included for the Center for Disease Control for evidence based clinical and community prevention and wellness programs.  
 Description: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
 Type: Competitive Grants  
 Description: Funds to support state and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and infectious diseases.  
 Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/>  
<http://www.hhs.gov/>

**Grants: Comparative Effectiveness Health Research**

Amount: \$1.1 billion. \$300 million for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, \$400 million for the National Institutes of health, and \$400 million for the Secretary of HHS.  
 Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
 Type: Competitive Grants  
 Purpose: To compare the effectiveness of different medical treatments

**Description:** This funding will be used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition. This research will not be used to mandate coverage decisions or impose one-size-fits-all" medicine on patients. It will be designed to enable medical professionals and patients improve treatment. \$300 million will be administered by AHRQ

The Recovery Act created a new 15 person council to coordinate research and guide investment in comparative effectiveness research. The council will not recommend clinical guidelines for payment, coverage, or treatment. The Council will hold a public listening session on April 14, 2009.

**Website:** <http://www.ahrq.gov/>

**Grants: Health Information Technology Grants**

**Amount:** \$2 billion

**Office:** Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, CDC, and Indian Health Service/States or State-Designated Entities

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

**Type:** Competitive Grants

**Description:** To authorize the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology in order to promote the use and exchange of electronic health information.

**Website:** <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

**Grants: Health Information Technology Improvements**

**Amount:** \$17 billion was included to improve investments and incentives through Medicare and Medicaid to ensure widespread adoption and use of interoperable health information technology (HIT).

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

**Description:** Hospitals and Physician offices will automatically receive benefit through CMS reimbursements. Grants will be available through HHS for other medical agencies.

**Website:** <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

**Grant: Rural Community Facilities**

**Amount:** \$130 million

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

**Type:** Competitive Grants

**Description:** Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.

**Website:** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

**Grant: Indian Health Service**

**Amount:** \$500 million

**Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services - Director of the Indian Health Services

**Type:** Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Director of Indian

Description: Funds to modernize aging hospitals and health clinics and make healthcare technology upgrades to improve healthcare for underserved rural populations.

Website: <http://www.ihs.gov/>

**Grant:** **NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research**

Amount: \$200 million

Agency: National Institutes of Health - Office of Extramural Research

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funds will support research on specific scientific and health research challenges that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds

Website: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge\\_award/](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/)

## Veterans Benefits

The Recovery Act allocates \$1.4 billion to the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve services to America's veterans. The Recovery Act enables the VA to improve medical facilities and national cemeteries, provide grants to assist states in acquiring or constructing state nursing homes and extended care facilities, and to modify or alter existing facilities to care for Veterans.

VA will also make one-time payments of \$250 to eligible Veterans and survivors to mitigate the effects of the current economy. Payments will be issued as early as June 2009. Approximately \$700 million in payments will be made to eligible beneficiaries. To be eligible for the \$250 payment, VA beneficiaries must have received compensation, pension, dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), or spina bifida benefits at any time between November 2008 and January 2009. No application is necessary. VA will use its existing payment records to determine eligibility for the \$250 payment. Beneficiaries will receive their payments the same way they receive their monthly benefits (either by direct deposit or mail). This payment is not countable in determining eligibility for VA pension or Parents' DIC. The law allows one \$250 payment per individual. The payment is tax-free. VA beneficiaries who also receive benefits from the Social Security Administration or Railroad Retirement Board will be paid through those agencies, and will therefore not receive the payment from VA.

### State Contact Information:

Tennessee Department of Veteran Affairs  
215 Rosa L. Parks Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-741-2931

**Grant:** **Medical Facilities**

Amount: \$1 billion

**Tennessee Facilities to receive \$18,593,038**

**Nashville VA to receive: \$3,842,000 to renovate its research lab; \$1,626,000 to renovate the inpatient ward; and \$1,000,000 to repair and replace the exterior**

Agency: Veterans Health Administration

Type: Discretionary Grants

Description: To provide funding for non-recurring maintenance, including energy projects at VA facilities.



Website: [http://www.va.gov/RECOVERY/docs/VHA\\_Spend\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.va.gov/RECOVERY/docs/VHA_Spend_Plan.pdf)  
<http://www.va.gov/recovery/>

**Grant: National Cemetery Administration**

Amount: \$50 million  
Tennessee to get \$832,000  
Nashville Cemetery to get: \$10,000 to paint maintenance buildings; \$250,000 for Monumental Arch; and \$10,000 for the Minnesota Monument.

Agency: National Cemetery Administration

Type: Discretionary Grants

Description: To provide funding for monument and memorial repairs, including energy projects.

Website: [http://www.va.gov/RECOVERY/docs/NCA\\_Spend\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.va.gov/RECOVERY/docs/NCA_Spend_Plan.pdf)  
<http://www.va.gov/recovery/>

**Grant: Departmental Administration**

Amount: \$150 million to hire companies with employment placement and training expertise

Agency: Veterans Benefits Administration

Type: Discretionary Grants to IT companies

Description: To hire 1,500 temporary processors who can handle disability claims

Website: <http://www.va.gov/recovery/>

**Grant: Information Technology Systems**

Amount: \$50 million

Agency: Veterans Benefits Administration

Type: Discretionary Grants to IT companies

Description: To update the Department of Veterans Affairs IT systems.

Website: <http://www.va.gov/recovery/>

**Grant: Construction of State Extended Care Facilities**

Amount: \$150 million

**Tennessee to get \$0.**

Agency: Veterans Health Administration

Type: Discretionary Grants to States

Description: To provide funding for grants to assist States in acquiring or construction state nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to remodel, modify, or alter existing hospital nursing home and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care to veterans.

Website: [http://www.va.gov/RECOVERY/docs/Grants\\_Spend\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.va.gov/RECOVERY/docs/Grants_Spend_Plan.pdf)  
<http://www.va.gov/recovery/>



## Public Safety

The Recovery Act allocates \$53.6 billion in funding for state fiscal stabilization funds to help prevent cutbacks in critical state services (although most stabilization funds will be used for education purposes). The Recovery Act also provides \$4 billion in Department of Justice grant funding to enhance state, local, and tribal law enforcement.

### State Contact Information:

Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of Criminal Justice Programs  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-741-0320  
<http://www.tennessee.gov/finance>

### **Grant: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund**

**Amount:** \$53.6 billion.  
Most funds will go towards education. However, 18.2% of allocation is for public safety and other government services, including education services.  
**Tennessee to get \$172,463,000 for the State Stabilization Fund's General Purposes. This funding may go to education, but may also be used to prevent public safety cuts.**

**Type:** States will receive formula funding

**Administrators:** State Governors

**Description:** To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services.

**Website:** <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

**State Funding Amounts:** <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

**State Recovery Sites:** <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page>

### **Grants: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**

**Amount:** \$210 million

**Agency:** Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

**Type:** Competitive Grant

**Purposes:** To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations

**Website:** [www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/](http://www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/)

### **Grants: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants**

**Amount:** \$2 billion total.  
**Tennessee to get \$30,827,729.**  
Nashville and Davidson County Metropolitan Government to get \$3,831,717  
Cheatham County to get \$42,359  
Mt. Juliet to get \$26,621  
Goodlettsville to get \$43,094

60% of funds will be distributed to state government, 40% to local government.

State Contact Information:	Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Contact Bill Scollon Office of Criminal Justice Programs Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration 312 Eighth Avenue North Suite 1200 Nashville, TN 37243 615-532-2983 615-532-2989 (fax) <a href="mailto:bill.scolon@state.tn.us">bill.scolon@state.tn.us</a>
Description:	Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.
Website:	<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html</a>
Allocations:	<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html</a>
<b>Grants:</b>	<b>Byrne Competitive Grants Program</b>
Amount:	\$225 million
Agency:	Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Byrne Competitive Grants are similar to JAG grants and are focused on ensuring job growth and job retention. However, instead of providing grants based on a formula, BJA administers funds based on a competitive application process. These grants help state and local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and may be used for national efforts such as training and technical assistance. Applicants may be national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support the functioning of the criminal justice system.
Website:	<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html</a>
<b>Grants:</b>	<b>CHRP: Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants Program</b>
Agency:	\$1 billion *Application window: March 16, 2009-April 14, 2009. Applications for CHRP grants will be accepted online via the COPS Office website: <a href="http://www.cops.usdog.gov">www.cops.usdog.gov</a> . To determine agency eligibility for CHRP funding: <a href="http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx">http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx</a>
Office:	Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
Agency:	Department of Justice
Type:	Competitive Grant
Description:	CHRP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to primary law enforcement agencies to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.  There is no local match requirement for CHRP, but grant funding will be based on current entry-level salary and benefits packages. Therefore, any additional costs for higher salaries or benefits for particular individuals hired will be the responsibility of the grantee agency.  CHRP grants will provide 100% funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for

three years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been let go, or are scheduled to be let go at a future date, as a result of local budget cuts.

There is no cap on the number of positions an agency may request.

Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2108>

Eligibility: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx>

**Grants: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program**

State Contact Information:

(Primary)

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Amount: \$191.75 million total.

\$140 million for the Services Training Officers Prosecutors Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) to promote a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhance services and advocacy to victims; to improve the criminal justice system's response; and to promote effective law enforcement, prosecution, and judicial strategies to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Applicants are limited to U.S. states and territories. **Tennessee to get \$2,765,332.** [www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm)+

\$8.75 million for State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions to support the coordination of state victim services activities, including collaboration and coordination with federal, state, and local entities. State Sexual Assault Coalitions and State Domestic Violence Coalitions will receive up to \$78,125 each, and dual Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Coalitions will receive up to \$156,250. Eligible applicants are HHS-designated State coalitions.

\$43 million for the Transitional Housing Assistance Program, which provides holistic,

victim-centered transitional housing services and related support services that move individuals into permanent housing. Eligible applicants include States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and other organizations with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

[http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm)

The majority of the funds will be distributed to States, who will release request for proposals to local communities requesting proposals that will be reviewed through a competitive selection process at the state level.

Agency: Department of Justice- Office on Violence Against Women

Website: [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm)

**Grants: Transitional Housing Assistance Program**

Amount: \$50 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Transitional Housing Assistance Program

Type: Competitive Grants to states, local government, Indian Tribes, nonprofits and services providers.

Description: May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support services designed to enable individuals who are fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community by providing those individuals with services such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance.

Website: [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm)

**Grants: Victims Compensation**

Amount: \$100 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Office for Victims of Crime

Type: Formula funding to state agencies

Description: Funding to support State compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of Federal and state crimes.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryfunds.html>

Application: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryformula.html>

**Grants Rural Law Enforcement**

Amount: \$125 millions

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities in rural America.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

**Grants Assistance for Tribal Law Enforcement**

Amount: \$225 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: The funding is for grants to construct jails and other law enforcement activities on tribal lands.

Consideration for grant approval shall include detention bed space needs of the tribe and violent crime statistics of the tribe.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

**Grants Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)**

Amount: \$40 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities along the Southern Border.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

**Grants: Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program**

Amount: \$50 million

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Type: Formula funding to state agency

Description: Funds to help State and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet to sexually exploit children.

Website: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>

## Child Care

State Contact Information:

Tennessee Department of Children's Services  
Cordell Hull Building, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-741-9701  
<http://www.tennessee.gov/youth/recovery.htm>

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth  
Andrew Johnson tower, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
710 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0800  
615-741-2633  
<http://www.tennessee.gov/tccy>

**Grants: Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)**

Amount: \$2 billion

**Tennessee to get \$41,932,510 total. \$3,466,514 for Quality Expansion. \$2,007,566 for Infant and Toddler. \$36,458,430 in additional discretionary funding.**

Type: States will receive formula funding

Description: Provides subsidized child care services through vouchers or contracts with providers to low-income working families.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/nonpublic/childcare.html>

**Grants: Head Start / Early Start Programs**  
**Amount:** \$2.1 billion total. \$1 billion for Head Start funding, and \$1.1 billion for the expansion of the Early Head Start Program. (Head Start will also receive a separate \$235 million increase in Congressional appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, bringing the overall funding for Head Start and Early Head Start to \$2.3 billion).  
 A breakdown of the activity and source of funding from the Recovery Act:  
 COLA: \$121,996,619  
 Quality: \$353,779,093  
 Head Start Expansion: \$199,612,157  
 EHS Expansion: \$1,156,612,157  
 State Advisory Councils: \$100,000,000  
 Head Start T/TA: \$24,999,975  
 EHS T/TA: \$110,000,000  
 Monitoring: \$33,000,000  
**Tennessee to get \$13,775,000**  
**Type:** States will receive formula funding  
**Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families  
**Description:** Funding is administered directly to Head Start programs in states to provide development, educational, health, nutritional, social and other activities that prepare children to succeed in school.  
**Website:** <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>  
<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/04/20090402a.html>

**Grants: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)**  
**Amount:** \$1 billion was included for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).  
**Tennessee to get \$19,697,805.**  
**Type:** States will receive formula funding  
**Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families  
**Description:** Provides funding to local community action agencies for services for the growing number 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.  
**Website:** <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/>

**Grant: Rural Community Facilities**  
**Amount:** \$130 million  
**Agency:** U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office  
**Type:** Competitive Grants  
**Description:** Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.  
**Website:** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

**Grant: Education for Homeless Children and Youth**  
**Amount:** \$70 million  
**Agency:** Department of Education  
**Type:** Formula funding to States

Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

**Grant: Immunization Grant Program**

Amount: \$300 million

**Tennessee to get \$3,540,952**

Agency: HHS

Type: Formula Funding to States

Description: Funds for immunization operations and infrastructure necessary to implement a comprehensive immunization program at the federal, state, and local levels.

## Education

The Recovery Act provides approximately \$100 billion for education. Some funds will be distributed in stages to states on a formula basis and then distributed from states to local education agencies or institutions of higher education for use over the next two school years. Some funds will be distributed all at once. Some funds will be distributed through a competitive grant process.

### State Contact Information:

Tennessee Department of Education

Andrew Johnson Tower, 6th Floor

710 James Robertson Parkway

Nashville, TN 37243

615-741-2731

<http://www.tn.gov/education/recovery.shtml>

**Grant: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund**

Amount: \$53.6 billion total (\$48.6 billion in state population allocations; \$4.3 billion in competitive state incentive grants; \$650 million in Innovation Fund awards). Funds are available for obligation at the state and local level until September 30, 2011.

**Tennessee to get \$775,135,000**

State Allocations: The U.S. Department of Education will award governors approximately \$48.6 billion by formula for education programs. (61% based on relative population of individuals aged 5 through 24; 39% based on relative total population). Governors must use 81.8% (\$39.8 billion) of allocation to support elementary, secondary, and higher education. This amount must be distributed by formula from the state to local education agencies and through a mechanism determined by the state to institutions of higher education.

\$8.8 billion is allocated to governors for education (including school modernization), public safety, or other government services.

The Department of Education will release 50% of Title I, Part A SFSF funds before the end of March, 2009, without requiring new state applications. The remaining funds are expected to be made available from July 1- September 30, conditioned on states providing additional information. States must maintain state support for elementary, secondary, and public postsecondary education through 2011 at least as FY 2006 levels.



**State Incentive Grants:** Also called “Race to the Top” grants. \$4.3 billion to reward states that have made significant progress in achieving equity in teacher distribution, establishing a longitudinal data system, and enhancing assessments for English language learners and students with disabilities. States competing for Race to the Top funds will be judged on how well they are using the first round of stabilization and Title I funds to advance education reforms. States receiving a grant must use at least 50% to provide school districts with subgrants based on the most recent relative Title I allocations.

**State Innovation Funds:** \$650 million in discretionary grants.

Website: [http://www.tn.gov/education/doc/Stabilization\\_Funds/pdf](http://www.tn.gov/education/doc/Stabilization_Funds/pdf)  
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
 State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
 State Recovery Sites: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page>

**Grant:** **IDEA Special Education**  
**Amount:** \$12.2 billion total

**IDEA Part B, Section 611: Tennessee to get \$229,613,400.** To assist states to provide special education and related services to eligible students with disabilities aged 3 through 21. Grants will be made to states (passed on to LEAs) based on the number of children with disabilities in the state who are receiving special education and related services.

**IDEA Part B, Section 619 (Preschool Grants): Tennessee \$7,345,000.** To assist states to provide special education and related services to children with disabilities aged 3 through 5 and, at the State’s discretion, to 2-year old children with disabilities who will turn 3 during the school year. Grants will be made to states (passed on to LEAs) based on population, including consideration for the number of children living in poverty.

50% of IDEA Part B funds will be released before the end of March 2009, without requiring new state applications. The other 50% will be awarded by October 1, 2009. These awards will be in addition to the regular Fiscal Year 2009 Part B grants that will be made on July 1 and October 1. Eligibility for the first 50% of IDEA funds is based on eligibility established for FY 2008 funds. All IDEA recovery funds must be obligated by September 30, 2011.

**IDEA Part C: Tennessee to get \$8,100,300.** To assist states to maintain and implement a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated interagency system to provide early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Administrator: State Department of Education  
 Description: To assist States and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special education for students with disabilities. IDEA funds must be used only for the excess cost of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities, except where IDEA specifically provides otherwise.  
 Website: [http://www.tn.gov/education/doc/Special\\_Education\\_Funds.pdf](http://www.tn.gov/education/doc/Special_Education_Funds.pdf)  
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
 State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>



**Grant:** **Education for the Disadvantaged**  
**Amount:** \$13 billion  
 -Title 1: **Tennessee to get \$194,108,000.** (to distribute funding to schools and school districts with a high percentage of students from low-income families.)  
 -School Improvement: **Tennessee to get \$50,386,000** (funding for academic assessment and LEA and school improvement; 40% should be used for middle and high schools.)  
 -Impact Aid: \$100 million (to provide funding to undertake emergency renovations and modernization projects.)  
**Type:** States will receive formula funding for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.  
**Eligible Applicants:** For Title I: LEAs with 40% or more students from families that qualify as low income. For Impact Aid: LEAs that educate federally-connected students or have federally owned land.  
**Website:** <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
**State Funding Amounts:** <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html>

**Grant:** **Education Technology**  
**Amount:** \$650 million was included for the Enhancing Education through Technology program. Funds will be made available beginning in Fall 2009.  
**Tennessee to get \$12,292,400**  
**Description:** Funds for State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology in the classroom. Each LEA receiving funds must file a state-by-state school listing of per pupil educational expenditures from state and local sources during the 2008-2009 academic year to its State Education Agency no later than December 1, 2009, and to the Secretary of Education by March 31, 2010.  
**Website:** <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
**State Funding Amounts:** <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

**Grant:** **Vocational Rehabilitation**  
**Amount:** \$540 million was included for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants. Funds provided through this act will not be considered in determining future appropriations.  
**Type:** States will receive formula funding. Federal share will be 100%  
**Description:** To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.  
**Website:** <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
**State Funding Amounts:** <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

**Grant:** **Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants**  
**Amount:** \$300 million. Funds will be made available beginning in Fall 2009.  
**Agency:** U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education  
**Type:** Competitive grants to states and school districts

Description:	\$200 million for competitive grants to school districts and states to provide financial incentives for teachers and principals who raise student achievement. \$100 million for competitive grants to states to address teacher shortages and modernize the teaching workforce.
Website:	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html</a>
<b>Grant:</b>	<b>Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program</b>
Amount:	\$250 million was included in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program. Funds will be made available beginning in Fall 2009.
Agency:	Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences
Type:	Competitive Grants to States
Description:	Grants to design and develop data systems that analyze individual student data to find ways to improve student achievement.
Website:	<a href="http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/">http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/</a>
<b>Grant:</b>	<b>Student Financial Assistance</b>
Amount:	\$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. \$200 million was included for work-study programs. These additional funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn. The Pell Grant and work study funding will be used for school year 2009-2010. These funds are available, pending disbursement, beginning July 1. The Recovery Act will increase the maximum Pell award for all eligible students from \$4,850 to \$5,350.
Agency:	Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid
Description:	To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.
Type:	Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds.
Website:	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf</a>
<b>Grant:</b>	<b>College Work Study</b>
Amount:	\$200 million. Work Study funding will be used for the 2009-2010 school year. The funds are available, pending disbursement, beginning July 1. <b>Tennessee to get \$3,490,400</b>
Agency:	Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid
Description:	Funding for part-time employment opportunities to assist students in financing the costs of postsecondary education
Type:	Formula Grants
Website:	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html</a>
State Funding Amounts:	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf</a>
<b>Grant:</b>	<b>Rural Community Facilities</b>
Amount:	\$130 million
Agency:	U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Type: Competitive Grants  
 Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.  
 Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

**Grant: Independent Living State Grants**

Amount: \$140 million. \$52.5 million will be distributed by formula. The remaining \$87.5 million will be distributed by competitive grants at a later date.  
 Description: To provide independent living (IL) services to individuals with significant disabilities  
 Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
 State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
 Rehabilitation Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html>

**Grant: Services for Older Individuals who are Blind**

Amount: \$34.3 Million  
 Type: States will receive formula funding  
 Description: Grants are made to states to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual impairment makes employment difficult to obtain.  
 Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
 State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
 Rehabilitation Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html>

**Grants: Education for Homeless Children and Youth**

Amount: \$70 million  
**Tennessee to get \$669,000**  
 Agency: Department of Education  
 Type: Formula funding to States  
 Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.  
 Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

**Grants: Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

Agency: National Park Service  
 Funding: \$15 million  
 Type: Competitive Grants. Waives matching requirement for these funds.  
 Description: These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.  
 Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps>  
 HBCU Grants: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm>

## Arts

State Contact Information:  
 Tennessee Art Commission  
 401 Charlotte Avenue  
 Nashville, TN 37243-0780  
 615-741-1701  
<http://www.arts.state.tn.us>

**Grants:** **National Endowment of the Arts Competitive Grants**  
**Agency:** National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) - National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities  
**Amount:** \$50 million.  
**Tennessee to get \$321,800**  
**Description:** \$30 million will be awarded directly to institutions, \$20 million will be given to NEA's network of state, regional, and local partners. Organizations that have received grants from NEA in the last four years are eligible to apply for awards of \$25,000 or \$50,000. The deadline to apply is April 2. All grant applications must be filed electronically. NEA partner agencies have until March 13 to submit their proposals. Grants must be used for salaries for positions that are in jeopardy or have been eliminated, or for fees for previously engaged artists or contractual workers.  
**Website:** [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)  
**Helpful Link:** <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

## Food Assistance

State Contact Information:  
 Tennessee Department of Human Services  
 400 Deaderick Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Nashville, TN 37243-1403  
 615-313-4700  
<http://www.tennessee.gov/humanserv/recovery/arra/html>

**Grant:** **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**  
**Amount:** \$19.9 billion  
**Tennessee to get \$482,693,000**  
**Type:** States will receive formula funding

75% of funds available for each Fiscal Year must be allocated to states based on each state's share of households that participate in SNAP, as reported by USDA for the most recent 12 month period that data is available, adjusted by participation in disaster programs.

25% of funds available for each Fiscal Year must be allocated to states based on the increase in number of households that participate in SNAP as reported by USDA for the most recent 12 month period for which data are available, adjusted by participation in the

disaster programs.

Agency: Department of Agriculture  
 Purpose: To supplement State's existing food stamp program.  
 Provisions: Beginning in the first full month 25 days after enactment, benefit values will be calculated using 113.6% of the June 2008 value of the thrifty food plan as specified under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008. Terminates on September 30, 2009.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/snap.htm>  
 State Contacts: [http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact\\_info/hotlines.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact_info/hotlines.htm)

**Grant: Senior Nutrition Programs**  
 Amount: \$100 million. \$65 million for congregate nutrition services provided at senior centers and other community sites, \$32 million for home delivered nutrition services delivered to frail elders at home, and \$3 million for Native American nutrition programs.  
**Tennessee to get \$1,972,292 total: \$1,321,639 for congregate nutrition, and \$650,653 for home-delivered nutrition.**  
 Type: States will receive formula funding  
 Agency: Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging  
 Purpose: To provide for an additional amount of funds for "Aging Services Programs."  
 Description: Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings and deliver nutritional and dietary safe meals to seniors.  
 Website: <http://www.aoa.gov/>

**Grant: School Lunch Program**  
 Amount: \$100 million.  
**Tennessee to get \$2,275,738.**  
 Type: States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state  
 Agency: USDA  
 Provisions: States must use competitive grants to school food authorities based on the need for equipment assistance in participating schools. Priority given to schools in which 50% or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals.  
 Website: Information for school systems wishing to apply and the grant applications are available at <http://www.tn.gov/education/recovery/shtml>.

If you have any questions, please contact Darryl Robinson or Sarah White at 1-800-354-3663. Or you may email questions to [darryl.robinson@state.tn.us](mailto:darryl.robinson@state.tn.us) or [sarah.c.white@state.tn.us](mailto:sarah.c.white@state.tn.us)

**Grant: Emergency Food Assistance**  
 Amount: \$150 million  
**Tennessee to get \$1,146,000**  
 Type: States will receive formula funding.  
 Agency: Department of Agriculture  
 Description: TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute food through local emergency food providers.  
 Purpose: To provide for costs associated with the distribution of commodity foods.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/>

**Grant: Supplemental WIC Nutrition Program**

Amount: \$500 million

Type: Federal Grant Program

Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA

Description: WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income women, infants, and children who are found to be at nutritional risk.

Provisions: \$400 million to be placed in reserve to be allocated as deemed necessary by the Agriculture Secretary, notwithstanding Section 17(i) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. \$100 million for purposes specific to Section 17(h)(10)(B)(ii).

Purpose: To support participation should cost or participation exceed budget estimates

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm>

## Telecom

The Recovery Act allocates \$7.2 billion for broadband investment, including funds for infrastructure, mapping, training, and education to rural, unserved and underserved communities. Of this amount, \$2.5 billion will be distributed through RUS' Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program. \$4.7 billion will be distributed through the NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (TOP). Projects can not be funded by both RUS and NTIA.

**State Contact Information:**

Tennessee Regulatory Authority

460 James Robertson Parkway

Nashville, TN 37243

800-342-8359

<http://tn.gov/tra>

**Grants: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

Amount: \$4.7 billion. \$200 million is set aside for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity, including at community colleges and public libraries. \$250 million is set aside for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service. In addition, there is 4250 million set aside for the Broadband Data Improvement Act (BDIA) to develop a nationwide inventory map of existing broadband service capability and availability. States can receive grants under BDIA to support efforts to ensure access to affordable broadband and increase broadband use.

Federal share of any project may not exceed 80%, except if the Assistant Secretary grants a waiver based on financial need.

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Description: Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.

Type: Competitive Grants

Website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm>

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

Amount: \$2.5 billion  
Agency: USDA: Rural Utility Service  
Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure.  
Type: Grants and Loans  
Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

**Coupon: Digital TV Conversion Coupon Program**

Amount: \$650 million  
Agency: Federal Communications Commission  
Provisions: As the June 12 deadline for the nationwide conversion to digital TV approaches, the Convert Box Coupon Program has started to accept replacement requests from eligible households. If an eligible household has redeemed one coupon toward the purchase of a TV converter box and the other coupon has expired, then it will be approved for a single replacement coupon.

Consumers may apply for replacement coupons in accordance with existing program rules at:

[www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov)

-Or by calling 1-888-DTV-2009,

- Or by mailing an application to:

Box 2000

Portland, OR 97208

- Or by faxing an application to 1-877-DTV-4ME2.

-Deaf or hard of hearing callers may call 1-877-530-2634

Description: Funds to continue the coupon program to enable American households to convert from analog television transmission to digital transmission.

Type: coupons to individuals

Website: [http://www.ntia.doc.gov/press/2009/DTV\\_ReplacementCoupons\\_090324.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/press/2009/DTV_ReplacementCoupons_090324.htm)  
<http://www.dtv.gov/>