American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

ARKANSAS OFFICE OF RECOVERY

STIMULUS OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

JULY 8, 2009





OVERVIEW

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 into law.

On March 5, 2009, Governor Beebe certified that the State of Arkansas will accept funds under the ARRA for the purpose of creating jobs and promoting economic growth.

The State of Arkansas is slated to receive an estimated \$2.9 billion over the course of the Recovery.

Transparency and Accountability

Reporting

- Expenditures
- Jobs created or retained
- Infrastructure investments

Clearinghouse

- Applications for federal assistance
- Public Comment

Compliance Audits

Website Homepage:

http://recovery.arkansas.gov

- News releases
- •Funding opportunities
- Project status
- Citizen Feedback



Arkansas Recovery Office

The Arkansas Office of Recovery provides ARRA oversight, transparency, and taxpayer accountability.



We are here to keep Arkansans at work and advance projects and initiatives that will lay the groundwork for the future growth of Arkansas.

Who We Are:

Chris Masingill

Responsible for the implementation, reviewing, and the overall oversight of the ARRA funds entering into the State of Arkansas.

Ann Purvis

Responsible for transparency by managing the ARRA call center, the state clearinghouse for federal funding applications, Recovery website, and providing the reporting on Recovery Programs.

Paul Louthian

Responsible for the accountability of state Recovery Programs by implementing financial tracking requirements as well as individual federal program internal audit plans.

Claire Bailey

Provides leadership and guidance in providing technology support for the Recovery Office.



Mike Beebe GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS

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Message from Governor Beebe

Visit the Governor's Website.

Read the transcript of this message.

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- Transparency & Accountability
- → Fraud & Abuse Reporting

04.16.09 | State Implementation Update

Recovery Hotlines 501-683-5767 | 1-877-682-1515



Visit Recovery.gov for information about the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

ed a notice inviting applications for grants under the Teacher Quality Partnership Grants Program, which received \$100 million under the ARRA.

Applications ope

Arkansas Recovery and Reinvestment Message from the Governor

"Thank you for visiting the Web site of Arkansas's Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This Act is a great opportunity for Arkansas, and its implementation will be carried out with transparency, oversight, and accountability. Keeping Arkansans at work and advancing projects and initiatives that will lay the groundwork for the future growth of Arkansas will be our guiding principles in this process." Read the full message

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Human Services / Medicaid | Nationally Competitive Programs | Safety & Community | Transportation | Water & Environment

Search Programs and Projects



Recovery Funds for Arkansas

Where is the money going?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment
Act is your tax dollars at work. Learn about
where your money is being spent and what
programs will be affected in your community.

Transparency & Accountability

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act set guidelines for states to implement and distribute the federal stimulus money that will deliver unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability to the taxpayers.



Click on a county on the map below to view the projects that have been funded in that area. As more projects are funded this map will be updated.



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Transparency & Accountability

How is the money being spent?

Get answers to the questions that affect your community.

Interactive Map Search

Mobile Version | iPhone Application

ARRA Resources & Guidance

Jobs

- Arkansas Works
- Arkansas State Jobs



Funded by ARRA

Ark	ansas State jobs	•
Click on a job title for more inf	ormation or to apply.	
Job Title	Location	Agency
MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	Little Rock	Department of Workforce Services
DOCUMENT EXAMINER II	Fayetteville	University of Arkansas - Fayetteville
ACCOUNTANT	Little Rock	Department of Workforce Services
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>	Little Rock	Department of Workforce Services
ACCOUNTANT	Little Rock	Department of Workforce Services
ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II	Little Rock	Department of Workforce Services
PERSONNEL OFFICER II	Little Rock	Department of Workforce Services
CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT II	Fayetteville	University of Arkansas - Fayetteville
MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	Newport	Department of Workforce Services

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Look for these logos to identify recovery projects in Arkansas and across the country.

NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

BROADBAND STIMULUS PROGRAMS

- Federal grants and loans, primarily administered by NTIA and Dept. of Agriculture's RUS
- Total amount of the stimulus package for both NTIA and RUS is \$7.2 billion.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

 \$48.8 billion has been designated to modernize the health care system by promoting and expanding the adoption of health information technology by 2014.

NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

Strengthening Communities Fund- Nonprofit Capacity Building Program

Average Projected Award Amount: \$1,000,000 per project period

Grant to provide nonprofit organizations serving as project partners, with capacity building training, technical assistance, and competitive financial assistance. The focus is to build the capacity of funded projects' nonprofit partners in order to address the broad economic recovery issues present in their communities.

Smart Grid (Department of Energy)

Total National Amount: \$4.5 billion

These funds are an investment in a nationwide plan to modernize the electric grid, enhance security of U.S. energy infrastructure and ensure reliable electricity delivery to meet growing demand.

Green Jobs Training

Total National Amount: \$750 million

Competitive grant to support worker training in high growth and emerging industries. ARRA requires that \$500 million be used to support projects to train workers for jobs in the energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors.

What Grants are Open? What Grants are Closed?

To Find Out...:

- Go to <u>www.Grants.gov</u>;
- Click on "Find Recovery Act Opportunities"

Search grants by:

- Agency
- Title
- Open Date
- Close Date

-OR-

Go to http://recovery.arkansas.gov and click "What Programs Can I Apply For?"



Arkansas Department of Human Services





ARRA Funding Overview

Throughout the stimulus period, DHS expects to receive recovery funding via two primary mechanisms:

- Direct funding to support existing programs
- Enhanced Medicaid match rate

Direct Funding Overview

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- Projected \$269,000,000 in total benefits for lowincome Arkansans
- Clients will receive a 13.6% increase in their monthly benefit
- Provides states with 100% federal funding to pay increased administrative costs

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

- Will receive \$48,114,415 through March 2012
- Enables low-income Arkansans to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient
- Arkansas's goal is to weatherize approximately 6500 homes by March 2012

Child Care Development Funds (CCDF)

- Will receive \$25,133,768 through December 2010
- Provides funds to:
 - increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care services for lowincome families
 - improve the quality of child care to support the health and well-being of children
- Serve approximately 6,000 more children throughout the two year period

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

- Will receive \$13,595,871
- Provides funds through local community action agencies for:
 - outreach, coordination, and planning activities to increase public awareness; and,
 - utilization of services made available through the federal stimulus
- Proposed CSBG Recovery Plan is on DHS website

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

- Will receive \$11,212,943 through September 2012
- Provides financial assistance and services to either:
 - prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless; or,
 - help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized

IDEA Part C Early Intervention Program (EI)

- Will receive \$3,966,341 through June 2011
- Provides grants to states for developing a data collection and reporting infrastructure on services available for children birth to 3 years
 - Example initiatives include system enhancements, child find assessment, trainings and rural demonstration grants among others

Programs for Seniors

- Congregate Meals
 - Will receive \$648,133 through September 2010
- Home Delivered Meals
 - Will receive \$319,081 through September 2010
- Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP)
 - Older Workers Program
 - Will receive \$431,800 through June 2010

Programs for Blind and/or Severely Visually Impaired

- Independent Living Rehabilitation Services (ILRS)
 - Will receive \$29,150 through September 2010
- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
 - Will receive \$395,390 through September 2010
- Older Blind Program
 - Will receive \$353,503 through September 2010

AmeriCorps Program

- Will receive \$775,967 through October 2010
- Provides for the placement of 21 full-time AmeriCorps members to serve throughout Arkansas
 - AmeriCorps volunteers provide tutoring for at-risk youth, coordinate health fairs and provide environmental awareness and leadership trainings

Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

- Will receive \$1,091,708 for food purchases and \$273,611 program administration
 - Administrative funds available through 2010
- Provides food on an emergency basis for families in need, the homeless, and to supplement low-income food programs in the state

Enhanced Medicaid Match Rate

- The Medicaid federal match rate is increased from its current 72.81% to 79.14% for nine federal fiscal quarters, dating back to October 1, 2008, with possible additional increases depending on the change in Arkansas's unemployment rates
 - Results in over \$520,000,000 in savings from reduced Medicaid match requirements
- The enhanced Medicaid federal match rate also applies to the costs of children placed in foster homes or other types of out-of-home care under a court order or a voluntary placement agreement
 - Specifically excludes administrative expenses

Enhanced Medicaid Match Rate Systems Transformation

- Medicaid savings will largely support the existing Medicaid program——a portion of it will be used to strengthen our critical infrastructure needs such as enhancing automation and purchasing equipment
- Due to the time-limited nature of the enhanced match rate, our focus is on launching or strengthening programs that will generate long term savings
 - For example, investing in Home and Community Based Services that help people avoid unnecessarily entering a nursing home
- The goal is to make investments now that will save us money in the future

Questions?

 Additional information regarding specific DHS recovery projects is available on the Arkansas Recovery website

http://recovery.arkansas.gov/index.html

 Please see the DHS website for additional information regarding any of our programs or services

http://www.state.ar.us/dhs/homepage.html

Arkansas Department of Education

Unprecedented Opportunities for Arkansas Public Schools

First-Round ARRA Funding

Title I, A (50%) \$111.1 million

IDEA, B (50%) \$117.7 million

SFS Funds (67%) \$341.1 million

Food Service Equipment Assistance Grant – \$1.2 million Education for Homeless Youth Grant – \$721,000

Second Round ARRA Funding

• The remaining funds from Title I, IDEA and SFSF will be sent to the state after we provide evidence that the LEAs are using the funds to meet the four goals set out by the USDoE.

(Projected date: no later than October 1, 2009)

Additional Grants Available in the Fall:

School Improvement Grants

Enhancing Education Through Technology Grants

Teacher Incentive Fund Grants

Invest in What Works Innovation Grants

Education Goals

Collegeand CareerReady
Preparation
(including
programs for
ELL and
SPED
students)

Programs or Processes
to track progress and foster continuous Improvement

Teacher
Effectiveness
and Equitable
Distribution
of Highly
Qualified
Teachers

Intensive
Support and
Effective
Interventions

Arkansas Department of Workforce Services

UI and ARRA

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Extension of EUC 08 — ARRA extended this program to expire with EUC claims filed on or before the week ending December 26, 2009 with a phase out period through the week ending June 5, 2010.

Federal Additional Compensation (FAC)—This program pays claimants receiving regular UI, EUC 08, Trade Readjustment Allowances, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, or Extended Benefits an additional \$25 per week.

UI and ARRA

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Waiver of Federal Income Tax— Waiver of federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of UI benefits paid during tax year 2009.

<u>Federal Funding of Extended Benefits</u>

<u>Program</u> — ARRA provides that the federal government will pay 100% of state EB costs.

UI and ARRA

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

<u>UI Modernization</u>— Under ARRA states that adopt legislation expanding UI coverage are eligible to receive incentive payments. Arkansas has adopted the required provisions and upon approval from USDOL will receive \$59.9M.

Employment and Training

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

- Employment Services to Job Seekers and Employers
- Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker Skills Enhancement, Employment and Training Programs – \$24.6 million
- Tax Credits to Employers for Hiring Hard to Serve Individuals
- National Emergency Grants for Mass Layoffs

Arkansas Department of Workforce Services Trade Program

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The Department of Labor has modified Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA), now known as Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance, to allow eligible workers to work part time and participate in TAA approved training.

Arkansas Department of Workforce Services Trade Program

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

In addition to the manufacturing sector, this change allows inclusion of trade based job loss from companies in the services sector and from the public sector and certain agricultural jobs after May 18, 2009.

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TAA SERVICES AND BENEFITS

- Reemployment Services (Interviewing Skills, Application & Resume Preparation, Job Search Tips)
- Job Search and Relocation Reimbursement
- Training (Including Tuition, Books, Fees & Approved Supplies)

- Income Support
- Training Waivers
- Health Coverage Tax Credit
- ARRA temporarily reduces the premium for COBRA coverage for eligible individuals.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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Arkansas Economic Development Commission







ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE \$49 million

- •\$39 million for State Energy Programs
- •\$10 million for small cities and counties (EECBG)

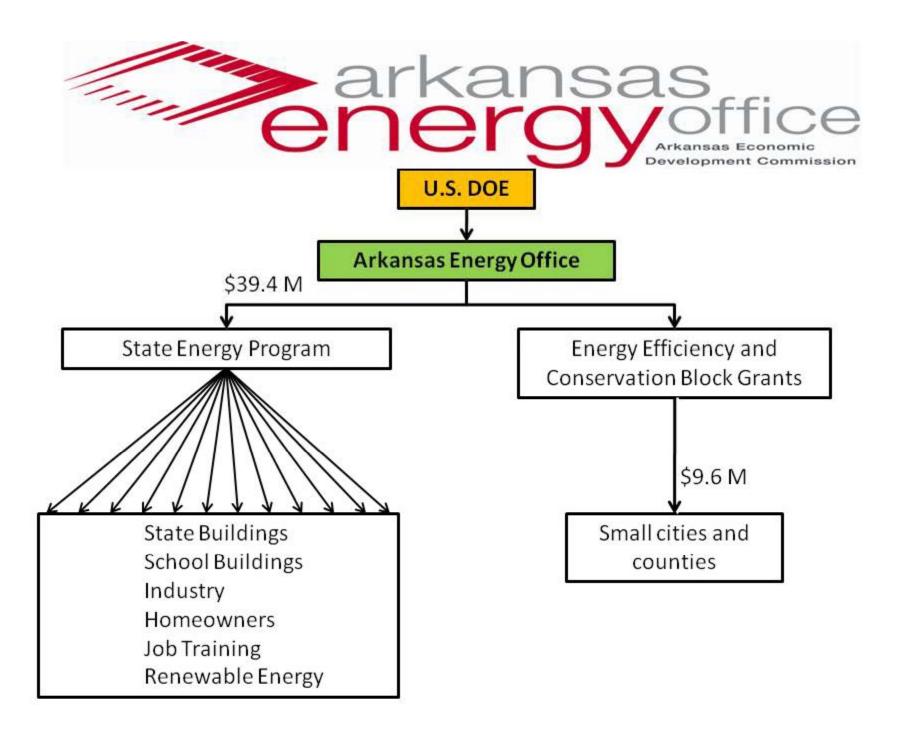
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) \$5 million

•\$5 million to eligible cities and counties for public infrastructure and construction projects

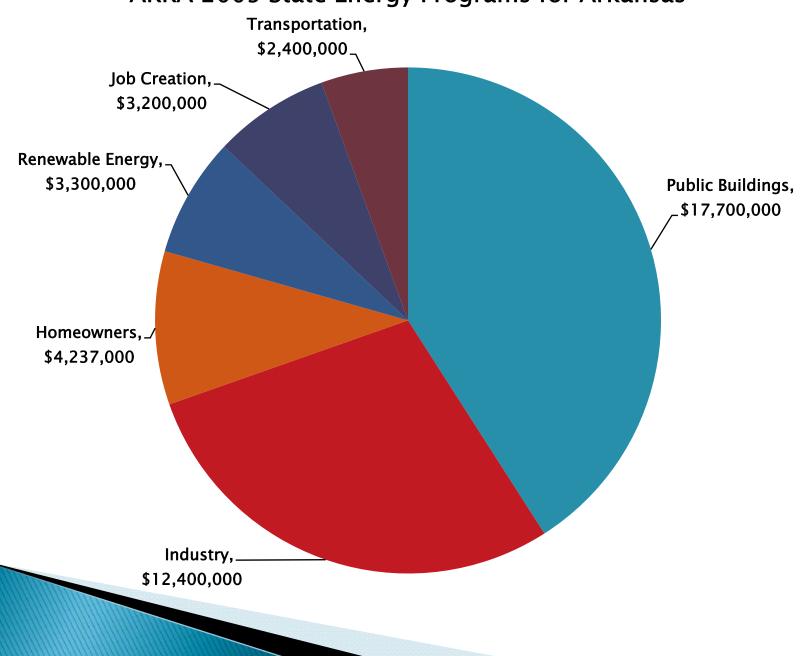


STATE ENERGY PROGRAM (SEP)

ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG)



ARRA 2009 State Energy Programs for Arkansas





Economic Development Commission

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

CDBG Program

- Building and public infrastructure projects that primarily benefit low-to-moderate income families.
- Potential projects will be selected from PDD referrals and other partners.
- State request must be submitted to HUD by June 29.
- Priority given to projects that can be contracted within 120 days.

Arkansas Natural Resource Commission

Green Projects



20% of Capitalization Grant must be used for Green Projects.

Some Green Projects will require a business case.

Categorical Projects



- 1. Leak detection equipment
- 2. Alternative (non-fossil fuel) energy
- 3. New meter installation
- 4. LEED buildings
- 5. Water reuse projects



Non-Categorical Projects (need business case)



- 1. SCADA (computer automation)
- 2. Water loss reduction through water main replacement
- 3. Energy use reduction through upgrading pumps and electrical equipment
- 4. Energy use reduction through water main replacement
- 5. High efficiency well construction

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality





Diesel Emissions Reduction Funding Assistance Program

Diesel Emissions

- Emissions
 - Nitrogen Oxides
 - Particulate Matter
 - Carbon Monoxide
 - Hydrocarbons
- Health Effects
 - Premature Deaths
 - Asthma Attacks



http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2006/epa.html

Go RED!

- Reducing Emissions from Diesels
- Competitive funding assistance opportunity
 - Private entities
 - Public entities
 - Non-profit organizations
- Approximately \$1.5 million in funding available
- Awards up to \$200,000 per organization

Eligible Equipment

All types of diesel equipment are eligible.

- Buses
- Medium-duty trucks
- Heavy-duty trucks
- Marine engines
- Locomotives

- Non-road engines
 - Construction
 - Handling of cargo
 - Agriculture
 - Mining
 - Energy production



Eligible Technology and Funding

- Retrofit
 - up to 100%
- Idling reduction
 - up to 100%
- Engine upgrade
 - up to 100%
- Engine replacement
 - Up to 75%
- Vehicle/equipment replacement
 - Up to 25%
 - School buses that meet the 2010 standards up to 50%



Dates of Interest

- ▶ Go RED! Opens
 - July 2009
- ▶ Go RED! Closes
 - August 2009
- Awards Made
 - October 2009
- All Work Completed
 - August 31, 2010



Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program

ARRA Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Grant

- Grant application to EPA on March 10, 2009
- ARRA grant-eligible activities include Statelead site assessments or remediations at LUST sites using an on-call environmental contractor. ("State-lead" sites are sites where the tank owner is unable or unwilling to conduct the required site work.)

ARRA Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Grant

- ▶ \$1.68 million
- ▶ 6-10 sites with petroleum contaminated soils and/or groundwater. (The number of sites actually addressed will depend on the amount of funding received.)

ARRA Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Grant

Status

- A grant application amendment was filed by ADEQ on May 8th to include EPA's newest reporting requirements
- The on-call environmental contracts are in place and ready to be activated when funds are received
- ADEQ is currently awaiting the ARRA LUST Grant award from EPA

TMDL Development for Impaired Waterbodies

TMDL Development

- \$259,000 available under the Clean Water Act Section 604(b)
- Funds to be used to develop Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL's) for sections of waterbodies designated as "impaired".

TMDL Development

- TMDL amount of contamination from natural and man-made sources that a waterbody can receive and still meet its designated uses.
- Examples: aquatic use, recreation, industrial, agricultural, drinking water.

TMDL Development

St. Francis River Basin

Caney Creek Second Creek L'Anguille Prairie Creek

Smackover Creek Basin

Flat Creek Salt Creek El Dorado Chemical Tributary

Red River Basin
 Sulphur River
 Red River
 Bodcau

Arkansas Development Finance Authority

LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT (LIHTC) RENTAL HOUSING

- Approximately \$60,000,000 in federal tax credits annually allocated to Arkansas for affordable housing from IRS.
- These tax credits are sold and provide approximately \$48,000,000 million in private investment



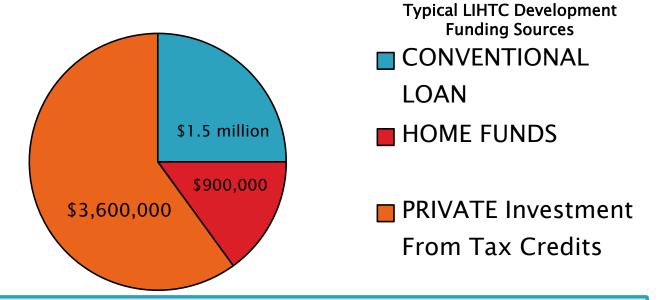
Built in 1915

Historic District Duplex

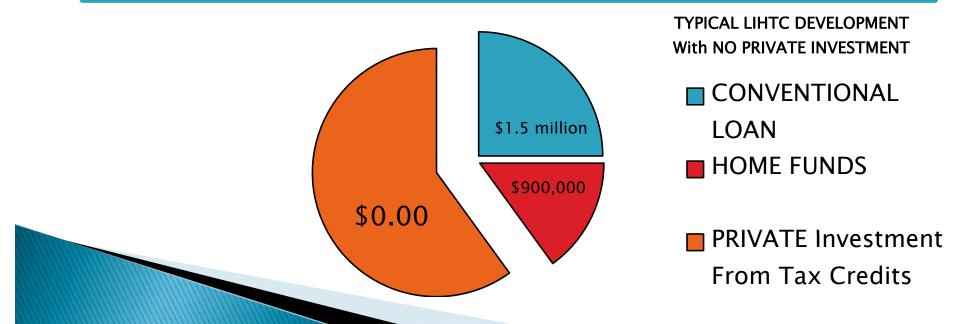








Due to recent depletion of the Tax Credit markets, PRIVATE INVESTMENT has all but vanished and affordable rental developments are not being completed.



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

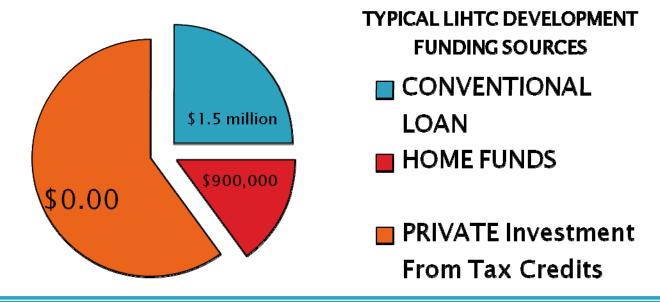
Enacted two programs to fill the "Private Investment Gap" created due to depletion of tax credit private investment market:

1. <u>Tax Credit Assistance Program</u>

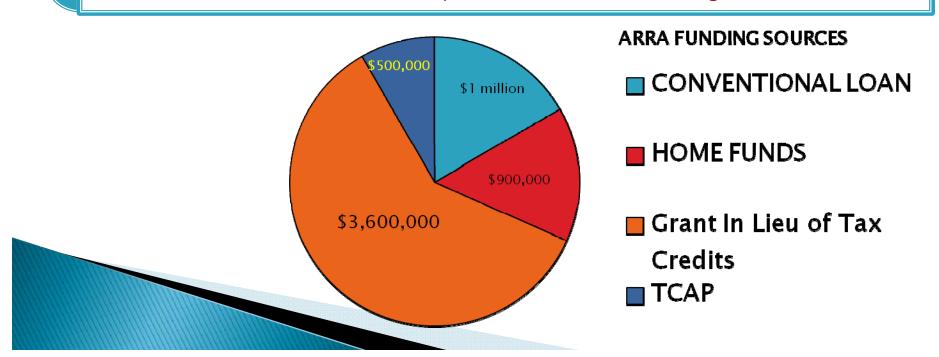
- \$20,463,053 from US Dept of Housing and Urban Development
- Available only to developments awarded tax credits in 2007, 2008, 2009
- Competitively awarded
 - Maximum award of \$500,000
 - Demonstrated ability to complete development by February 16, 2012

2. Grants In Lieu of Tax Credits

- Grant to Arkansas in amount equal to \$.85 of each tax credit returned in 2009 from previous year's allocation plus 40% of 2009 allocation.
- Approximately \$58,000,000 currently available in Grant funding because of tax credits already returned and 2009 allocation
- Anticipate approximately\$44,000,000 in Grant funding due to tax credit returns in 2009.
- All grant funds must be expended no later than December 31, 2010.



TCAP and Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits will infuse approximately \$122,463,053 into the construction and development of affordable housing in Arkansas



Department of Justice



Recovery Grants



Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

The JAG program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions.

JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives for training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice that will improve or enhance the criminal justice system.

Arkansas has been awarded 22 million with over 15 million going to local projects.

Department of Justice Recovery Grant Programs

STOP Violence Against Women (VAWA)

The STOP VAWA program will receive 1.4 million dollars to support coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women.

Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA)

The VOCA program will receive \$787,000 to support crime victim assistance projects statewide that expand and enhance direct services to victims of crime and provide training and technical assistance to service providers.

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department





How We Prepared

Identified "Shovel Ready" projects

Began discussions of Joint Areas of concern

Does Industry have Personnel, Materials & Equipment

Possible Morning and Afternoon lettings

Bid Turnkey or Split Projects (grading/structures/paving)

Incentives/Disincentives

\$351 million to Arkansas

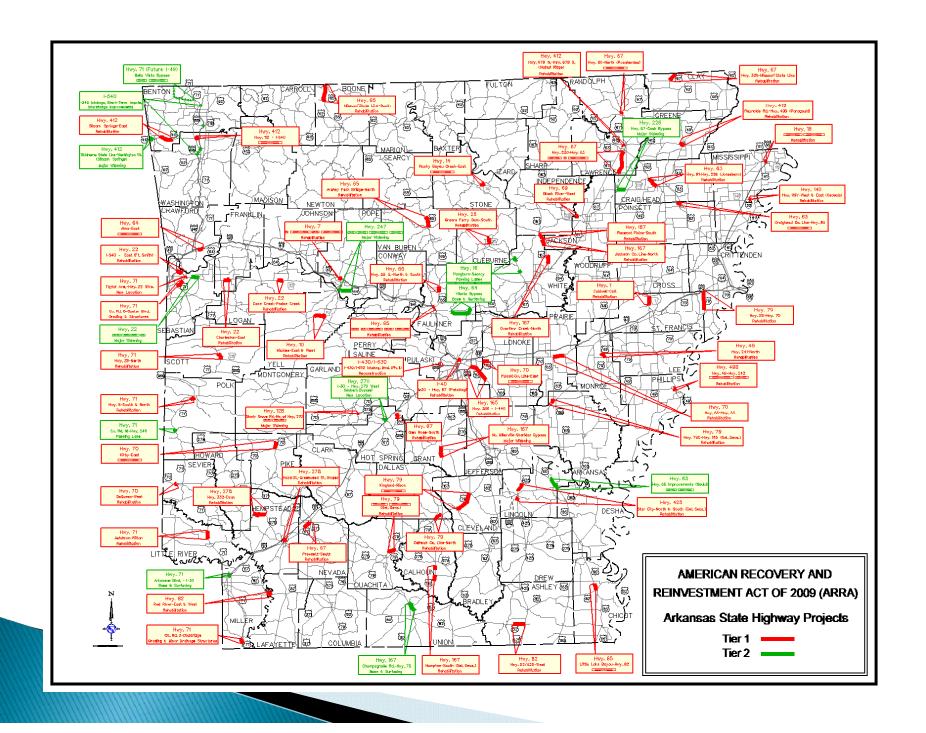
\$14.2M	to LR/NLR Metro area
\$1.5M	to West Memphis area
\$10.5M	to Enhancement Jobs
\$4M	to City Streets/Signals
\$6M	to County Roads

\$315M

Balance

Requirements

\$123 Million by June 30, 2009 Remainder by March 2, 2010



ARRA Projects by Letting Date

• April 2009 \$21 million
• May 2009 \$83 million
• July 20094 projects
·August 200911 projects\$61 million
October 20097 projects \$64 million
December 20094 projects \$24 million
·January 20103 projects
• February 201016 projects
·April 20101 project\$33 million

Project Signing



ARRA Project Information

List and map on AHTD's website www.arkansashighways.com

State of Arkansas' website www.recovery.arkansas.gov

National website www.recovery.gov



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