

**Resource Guide to the
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
2009**



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A Note from Congressman Reyes

Dear Friends:

Our country is facing the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression and action must be taken to jumpstart our economy. To that end, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law a historic recovery package, H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The Recovery Act provides nearly \$800 billion in federal spending and tax cuts to create or save millions of jobs and provide assistance to Americans who are currently unemployed. The law contains targeted efforts to transform our economy with science and technology; modernize roads, bridges, transit and waterways; educate and prepare our children for the 21st century; lower healthcare costs; assist workers hurt by the economy; and promote the use of clean and efficient energy sources.

With the unemployment rate reaching seven percent in Texas, up two percent in less than a year, this package could not come at a more critical time. With this bill, 269,000 jobs will be created or saved in Texas, with 7,500 of those jobs in the 16th Congressional District.

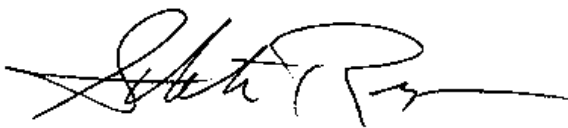
In order to ensure that individuals, communities, and businesses have access to the information on the many federal programs and federal funding opportunities that are available as a result of this bill, I am providing this Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This guide is subdivided into 13 sections that provide information about the federal programs that are receiving recovery funding.

In addition to the information supplied in this guide, I encourage you to refer to the following resource websites as well:

- Obama Administration website: <http://www.recovery.gov/>
- How to apply for federal contracts: <https://www.fbo.gov/>
- How to find federal jobs: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>
- How to apply for federal grants: <http://www.grants.gov/>
- How to access various federal benefits: <http://www.govbenefits.gov>
- Texas Recovery Website: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/recovery/>

I hope that you will find this information helpful. Should you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact my office. While we have a tough road ahead of us, I am confident that Texas and the people of the 16th Congressional District will come out of this crisis stronger and better prepared for the future.

Sincerely,



Silvestre Reyes
Member of Congress

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CONSUMER TAX CREDITS

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act cuts taxes for 95% of working families in the nation. Below is a summary of some of the tax cuts and credits included in the legislation.

One-Time Economic Recovery Payment

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides for a one-time payment of \$250 to individuals who receive Social Security benefits, Railroad Retirement benefits, veteran's compensation or pension benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), excluding individuals who receive SSI while in a Medicaid institution.

Furthermore, individuals must have been participating in one of these programs three months prior to 02/17/2009 to qualify.

The one-time payments will not come from Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as they have in previous legislation. The Social Security Administration expects everyone who is entitled to a payment to receive it by late May 2009. No action is required by the individual at this time.

To date, no further details have been released about this program. I encourage you to visit the Social Security Administration website at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payment/> and <http://www.recovery.gov> in the coming days for more information. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the Social Security Administration toll free at (800) 772-1213.

Making Work Pay Tax Credit

In 2009 and 2010, the Making Work Pay provision of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 for working individuals and up to \$800 for married taxpayers filing joint returns.

This tax credit will be calculated at a rate of 6.2 percent of earned income and will phase out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income in excess of \$75,000, or \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly.

For people who receive a paycheck and are subject to withholding, the credit will typically be handled by their employers through automated withholding changes in early spring. These changes may result in an increase in take-home pay. The amount of the credit will be computed on the employee's 2009 income tax return filed in 2010. Taxpayers who do not have taxes withheld by an employer during the year can also claim the credit on their 2009 tax return. It is not necessary to submit a Form W-4 to get the automatic withholding change. However, an employee with multiple jobs or a married couple whose combined income places it in a higher tax bracket should consult with the IRS and, if necessary, submit a revised Form W-4 to ensure enough tax is withheld. IRS Publication 919 provides additional guidance for tax withholding including a special Making Work Pay worksheet.

I encourage you to visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at <http://www.irs.gov> and <http://www.recovery.gov> in the coming days for more information. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040.

Refundable First-Time Home Buyer Credit

Last year, Congress provided taxpayers with a refundable tax credit that was equivalent to an interest-free loan equal to 10% of the purchase of a home (up to \$7,500) by first-time home buyers. Prior to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, taxpayers receiving this tax credit were required to repay any amount received back to the government of 15 years in equal installments, or, if earlier, when the home is sold.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act eliminates the repayment obligation for taxpayers that purchase homes after January 1, 2009 and before December 1, 2009. In addition, the credit is increased to \$8,000 and removes the prohibition on financing by mortgages revenue bonds.

This provision only applies to the individual's primary residence and if the individual changes residency within 36 months of the purchase, they will be required to payback the credit.

To date, no further details about this program have been released. I encourage you to visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at <http://www.irs.gov> and <http://www.recovery.gov> in the coming days for more information. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040.

Sales Tax Deduction for Vehicle Purchases

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides taxpayers with a deduction for State and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of a qualified motor vehicle until January 1, 2010.

A qualified motor vehicle means a passenger automobile, light truck, or motorcycle which has a gross vehicle weight of not more than 8,500 pounds, or a motor home.

To date, no further details about this program have been released. I encourage you to visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at <http://www.irs.gov> and <http://www.recovery.gov> in the coming days for more information. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040.

ARTS

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Grant: **Grants for the Arts (State)**
Agency: Texas Commission on the Arts
Amount: \$400,000
Type: Competitive grants
Description: Grants to fund arts projects which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in financial support.
Website: http://www.arts.state.tx.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=235&Itemid=163
Deadline: August 1, 2009

CHILD CARE

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

Amount: \$2 billion

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>

Grant: **Head Start / Early Start Programs**

Amount: \$2.1 billion was included for Head Start Program funding & expansion of the Early Head Start Program.

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 & other activities that prepare children to succeed in school.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>

Grant: **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)**

Amount: \$1 billion was included for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

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>

EDUCATION

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides over \$100 billion for education. These funds will go to several existing education programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education, including programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Higher Education Act (HEA). The legislation also provides \$53.6 billion directly to states for an education stabilization fund to prevent education-related layoffs, upgrade, repair and modernize schools and restore harmful cuts to education funding.

Grant: **State Fiscal Stabilization Fund**
Amount: \$53.6 billion
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>

Grant: **IDEA Special Education**
Amount: \$12.2 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding.
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.
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.
Type: States will receive formula funding
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
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: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html>

Grant: Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

Amount: \$250 million was included in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program.

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: <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slids/>

Grant: Student Financial Assistance

Amount: \$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. \$200 million was included for workstudy 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.

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

State Funding

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

Grant: College Work Study

Amount: \$200 million

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

State Funding

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

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: Independent Living State Grants

Amount: \$18.2 million

Type: States will receive formula funding

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>

Grant: Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Agency: National Park Service
Funding: \$15 million
Type: Competitive grants
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>

Grant: AmeriCorps
Amount: \$2.3 million
Agency: Onestar Foundation
Description: Provides grants directly to public and non-profit organizations that sponsor service programs including faith based and community organizations, higher education institutions, and public agencies. Grants assist these groups in recruiting, training and placing AmeriCorps members to meet critical community needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.
Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.onestarfoundation.org/page/americorpstexas

Grant: Children with Disabilities (Part B)
Amount: \$945.6 million
Agency: Texas Education Agency
Description: Provides funds to state educational agencies and local educational agencies to help them ensure that children with disabilities have access to a free appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living.
Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873

Grant: Children with Disabilities (Part C: Infants and toddlers)
Amount: \$39.4 million
Agency: Texas Dept. of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
Description: Provides funds to state educational agencies and local educational agencies to help them ensure the education of children with disabilities, aged three and

under, have access to a free appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living.

Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml

Grant: Children with Disabilities (Pre-K)

Amount: \$24.3 million
Agency: Texas Education Agency
Description: Provides funds to state educational agencies and local agencies to help them ensure that children with disabilities, including children aged three to five, have access to a free appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living.

Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873

Grant: Early Head Start

Amount: \$1.1 billion
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description: Grants for family-centered services for low-income families with very young children designed to promote the development of the children, and to enable their parents to fulfill their roles as parents and to move toward self-sufficiency.

Type: Competitive Grants
Website: http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hslc_grantee_directory

Grant: Education Technology

Amount: \$285.2 million
Agency: Texas Education Agency
Description: Title I, School Improvement Grants, aim is to improve academic achievement through the use of technology in public education. Grants can be used to improve student achievement using technology in a variety of ways, including but not limited to acquiring software, improving networking, and equipment. Fund use is supplemental only.

Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873

Grant: Education Technology

Amount: \$59.4 million
Agency: Texas Education Agency
Description: Title II, Part D Education Technology Authorizes a series of competitive grant programs intended to support a variety of innovative K-12 educational activities. Grants can be used to improve student achievement using technology in a variety of ways including but not limited to acquiring software, teacher training, and new curriculum delivery. Fund use is supplemental only.

Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873

Grant: Head Start

Amount: \$60 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Description: Grants not to exceed 80% of the total costs of the program. Matching funds will not be required to exceed 20% of the total costs of the program. \$354 million for staff compensation and training, upgrading Head Start centers and classrooms, increasing hours of operation and enhancing transportation services.

Type: Formula Grants

Website: http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hslc_grantee_directory

Grant: Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Amount: \$3.5 million

Agency: Texas Education Agency

Description: Title VII, Subtitle B-McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act—Program works to ensure that homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free public education, including a public preschool education, as is provided to other children and youth.

Deadline: Funds must be distributed to states by 4/18/2009; state subgrants to school districts within 120 days after receiving its grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education

Website: www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873

Grant: Impact Aid

Amount: \$100 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Description: Supports local school districts with concentrations of children who reside on Indian lands, military bases, low-rent housing properties, and other Federal properties, or who have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties.

Type: Formula and Competitive Grants

Website: www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Grant: Innovation and Improvement

Amount: \$200 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Description: Specifies that \$200 million be used for a national evaluation of performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high need schools.

Type: Competitive Grants

Website: www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Grant: Education for the Disadvantaged

Amount: \$944.6 million

Agency: Texas Education Agency

Description: Title I, Part A Title 1-A grants provide supplementary educational and related services to low-achieving and other students attending pre-K-12 schools with relatively high concentration of pupils from low-income families. Fund use is supplemental only.

Type: Formula Grants

Website: www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3873

Grant: National School Lunch Program

Amount: \$11.5 million

Agency: Texas Department of Agriculture

Description: Grants to help upgrade equipment to meet the current nutritional standards. Schools administering a lunch program with more than 50% of the population

eligible for the national school lunch program. Consideration will also be made as to how the purchase either a) improves the quality of the school foodservice meals that meet dietary guidelines, b) improves the safety of food served in the school meals programs, c) improves the overall energy efficiency of the school foodservice operations, or d) allows the support of expanded participation in the school meals programs.

Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.squaremeals.org/fn/render/channel/items/0,1249,2348_28788_0_0,00.html

Grants: Pell Grants

Amount: \$186.6 million
Agency: Higher Education Institutions
Description: The Pell Grant Program is the largest source of federal source grant aid to postsecondary students. The grants are available to low-income undergraduate students to help offset their costs associated with obtaining a postsecondary education. Direct aid to students.

Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.fasfa.ed.gov

Grant: Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program

Amount: \$100 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Education
Description: Grants for improving teacher education programs, strengthening teacher recruitment efforts, and providing training for prospective teachers.

Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Grant: Work-Study Program

Amount: \$10.7 million
Agency: Higher Education Institutions
Description: Need-based federal aid that provides undergraduate, graduate, and professional students the opportunity for paid employment in a field related to their course of study or in community service. Students are compensated with a combination of federal funding and a matching amount provided by the student's employer, which may be the institution of higher education or another entity. In most instances, the maximum share of compensation is 75%. Direct aid to students.

Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.fasfa.ed.gov

Grant: Major Research Instrumentation Program and Facilities Construction

Amount: \$400 million
Agency: National Science Foundation
Description: The program is designed to make research instruments more accessible to higher education, non-profit organizations and research museums to expand scientific knowledge. Proposals can be for a single instrument or for numerous instruments but all must be too costly for the entity to acquire their own. Grants can also be upgrades to existing facilities or new construction.

Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.nsf.gov/recovery

Grant: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Amount: \$230 million

Agency: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NOAA
Description: Programs can be weather related learning tools at schools to meteorology equipment at universities. There are also research funding opportunities available.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.noaa.gov/recovery

Grant: Scientific and Technical Research Services
Amount: \$180 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology
Description: The program will consist of a competitive construction grant program for funding science research facilities outside of National Institute of Standards and Technology.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.nist.gov/recovery

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides investments in areas critical to the development of clean and efficient energy. The Recovery Act allocates \$16.8 billion for various programs within the U.S. Department of Energy. Most of the funds are specified for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE). EERE works to strengthen the United States' energy security, environmental quality, and economic vitality in public-private partnerships by supporting enhancements in energy efficiency and productivity; bringing clean, reliable and affordable energy technologies to the marketplace, and enhancing Americans energy choices. You can visit EERE's website at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/> to learn more about the agency. Below is a summary of some of the federal and state programs that will receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Grant: **State Energy Efficiency Programs**
Amount: \$3.1 billion, \$218,782,000 for Texas.
Type: States receive funding through a formula
Description: States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.
Contact: Texas State Energy Conservation Office
Phone: (512) 463-1931
<http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/>

Grant: **Weatherization Assistance Program**
Amount: \$5 billion total, \$326,975,732 for Texas. Provisions also expand the eligibility of low income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program and increase the funding assistance level per dwelling (from \$2,500 per dwelling to \$6,500).
Type: States receive funding through a formula
Description: Provides energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free of charge. For information on how to apply for these funds, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' Weatherization Assistance Program.
Purpose: To assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.
Deadline: Plan Application due 5/12/2009
Contact: U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Program:
http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state_activities_detail.cfm/state_abbrev=tx
Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
P.O. Box 13941
Austin, TX 78711-3941
Phone: 512-475-3800 or (888) 606-8889
<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/ea/index.htm>
Project BRAVO
4838 Montana Avenue
El Paso, TX 79903

Phone: (915) 562-4100
<http://www.projectbravo.org>

Grant: **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)**
Amount: \$3.2 billion total. \$5,802,700 was awarded to the City of El Paso and \$110,700 to the Tigua Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo tribe through direct formula grants. Texas' State Energy Office (SEO) received an additional \$45,638,100, not less than 60% of which must be awarded to cities and counties within the state that are ineligible for direct formula grants from the DOE.
Type: Formula and competitive grants to government entities
Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
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

Grant: **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants: Additional**
Amount: \$400 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Energy
Description: Additional competitive grants for the reduction of energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and for improvements in energy efficiency.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm

Grants: **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants: Large Cities and Counties**
Amount: \$163.3 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Energy
Description: For the reduction of energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and for improvements in energy efficiency. Cities with populations greater than 35,000 and counties greater than 200,000 apply directly to the U.S. Dept. of Energy for project grants.
Type: Formula Grants
Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm

Grants: **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant: Smaller Cities and Counties**
Amount: \$45.6 million
Agency: State Energy Conservation Office

Description: For the reduction of energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and for improvements in energy efficiency. Smaller cities and counties in Texas apply to the State Energy Conservation Office for project grants.

Type: Formula Grants

Website: www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/resources/arra.php

Grant: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Amount: \$16.8 billion

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/

Texas Information:

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_information.cfm/state=TX

Grant: 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

Grant: 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

Grant: Advanced Battery Manufacturing

Amount: \$2 billion was included to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components

Type: Competitive grants to domestic manufacturing facilities

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Activities: For the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components; and to provide facility funding 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

Grant: **Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program**
Amount: \$300 million
Type: Competitive grants 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. 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 are also eligible.
Website: www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities

Grant: **Transportation Electrification**
Amount: \$400 million
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

Grant: **Smart Grid Investment Program**
Amount: \$4.5 billion
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
www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm

Grant: **Fossil Energy Research and Development Program**
Amount: \$3.39 billion
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/programs/powersystems/index.html

Grant: **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/grants/grants.html>

Grant: **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

Loan: **Innovative Technology Loan**
Amount: \$6 billion
Type: Loan guarantees to eligible 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>

Grant: **Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup**
Amount: \$5.127 billion
Type: Awards based on priorities established by Department 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: U.S. Department of Energy, Texas information:
<http://www.em.doe.gov/StatePages/TX.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.lgprogram.energy.gov/>

Grant: **Research into Low-Emission Coal Plants**
Amount: \$800 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: Department of Energy

Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov>

Grant: Industrial carbon capture and energy efficiency improvement projects

Amount: \$1.52 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Department of Energy

Website: www.netl.doe.gov

Grant: Grants for identifying sites to store carbon dioxide emissions

Amount: \$50 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Department of Energy

Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov>

Grant: 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 governments.

Agency: Department of Energy

Website: www.oe.energy.gov

<http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm>

Bond: Clean Renewable Energy Bonds

Amount: \$1.6 billion

Type: Tax-credit bonds for state/local/tribal governments, public power providers, and electric cooperatives.

Agency: 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://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html>

Bond: 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://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html>

Grant: Aquaculture Assistance

Amount: \$50 million

Agency: Texas Dept. of Agriculture

Description: This program will be especially useful for areas experiencing drought conditions or issues from the hurricanes. Aquaculture producers that during 2008 produced an aquaculture species in which feed costs were a large percentage of input costs and also experienced a substantial price increase of feed costs. The program has a two-tiered competitive application process in which the Texas Dept. of Agriculture will apply to USDA for funds, after which local producers will apply to TDA for grants.

Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.texasagriculture.gov/agr/program_render/0,1987,1848_10822_0_0,00.htm?channel=10822

Rebate: Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program and ENERGY STAR
Amount: \$20.4 million
Agency: State Energy Conservation Office
Description: Rebates for energy efficient appliances, while also supporting the Dept. of Energy's efforts under the ENERGY STAR Program. Disbursement method not specified.
Type: Rebate
Website: www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm

Grant: Energy Research
Amount: \$2.5 billion
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Energy
Description: Applied research, development, demonstration and deployment. Research into biomass, geothermal, and information and communication technology projects for increased renewable energy capacity and improved efficiency in high-tech applications.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm

Grant: Energy Science Laboratory & Research Facilities
Amount: \$1.6 billion
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Energy
Description: Investments in building and renovating laboratories and research facilities, research grants that will sustain American industry and provide new energy and climate solutions. Construction projects will allow ongoing research into high energy and nuclear physics, basic chemical and materials science, nanotechnology, biological and environmental science, advanced computing, and other cutting-edge fields.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.energy.gov/recovery/science_technology.htm

Grant: Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup
Amount: \$483 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Energy
Description: Funding will go to private local entities for the remediation and clean up of environmental problems. This is primarily for nuclear waste, spent fuel and materials.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.em.doe.gov/emrecovery/EMRecovery.aspx

ENVIRONMENT

(WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND CLEANUP)

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act appropriates \$13.5 billion to a number of existing federal programs that either directly invest in water infrastructure projects or provide assistance to states and localities for such activities. Most of these funds are distributed to states based on existing formulas but the federal government will administer some of the funds through a competitive grant and loan program. The legislation also appropriates additional funding for cleanup programs administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Below is a summary of some of the federal and state programs that will receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Loan:	Clean Water State Revolving Funds
Amount:	\$179.1 million
Agency:	Texas Water Development Board
Description:	Loans for wastewater treatment and drinking water infrastructure. At least 50% to be used to further subsidize recipients through forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, grants, or any combination of these. To extent there are eligible applications, at least 20% to go to green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvement, or other environmentally innovative projects. States matches waived.
Type:	Loans (including loan forgiveness)
Website:	www.epa.gov/region6/eparecovery/cleanwater6.htm
Grant:	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
Amount:	\$2 billion total, \$160.6 million for Texas
Type:	Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities.
Administrator:	Texas Water Development Board
Provisions:	Directs priority funding to projects on state priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment.
Purpose:	To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for states to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.
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/
Contact:	Texas Water Development Board Mailing Address: Stephen F. Austin Bldg. P.O. Box 13231 Austin, Texas 78711-3231 Telephone: (512) 463-7847 Fax: (512) 475-2053

E-Mail: info@twdb.state.tx.us
<http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/stimulus/index.htm>

Grant: **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction**
Amount: \$2 billion for construction activities.
Type: Funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.
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: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Recovery Website:
<http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/>
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx>
Albuquerque Army Corps of Engineers District Office: 505-342-3100
Fort Worth Army Corps of Engineers District Office: 817-886-1326

Grant: **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance**
Amount: \$2 billion for operation and maintenance activities.
Type: Funding will be provided to existing Corps projects.
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: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Recovery Website:
<http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/>
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx>
Albuquerque Army Corps of Engineers District Office: 505-342-3100
Fort Worth Army Corps of Engineers District Office: 817-886-1326

Grant: **Watershed Infrastructure**
Amount: \$340 million
Type: Grants based on priority ranking system
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>

Grant: **Rural Water and Waste Disposal**
Amount: \$1.38 billion
Type: Grants
Agency: Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Department
Purpose: Help communities with populations of 10,000 or less fund drinking water and wastewater treatment systems
Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>
Contact: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>
Texas USDA Rural Development State Office
101 South Main Street, Suite 102
Temple, TX 76501
Phone: (254) 742-9700
Fax: (254) 742-9709

Grant: **Brownfields Evaluation and Clean-Up**
Amount: \$100 million was included for Brownfields projects
Type: Low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and nonprofit organizations.
Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer>
Contacts: Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6
Public Information Center: 1-800-887-6063
<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/index.htm>

Grant: **Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup**
Amount: \$600 million
Administrator: Environmental Protection Agency
Provisions: Funds will be limited to the 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.
Website: Priority List: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm>
Contacts: Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6
Public Information Center: 1-800-887-6063
<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/index.htm>

Grant: **Diesel Emission Reduction Program**
Amount: \$300 million was included for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants.
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 nationwide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to states with approved programs.
Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Purpose: Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/>
www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery>
Webform: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm>
Contacts: Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6
Public Information Center: 1-800-887-6063
<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/index.htm>

Grant: **Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust**
Amount: \$200 million
Agency: Environmental Protection Agency
Description: Grants will be awarded through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program (administered by the EPA). Priority will be given based on LUST's scoring of sites.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/ltffacts.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/wheruliv.htm> (Visit for a list of eligible projects and contacts in your state/district)
State Contacts: <http://www.epa.gov/oust/states/tx.htm>

Underground Storage/Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Program in Texas is run through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Loan: **Safe Water Drinking Act**
Amount: \$160.7 million
Agency: Texas Water Development Board
Description: Loans for wastewater treatment and drinking water infrastructure. At least 50% to be used to further subsidize recipients through forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, grants, or any combination of these. To extent there are eligible applications, at least 20% to go to green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvement, or other environmentally projects. States matched waived.
Type: Loans including forgiveness
Website: www.epa.gov/region6/eparecovery/cleanwater6.htm

Grant: **Water Reclamation**
Amount: \$126 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
Description: Grants for water reclamation and reuse projects. There is a 50% cost share, and all projects must meet National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species requirements. In Texas, only one project is Williamson County is available.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.doi.gov/recovery/index.html

Grant: **Watershed Operations**
Amount: \$145 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Description: Provides technical and financial assistance to local organizations of authorized watershed projects to implement plans for watershed protection; flood mitigation; water quality improvements; soil erosion reduction; rural, municipal and industrial water supply; irrigation water management; sediment control; fish and wildlife enhancement; and wetlands and wetland function creation and restoration.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html

Grant: **Watershed Rehabilitation**
Amount: \$50 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Description: Specifically for aging or hazardous dams. This program will cover 65% of the cost. Texas has requested funding for six projects that local watershed sponsors have already submitted applications for. Local watershed sponsors include: counties, cities, and water conservation districts. Many of these grants will go those on the waiting list.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov

Grant: **Aquaculture Assistance**
Amount: \$50 million
Agency: Texas Dept. of Agriculture

Description: This program will be especially useful for areas experiencing drought conditions or issues from the hurricanes. Aquaculture producers that during 2008 produced an aquaculture species in which feed costs were a large percentage of input costs and also experienced a substantial price increase of feed costs. The program has a two-tiered competitive application process in which the Texas Dept. of Agriculture will apply to USDA for funds, after which local producers will apply to TDA for grants.

Type: Competitive Grants

Website: www.texasagriculture.gov/agr/program_render/0,1987,1848_10822_0_0.00.htm?channel=10822

Loan: Clean Water State Revolving Funds

Amount: \$179.1 million

Agency: Texas Water Development Board

Description: Loans for wastewater treatment and drinking water infrastructure. At least 50% to be used to further subsidize recipients through forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, grants, or any combination of these. To extent there are eligible applications, at least 20% to go to green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvement, or other environmentally innovative projects. States matches waived.

Type: Loans (including loan forgiveness)

Website: www.epa.gov/region6/eparecovery/cleanwater6.htm

Grant: Wildland Fire Management

Amount: \$250 million

Agency: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service

Description: Hazardous fuels reduction, forest health protection, rehabilitation, and hazard mitigation activities on federal lands, and on state and private lands. Up to \$50 million may be used to make wood-to-energy grants.

Website: <http://fs.usda.gov/recovery>

FOOD ASSISTANCE

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- Grant:** **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance**
Amount: \$19.9 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding
Agency: Department of Agriculture
Purpose: To supplement state's existing food stamp program.
Description: Funds will temporarily increase benefits provided under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and help cover administrative and management costs.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/snap.htm>
State Contacts: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact_info/hotlines.htm
- Grant:** **Senior Nutrition Programs**
Amount: \$100 million
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:** **National School Lunch Program**
Amount: \$11.5 million
Agency: Texas Department of Agriculture
Description: Grants to help upgrade equipment to meet the current nutritional standards. Schools administering a lunch program with more than 50% of the population eligible for the national school lunch program. Consideration will also be made as to how the purchase either a) improves the quality of the school foodservice meals that meet dietary guidelines, b) improves the safety of food served in the school meals programs, c) improves the overall energy efficiency of the school foodservice operations, or d) allows the support of expanded participation in the school meals programs.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.squaremeals.org/fn/render/channel/items/0,1249,2348_28788_0_0,00.html
- Grant:** **Emergency Food Assistance**
Amount: \$150 million
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: Allocated as the Secretary deems necessary
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.
Purpose: To support participation should cost or participation exceed budget estimates.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm>.

Grant: Emergency Food and Shelter
Amount: \$100 million
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Description: Provide food and shelter to homeless individuals, under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The program is under control of the director of FEMA and consists of directors of national charities, distributes the funds.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.fema.gov/recovery

HEALTH

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Grant: Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

Amount: \$86.6 billion

Description: Funds to provide states with an increase in federal matching funds for state Medicaid expenditures to avoid budget shortfalls.

Agency: CMS

Type: Formula funding to states

State Funding

Websites: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmap.html>

<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefunds.html>

Grant: 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>

Grant: Community Health Center Services Grants

Amount: \$500 million was included for Community Health Centers.

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>

Grant: Community Health Center Services Grants - New Access Point Grants

Amount: \$155 million

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>

Grant: 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/>

Grant: 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 healthcare professionals.
Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

Grant: 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

Grant: 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/>

Grant: 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/>

Grant: Comparative Effectiveness Health Research
Amount: \$1.1 billion
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.

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

Grant: 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/>

Grant: 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/

Grant: **Health Professions Workforce**
Amount: \$500 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration
Description: To address work force shortages in health professions. \$75 million is available for the National Health Service Corps through 9/30/2011. Funds may provide scholarships, and grants to training programs for equipment. 20% is allocated for NHSC field operations.
Deadline: 9/30/2011
Website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/recovery>

Grant: **Health Research**
Amount: \$1 billion
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources
Description: Grants include: (1) Core Facility Renovation, repair, and improvement grants to upgrade core facilities to support the conduct of Public Health Service supported biomedical and/or behavioral research; (2) Extramural Research Facilities Program to expand, remodel, renovate, or alter biomedical or behavioral research facilities; and (3) High-End Instrumentation Program provides grants to groups of National Institutes of health-supported investigators to purchase a single major item of equipment to be used for biomedical research that costs at least \$600,000. Maximum award is \$8 million.
Type: Competitive Grants
Deadline: 9/17/2009 for Core Facility and 5/6/2009 for High-End Instrumentation grants
Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/>

Grant: **Immunizations**
Amount: \$300 million
Agency: Texas Department of State Health Services
Description: Immunization program for infrastructure and vaccines
Type: Formula and competitive grants
Website: www.dshs.state.tx.us

Grant: **Independent Living**
Amount: \$1.1 million
Agency: Texas Dept. of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
Description: Helps people with disabilities with improved mobility, communication, personal adjustment and self-direction
Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.dars.state.tx.us

Grant: **Independent Living Centers**
Amount: \$88 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Education
Description: Provides people with disabilities with improved mobility, communication, personal adjustment and self-direction
Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Grant: **Independent Living for the Visually Impaired**
Amount: \$2.3 million

Agency: Texas Dept. of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
Description: Grants are made to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual impairment makes competitive employment difficult to obtain but to whom independent living goals are feasible.

Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.dars.state.tx.us

Grant: Infection Reduction

Amount: \$50 million
Agency: Department of State Health Services
Description: Prevention and wellness fund grants for healthcare associated infections reduction activities. CDC will allocate \$40 million to all 50 states. CDC will also use ARRA funds for new activities in the state-based Emerging Infections Programs.

Website: www.dshs.state.tx.us

Grant: Medical Research

Amount: \$300 million
Agency: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Description: Funding for research to evaluate and compare the clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition.

Website: www.ahrq.gov/fund/cefarr.htm

Grant: Medical Research

Amount: \$400 million
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Description: Funding for research to evaluate and compare the clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition.

Website: www.nih.gov/recovery/index.htm

Grant: Medical Research

Amount: \$400 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
Description: Funding for research to evaluate and compare the clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition.

Website: www.hhs.gov/recovery

Grant: Prevention Services

Amount: \$650 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
Description: Prevention and Wellness Fund grants for evidence-based clinical prevention services and community-based prevention programs.

Website: www.hhs.gov/recovery/

Grant: Public and International Health Research

Amount: \$800 million
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Description: Public and international health research projects that can be completed in two years. This includes \$200 million for National Institutes of Health Challenge

Grants to address specific knowledge gaps, scientific opportunities, new technologies, data generation or research methods.

Type: Competitive Grants
Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/recovery>

Grant: **Scientific Research**
Amount: \$7.4 billion
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health
Description: Grants for scientific research.
Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/recovery>

Grants: **Services for the Elderly**
Amount: \$6 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
Description: Aging Services Program Grants for the establishment and operation of nutrition projects for meals, including congregate nutrition services provided at senior centers and other community sites; home delivered nutrition services for frail elders; and Native American nutrition programs. For Texas \$4,012,217 for congregate nutrition and \$1,975,245 for home-delivered nutrition.

Type: Formula Grants
Deadline: Funds available to states March 2009
Website: www.dads.state.tx.us/

Grant: **Social Services for Children and Families**
Amount: \$50 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
Description: Children and Family Services Program Grants to non-profit organizations; to expand social services to communities affected by the current economic downturn. Grantees must have clear, measureable goals, and must be able to evaluate the success of their programs.

Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.hhs.gov/recovery

HOUSING

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Grants: **Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs Grants**
Amount: \$4 billion
Type: States receive \$3 billion in funding through a formula; \$1 billion was also included for 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.
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir.cfm>
HUD Recovery
State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/index.cfm>

Grant: **Homelessness Prevention Facilities**
Amount: \$41.5 million
Agency: Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs
Description: Assists those who are currently homeless or would soon be homeless without this program. The program includes rental assistance, housing search assistance, credit repair, security or utility deposits, moving cost assistance, and case management. Recipients must spend 60% of funds within two years, and 100% within three.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.hud.gov/recovery; www.tdhca.state.tx.us

Grant: **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. \$48.3 million was awarded to Texas.
Type: States and localities receive funding through a formula
Administrator: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description: Funding for community and economic development projects including housing and services for those hit hard by tough economic times.
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>
HUD Recovery
State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: **Neighborhood Stabilization Program**
Amount: \$2 billion
Office: Office of Community Planning and Development
Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Type: Competitive grants
Description: 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/>
Recovery
State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: **Lead Hazard Reduction Program**
Amount: \$100 million; \$3.9 million allocated to Texas
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
State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: **Native American Housing**
Amount: \$510 Million for rehabilitation and energy efficiency upgrades at housing maintained by Native American housing programs.
Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Type: \$255 million through a formula; \$0.6 million allocated to Texas
\$242.3 million for competitive grants allocated to Texas
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
State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: **HOME Investment Partnership Program**
Amount: \$2.25 billion
Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Type: Funds will distributed by formula to states
Description: Funds will provide state and local governments with funds to create and rehabilitate affordable housing. \$148.4 million will be allocated to Texas.
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/www.tdhca.state.tx.us/>
HUD Recovery
State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: **Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)**
Amount: \$2.25 billion
Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Type: Funds will 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>

Grant: **Home Weatherization Assistance Program**
Amount: \$5 billion
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy and Housing and Urban Development
Type: States receive funding through a formula
Description: Funds to assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.
Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe_guidelines.cfm
State Contact Info: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state_contacts.cfm

Grant: **Rural Housing Insurance Fund**
Amount: \$1 billion
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>

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: **Emergency Food and Shelter**
Amount: \$100 million
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Description: Provide food and shelter to homeless individuals, under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The program is under control of the director of FEMA and consists of directors of national charities, distributes the funds.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.fema.gov/recovery

Grant: **Energy and Green Retrofit Investments**
Amount: \$250 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Description: This program promotes “green” practices such as the use of fluorescent bulbs, weather stripping doors and windows, and updated AC systems. Recipients must expend funds within two years of receipt.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.hud.gov/recovery

Grant: **Project Based Rental Assistance**
Amount: \$72.7 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Description: Provides rent subsidies to individuals living in newly constructed and rehabilitated housing units. Funds are used toward renewals of existing contracts under the program. Recipients must expend funds within two years of receipt.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.hud.gov/recovery/

Grant: **Public Housing**
Amount: \$119.8 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Description: Public housing authorities shall give priority to capital projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date funds are made available

to public housing authorities. Each public housing authority will execute a Capital Fund Program Amendment to the Annual Contributions Contract, which must be signed by the local HUD Field Office. HUD must allocate funds to housing authorities by March 19, 2009. Public housing agencies must obligate all funds within one year of receipt.

Type: Formula Grants
Website: www.hud.gov/recovery

Grant: Public Housing Capital Program

Amount: \$995 million

Agency: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Public 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. Awards will be granted by September 30, 2009. Public housing agencies must obligate all funds within one year of receipt.

Type: Competitive Grant
Website: www.hud.gov/recovery/

JOB TRAINING & UNEMPLOYMENT

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- Grant:** **Employment Training Services for Adults**
Amount: \$500 million
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Description: Funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm
- Grant:** **Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Services**
Amount: \$1.25 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Description: Funds will provide quality employment and training services to assist individuals in finding employment, and to help employers find skilled workers.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA_default.cfm?#
- Grant:** **Employment Training Services for Youths**
Amount: \$1.2 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Description: Funds to create summer employment opportunities for people under 24 years old.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/
- Grant:** **Employment Services**
Amount: \$250 million
Type: States will receive formula funds.
Description: Funding for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner_Peyser.cfm
- Grant:** **Dislocated Worker Assistance**
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: <http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/>
<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/>
- Grant:** **Youth Build**
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.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/

Grant: Green Jobs Training

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. There are five grants that total \$500 million. Four grants are allocated for serving workers in need of training through various outlets. The fifth grant is allocated for State Labor Market Information Improvement Grants.

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

Grant: Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Amount: \$120 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration

Type: Formula funds and competitive grants - nonprofits may apply

Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities for low income seniors.

Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>

Grant: 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.

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

Grant: 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>

Grant: Training and Placement Services

Amount: \$750 million

Agency: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Employment and Training

Description: Grants for high growth and emerging industry sectors. Of the total, \$500 million goes to research, labor exchange and job training for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy; priority for the remaining funds is for projects that prepare workers for careers in health care sector.

Type: Competitive Grants

Deadlines: Funds available through 06/30/2010

Website: www.doleta.gov

Grant: Unemployment and Poverty

Amount: \$200 million

Agency: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Employment and Training

Description: Grants for high unemployment or high poverty areas. Grants may also be given to areas that have experienced natural disasters to hire and employ people for cleanup and recovery efforts. The Texas Workforce Commission applies on behalf of local entities.

Type: Competitive Grants

Deadline: Available for federal obligation through 06/30/2010

Website: www.doleta.gov

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Grant: **State Fiscal Stabilization Fund**
Amount: \$53.6 billion
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>

Grant: **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/

Grant: **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants**
Agency: \$2 billion
Administrator: Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance
Type: Formula funding to state and local police forces
Description: Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>
Allocations: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>

Grant: **Byrne Competitive Grants Program**
Amount: \$225 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type: Competitive grants
Description: Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.
Deadline: Application due by 4/27/2009
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Grant: **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants**
Agency: \$1 billion
Office: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
Agency: Department of Justice
Type: Competitive grant
Description: For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers

Deadline: Application deadline closes 4/14/2009; must be allocated by 9/30/2009
Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2108>
Eligibility: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx>

Grant: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

Amount: \$175 million- Texas will receive \$9 million

Agency: Department of Justice- Office on Violence Against Women

Type: Formula funding to state agency

Description: STOP formula grants are intended for use by states and territories; state, local and tribal courts (including juvenile courts); Indian tribal governments; local governments; and nonprofit, nongovernment victim services programs.

Recipients are required to meet one or more of 14

statutory purpose areas. These areas include, but are not limited to: training law enforcement officers, judges, court personnel and prosecutors; developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim

services programs; developing, installing or expanding data collection; and developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.

Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm

Grant: 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

Grant: 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>

Grant: 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.

Deadline: Application due 4/22/2009

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

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

Grant: **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>

Grant: **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>

SMALL BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Loan: **Small Business Administration - 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program**
Amount: \$375 million
Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)
Provision: Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program. SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans.
Purpose: To ensure small businesses maintain access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business.
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
Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)
Description: Funds to ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans. 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.
Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html>
<http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html>

Grant: **Business Stabilization Program**
Amount: \$225 million
Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)
Description: To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that have a qualifying small business loan and are experiencing immediate financial hardship.
Website: 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.
Website: <http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/>

Loan: Micro-Loan Program
Amount: \$74 million
Agency: Small Business Administration (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>

Grant: Community Development Block Grant
Amount: \$19.5 million
Agency: Office of Rural Community and Community Affairs
Description: These funds will be used to help spur economic development in areas with populations of less than 50,000 and counties with populations of less than 200,000
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.orca.state.tx.us

Grant: Economic Development Assistance
Amount: \$50 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
Description: To provide assistance for economically distressed areas. Must develop a Comprehensive Economic Development System and grant will not be more than 50% of the cost of the project.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.eda.gov.PDF/FY/09ARRAFFOFINAL031309.pdf

Loan: Farm Operating Loans
Amount: \$174 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Farm Agency, Texas Branch
Description: Any farming or ranching establishment can apply for up to \$300,000 in loans used for operating expenses like tractor equipment or chemicals. About \$120 million of the \$173 million will go toward existing applications on backlog
Website: www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=tx&area=home&subject=landing&topic=landing

Grant: Indian Community Development Block Grant
Amount: \$10 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Description: Tribal governments can receive funding for infrastructure and housing projects in Indian communities

Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.hud.gov/recovery

Loan: Native American Loan Guarantees
Amount: \$10 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Description: Tribal governments and their leaders are eligible for loans to stimulate Native American economies in which unemployment far exceeds the national average.
Deadline: 09-30-2009
Website: <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/e-resources/ebooks/records/eem7085.html>

Grant: Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Program
Amount: \$100 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
Description: Local governments, businesses, and non-profits are eligible for grants that will support the construction or rehabilitation of public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.eda.gov

Loan: Rural Business Program Account: Rural and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program
Amount: \$130 million
Agency: USDA, Rural Business Cooperative Service
Description: Any public or private entity with a private loan for rural economic or environmental development can apply for a USDA loan guarantee. Loans must be written for real estate, equipment, or working capital. USDA guarantees up to 80% of loan amount, depending on loan size. A 2% is charged at the beginning of guarantee, with an annual fee of 0.25% the loan balance. Collateral and equity required.
Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/buspb&l_gar.htm

Grant: Rural Business Program Account: Rural Business Enterprise Grants
Amount: \$20 million
Agency: USDA, Rural Business Cooperative Service
Description: Any rural public entity, including Indian Tribes and non-profits, can receive grants for real estate, capital, and infrastructure development that furthers adult distance learning and education. No maximum grant and smaller projects get priority.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx

Loan: Small Business Investment Companies
Amount: N/A
Agency: Local Small Business Administration licensed Small Business Investment Companies
Description: Increases the percentage a SBIL can invest in a single small business to 10% of total capital. For small businesses with a net worth under \$18 million and average after tax net income for the prior two years under \$6 million, plus other restrictions.
Website: www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/inv/esf/index.html

Bond: **Small Business Surety Bonds**
Amount: \$15 million
Agency: Small Business Administration, Office of Surety Guarantees
Description: Expands Surety Bond Program by raising the amount that can be covered by an SBA guaranteed bond from \$2 million to \$5 million. These bonds are used by small businesses to bid on and obtain federal and other contracts.
Deadlines: 09/30/2009
Website: www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/suretybond/index.html

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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- Grant: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**
Amount: \$4.7 billion
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>
- Grant: 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
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.dtv.gov/>
- Grant: Technology Opportunities Program**
Amount: \$4.35 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Description: The program supports demonstrations of new telecommunications and information technologies to provide education, health care, or public information in the public and non-profit sectors
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.ntia.doc.gov

TRANSPORTATION

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocates more than \$45 billion for our nation's highways, bridges and transit systems. Nearly all of these funds will be distributed to the states based on existing formulas. The State of Texas is estimated to receive more than \$2.6 billion as its federal share. The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) will administer the transportation funds. Below is a summary of some of the federal and state programs that will receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

- Grant:** **Highway Improvement Programs**
Amount: \$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment.
Type: Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub-allocated by population areas.
Administrator: Texas Department of Transportation
Purpose: For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.
Website: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure>
<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>
Contact: Texas Department of Transportation
Office of Government and Public Affairs
(512) 463-8588
<http://www.dot.state.tx.us>
- Grant:** **Transit Capital Assistance**
Amount: \$8.4 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.
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 info: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html
- Grant:** **Fixed Guideway Modernization**
Amount: \$750 million was included for transit capital assistance grants.
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

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

Amount: \$750 million was included for capital investment grants.

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: http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html

Grant: Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants

Amount: \$6.9 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.

Type: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Grant: Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) - Discretionary Grants

Amount: \$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System. Grants can range from \$20 million up to \$300 million to support high impact transportation projects.

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.

Deadline: September 15, 2009

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

Websites: <http://www.dot.gov/>

http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/

Grant: Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service

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/us/content/1954>

<http://www.grants.gov>

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 NE corridor.
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/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
Type: Competitive grants.
Agency: Federal Aviation Administration
Purpose: Grants to airports that are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for repairs and improvements to critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion. Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within two years and serve to supplement and not 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
Type: Competitive grants.
Agency: Federal Aviation Administration
Purpose: Upgrade the FAA's power system, which includes: modernizing aging air traffic control centers; replacing air traffic control centers and TRACONS; installing airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment.
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/>

Grant: Port Security

Amount: \$150 million
Agency: Federal Emergency Management
Description: Assists ports in enhancing maritime domain awareness, enhancing risk management capabilities to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from attacks involving improvised explosive devices, weapons of mass destruction and other non-conventional weapons, as well as training exercises and Transportation Worker Identification Credential implementation. Suspends the 25% matching funds requirement.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.fema.gov/recovery

Grant: **Tribal Transit**
Amount: \$17 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Transportation, FTA
Description: Provides capital assistance to Indian tribes for public transportation projects. Allowable uses include maintenance of existing projects as well as new construction. Funds may be used for buses, rail systems, projects that improve access to public transportation facilities, and other capital-related projects.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.fta.gov/index.html

Grant: **Public Transportation Security**
Amount: \$150 million
Agency: Federal Emergency Management
Description: Provides grants to enhance security measures for high-threat urban rail, bus and ferry public transportation agencies that have developed a security plan or undergone a security assessment under the 9/11 Act. Railroad Security Assistance (RSA) provides grants to state and local governments; railroad carriers, security-sensitive rail shippers, Amtrak, railroad car owners for security training for railroad frontline employees, the completion of vulnerability assessments, the development of security plans and the acquisition of GPS tracking on railroad cars.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.fema.gov/recovery

Grant: **Surface Transportation Grants**
Amount: \$300 million
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Transportation
Description: Eligible projects include a wide range of transportation types, including highway, bridge, transit, rail and port; must demonstrate why their projects have national, regional, or metropolitan significance. Grant amounts must be between \$20 million and \$300 million although the minimum was be waved for projects in smaller areas. One possible avenue for funding is the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act. State and local governments are eligible, including transient agencies. Selected projects will be announced by February 17, 2010.

Deadline: Application due 8-16-2009
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.dot.gov/recovery

Grant: **Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER)**
Amount: \$100 million
Agency: Federal Transit Administration (U.S. Dept. of Transportation)
Description: The program will provide direct funding to public transportation for capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transportation systems.
Deadline: Project Proposals must be submitted by 5/22/2009
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: www.fta.dot.gov.index.html