

The Obama Stimulus Package: What's In It For You?

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Outline for *The Obama Stimulus Package: What's in It for You* Audio Conference

PART I: Understanding the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (PL 111-5)

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 - Forget E-mail
 - Administrative Assistants Are Good Sources
 - Do Your Homework Prior to Contact
 - Find Decision Makers (Not Necessarily Who You Think)
- Federal/State Legislators
 - Know Who They Are and Their Issues
 - Pinpoint Most Important
 - Mention Business Partners
- Federal/State/Local Agencies
 - Query Partners for Potential Agency Contacts
 - Program Contacts Are There to Help
 - Be Courteous/Never Overzealous
- Federal/State/Local Agencies
 - Membership Has Its Benefits
 - Get on Their Radar
 - Become Partners

X. Increase Chances for Funding Success

- Use Last Year's Guidance
 - Adds Weeks to Prep Time
 - Contact Program Contact for Additional Insights
 - Guidance Rarely Undergoes Major Changes
 - Assistance from Formatting to Narrative
- Keep A Folder of Evergreen Information
 - Saves Times and Last-Minute Headaches
 - The Crucial Items It Should Contain
 - Reasons Folder Information May Change
- Proper Preparation Techniques
 - Give Yourself at Least Three Months
 - Seven Suggestions to Make Process Run Smoothly
- Partnerships Are Crucial
 - Continually Assess What's Going On in Community
 - Building Partnerships A Must
 - Strength in Numbers
- Matching Funds

- Don't Be Scared of Them
 - Life of Grant
 - Groups That Can Help
- Be a Decision Maker
 - Join a Committee
 - Become a Reviewer
 - Each Program is Different
 - National Reach is Helpful
 - Ground Floor is Best
- Don't Forget FOIA
 - Winning Applications
 - More Open Obama Government

Federal Agency Recovery Websites	
Name of Agency	Agency Recovery Site
Agency for International Development (USAID)	View Site
Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)	View Site
Department of Agriculture (USDA)	View Site
Department of Commerce (DOC)	View Site
Department of Defense (DOD)	View Site
Department of Education (ED)	View Site
Department of Energy (DOE)	View Site
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	View Site
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	View Site
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	View Site
Department of Justice (DOJ)	View Site
Department of Labor (DOL)	View Site
Department of State (DOS)	View Site
Department of the Interior (DOI)	View Site
Department of Transportation (DOT)	View Site
Department of Treasury (TREAS)	View Site
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)	View Site
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	View Site
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	View Site
General Services Administration (GSA)	View Site
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	View Site
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)	View Site
National Science Foundation (NSF)	View Site
Office of Personnel Management (OPM)	View Site
Railroad Retirement Board (RRB)	View Site
Small Business Administration (SBA)	View Site
Smithsonian Institution (SI)	View Site
Social Security Administration (SSA)	View Site
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	View Site

ARRA Funding By Federal Agency	
Name of Agency	Funding
1. Agency for International Development (USAID)	\$38 million
2. Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)	\$201 million
3. Department of Agriculture (USDA)	\$28 billion
4. Department of Commerce (DOC)	\$7.9 billion
5. Department of Defense (DOD)	\$7.4 billion
6. Department of Education (ED) (Includes \$50+ billion state fiscal stabilization fund)	\$98 billion
7. Department of Energy (DOE)	\$32.7 billion
8. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	\$137 billion
9. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	\$2.75 billion
10. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	\$13.61 billion
11. Department of Justice (DOJ)	\$4 billion
12. Department of Labor (DOL)	\$23.2 billion
13. Department of State (DOS)	\$602 million
14. Department of the Interior (DOI)	\$3 billion
15. Department of Transportation (DOT)	\$74 billion
16. Department of Treasury (TREAS)	\$150 billion
17. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)	\$1.4 billion
18. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	\$7.22 billion
19. General Services Administration (GSA)	\$5.8 billion
20. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	\$1 billion
21. National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)	\$50 million
22. National Science Foundation (NSF)	\$3 billion
23. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB)	\$158 million
24. Small Business Administration (SBA)	\$730 million
25. Smithsonian Institution (SI)	\$25 million
26. Social Security Administration (SSA)	\$14.4 billion
27. US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	\$6 billion

Stimulus Funding Chart by Activity Area	
Program	Funding
Accountability	\$323,500,000
Department of Agriculture Office of Inspector General	\$22,500,000
Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General	\$10,000,000
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Office of Inspector General	\$6,000,000
Department of Justice - Office of Inspector General	\$2,000,000
NASA Office of Inspector General	\$2,000,000
Defense Department - Office of Inspector General	\$15,000,000
Department of Energy - Office of Inspector General	\$15,000,000
Treasury inspector general for tax administration	\$7,000,000
Aid to People Affected by Economic Downturn	\$36,910,807,000
Rural Housing Service insurance fund program account - direct loans and unsubsidized guaranteed loans	\$11,672,000,000
Rural community facilities program account	\$130,000,000
Special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children (WIC)	\$500,000,000
School lunch programs for schools in which at least 50% of students are eligible for free or reduced price meals	\$100,000,000
Food bank commodity assistance program	\$150,000,000
Temporary increase in benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps)	\$19,900,000,000
Child care assistance for low-income families	\$1,651,227,000
Child care assistance for low-income families through state programs	\$255,186,000
Child care assistance for low-income families to improve infant and toddler care	\$93,587,000
Community Services Block Grants	\$1,000,000,000
Social Security Act funding	50,000,000
Social Security Administration processing of disability and retirement workloads	\$460,000,000
Aid to State and Local Governments	\$58,355,000,000
State administrative expenses to carry out increase in food stamp program	\$295,000,000
Economic development assistance programs	\$150,000,000
Violence against women prevention and prosecution programs	\$225,000,000
Business	\$870,000,000
Rural Business - Cooperative Service: rural business program account	\$150,000,000
Small Business Administration salaries and expenses, microloan program and improvements to technology systems	\$69,000,000
Surety bond guarantees revolving fund	\$15,000,000
Small business loans	\$636,000,000
Education	\$48,420,000,000
State grants for adult job training	\$500,000,000
State grants for youth job training and summer employment opportunities	\$1,200,000,000
Dislocated worker job training	\$1,250,000,000
YouthBuild program for high school dropouts who re-enroll in other schools	\$50,000,000
Job training in emerging industries	\$250,000,000
Job training in the renewable energy field	\$500,000,000
Head Start programs	\$1,000,000,000
Early Head Start program expansion	\$1,100,000,000
Education for the disadvantaged, elementary and secondary education	10,000,000,000
Education for the disadvantaged, school improvement grants	\$3,000,000,000
Education impact aid	\$100,000,000
School improvement programs	\$650,000,000
Innovation and improvement of elementary and secondary schools	\$200,000,000
Special education funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	\$12,200,000,000

Pell grants for higher education	\$15,840,000,000
Institute of Education data systems	\$245,000,000
Institute of Education state data coordinators	\$5,000,000
Dislocated worker assistance national reserve	\$200,000,000
School improvement grants awarded based on the number of homeless students identified in a state	\$70,000,000
Student aid administrative costs	\$60,000,000
Energy	\$41,400,000,000

Timelines

Education Dept. Funding Timeline

Available April 1

- IDEA, Parts B & C - \$6.1 billion (50%)
- Title I, Part A - \$5 billion (50%)
- Vocational Rehabilitation - \$270 million (50%)
- Independent Living - \$52.5 million (100% of formula monies; \$87.5 million in competitive grants to follow)

Available April 10

- Homeless Youth - \$70 million (100%)
- Impact Aid - \$40 million (100% of formula monies; \$60 million in competitive grants to follow)

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/presentation/arra.pdf>

Additional \$49 Billion in Education Funding Becomes Available between Summer and Fall 2009

- Pell & Work Study - \$17.3 billion (100%)
- State Stabilization - \$16.1 billion (33%)
- IDEA , Parts B & C - \$6.1 billion in (50%)
- Title I, Part A - \$5 billion (50%)
- Title I School Improvement - \$3 billion (100%)
- Enhancing Education through Technology - \$650 million (100%)
- Vocational Rehabilitation - \$270 million (50%)
- Statewide Data Systems - \$250 million (100%)
- Teacher Incentive Fund - \$200 million (100%)
- Teacher Quality Enhancement - \$100 million (100%)

State Recovery Sites

Alabama	View Site
Alaska	View Site
American Samoa	View Site
Arizona	View Site
Arkansas	View Site
California	View Site
Colorado	View Site
Connecticut	View Site
Delaware	View Site
District of Columbia	View Site
Florida	View Site
Georgia	View Site
Guam	View Site
Hawaii	View Site
Idaho	View Site
Illinois	View Site
Indiana	View Site
Iowa	View Site
Kansas	View Site
Kentucky	View Site
Louisiana	View Site
Maine	View Site
Maryland	View Site
Massachusetts	View Site
Michigan	View Site
Minnesota	View Site
Mississippi	View Site
Missouri	View Site
Montana	View Site
Nebraska	View Site
Nevada	View Site
New Hampshire	View Site
New Jersey	View Site
New Mexico	View Site
New York	View Site
North Carolina	View Site
Ohio	View Site
Oklahoma	View Site
Oregon	View Site
Pennsylvania	View Site
Rhode Island	View Site

South Carolina	View Site
South Dakota	View Site
Tennessee	View Site
Texas	View Site
Utah	View Site
Vermont	View Site
Virginia	View Site
Washington	View Site
West Virginia	View Site
Wisconsin	View Site
Wyoming	View Site

Three-Month Sample of Upcoming Deadlines, A look Ahead

Statutory Deadlines & Key Dates	Topic	Program Name	Updates <i>(click on link)</i>	Applicable Funds
5/12/2009	State Energy Program	Deadline for States to submit comprehensive application to DOE for State Energy Program formula grants.	DOE Funding Opportunity Announcement released on March 12, 2009	
5/12/2009	Weatherization Assistance Program	Deadline for States to submit comprehensive application to DOE for Weatherization Assistance Program grants.	DOE Funding Opportunity Announcement released on March 12, 2009	
5/18/2009	General Provision for Funding Distributed by the Department of Transportation (Section 12)	First Reporting deadline for recipients of grants under this section.		N/A
5/18/2009	Health Information Technology Implementation Assistance (Section 6(C))	Deadline for HHS secretary to publish notice describing program and availability of funds.		Yet to be determined
5/18/2009	Supplemental Discretionary Grants for a National Surface Transportation System	Deadline for the Secretary of Transportation to publish criteria for the grant competition under this section.		\$1.5 billion

5/18/2009	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing	Deadline for eligible grantee to submit application materials to HUD for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)	HPRP Information Website	\$1.5 billion
6/1/2009	Community College and Career Training Grants (Section 3)	Deadline for Secretary of Labor to promulgate guidelines for the submission of grant proposals.		\$90 million
6/17/2009	Grants-in-Aid to Airports (Section 12)	Deadline for the Secretary of Transportation to grant half the funds under this section.		\$1.1 billion
7/1/2009	Special Education (Section 1(B))	Deadline for Secretary of Education to determine amounts to be distributed as State Incentive Grants.		\$12.2 billion
7/1/2009	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	Estimated deadline for the Department of Education to begin awarding the SFSF Phase Two funds to states. The Department will issue guidance on specific requirements that a state must meet to receive its Phase Two allocation in the near future.	Department of Education Fact Sheet on SFSF	
7/17/2009	Capital Investment Grants (Section 12)	Projects not under construction by the date of enactment must be able to		\$750 million

7/17/2009	Neighborhood Stabilization Program (Section 7(B))	obligate funds by this date in order to receive priority funding. Applications due to HUD for grants to purchase abandoned and foreclosed property for use as affordable housing. \$2 billion		\$2 billion
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More Information

- ARRA Education Dept. Resources and Guidance, <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html#appsSFSF>
- Commerce Dept. EDA Solicitation, www.eda.gov/PDF/FY09ARRAFFOFINAL031309.pdf
- Education Dept. Funding Timeline, <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/presentation/arra.pdf>
- Federal Agency Websites, www.recovery.gov/?q=content/agencies
- Federal Recovery Website, www.recovery.gov
- Head Start Grant Posting, <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=FpDMJVvbPnK2x35fBMJQTNVpv99LJ4tN0g512lfrG8BPdMv424Rz!-1510501913?oppId=46560&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW> or <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OHS-SH-0089.html>
- IDEA Questions, IDEArecoverycomments@ed.gov
- Inspector General (Education Dept.) Questions, rich.rasa@ed.gov
- National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities (NCEF), <http://www.ncef.org/index.cfm>
- NEA, www.nea.gov/recovery/nea-recovery-programs.html
- State Recovery Pages, www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page
- State Recovery Deadlines, (The Council of State Governments) www.staterecovery.org/key-deadlines
- State Recovery.Org Website, www.staterecovery.org
- State Recovery Grants, www.staterecovery.org/grants
- SFSF Questions, State.fiscal.fund@ed.gov
- Title I Questions, oes@ed.gov
- Questions (Education Dept.), RSARecoverActComments@ed.gov
- Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB), www.ed.gov/programs/qualifiedzone/generalqzab.html
- Virginia ARRA Competitive Grants Listing, www.stimulus.virginia.gov/docs/Grant_Listings.pdf
- Virginia Recovery Page, www.stimulus.virginia.gov
- Wisconsin Recovery Page, www.recovery.wisconsin.gov

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