

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Summary of Competitive Grant Funding

Senator Mark Begich

Federal Competitive Grant Programs Funded in the Act (National Funding):

AHRQ: Comparative Effectiveness Research

CNCS: Grants

DOC: Economic Development Assistance Programs (\$150 million)

DOC: NTIA Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) Broadband Grants (\$450 million)

DOE: Institute of Education Sciences

DOE: State Incentive

DOI: Historic Preservation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (\$15 million)

DOJ: Community Oriented Policing Hiring Grants (\$1 billion)

DOJ: Office for Victims of Crime (\$5 million)

DOJ: Office of Justice Programs

DOJ: State and Local Law enforcement Assistance (\$225 million)

DOJ: Transitional housing assistance grants for victims of domestic violence (\$50 million)

DOL: Competitive Grants for Worker Training in High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors (\$750 million)

DOL: Dislocated Assistance National Reserve (\$200 million)

DOT: Assistance for Small Shipyards and Maritime Communities (\$100 million)

DOT: Capital investments to Public Transit agencies to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gasses (\$100 million)

DOT: Grants-In-Aide for Airports (\$1.1 billion)

DOT: High-speed and Intercity Rail (\$8 billion)

DOT: Surface Transportation Competitive Grant Program (\$1.5 billion)

DOT: Transit Capital Investment Grants (\$750 million)

FEMA: Firefighter Assistance Grants (\$210 million)

FEMA: Port Security Grants (\$150 million)

FEMA: Public Transportation Security Assistance / Railroad Security Assistance Grants (\$150 million)

HHS: Children and Families Services Programs

HHS: Head Start and Early Head Start

HHS: Health Information Technology

HHS: Community Health Centers (\$500 million)

HHS: Community Health Centers Facilities

HHS: Community Health Centers

NIH: National Center for Research Resources

NIH: Office of the Director

NIH: Public Health Service Act Grant Program (\$1 billion)

NIST: Construction Grant Program for research science buildings (\$180 million)

NIST: Health Care Information Enterprise Integration Research Centers

NTIA: State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program grants (\$350 million)

SBA: Small Business Loan Program (\$630 million)

HUD: Neighborhood Stabilization Program (\$2 billion)
USDA: Aquaculture Assistance Grant Program (\$50 million)
USDA: Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Program (\$100 million)
USDA: Rural Broadband Program grants and loans (\$2.5 billion)
USDA: Rural Business Program grants and loans (\$150 million)
USDA: Rural Community Facilities Program grants and loans (\$130 million)
USDA: Rural Utility Grant Program (\$1.38 billion)
AHRQ: Comparative Effectiveness Research

Comparative Effectiveness Research
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$1.1 billion for comparative effectiveness research. Of these funds, \$400 million shall be allocated at the discretion of the Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services and \$400 million transferred to and administered by the National Institutes of Health.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, the funding shall be used to conduct or support 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.

Guidance is being formulated for this provision. Eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

Department of Health & Human Services
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Rockville, MD 20857

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Corporation for National and Community Service – Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) directs funds to the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, \$89,000,000 shall be used to make additional awards to existing AmeriCorps state and national grantees and to provide adjustments to awards made prior to September 30, 2010 for which the Chief Executive Officer of the CNCS determines that a waiver is warranted. Not less than \$65,000,000 should be used for the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program.

Up to 20 percent of the funding provided for AmeriCorps State and National grants may be used for national direct grants.

Application and Contact Information

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Department of Commerce –Economic Development Administration
Economic Development Assistance Program Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$150 million for the Department of Commerce Economic Development Assistance Program grants. These funds will be administered nationally by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The main vehicle for this funding is expected to be the Public Works and Economic Development Program.

This program helps support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry, support technology-led development, redevelop Brownfield sites and provide eco-industrial development.

The ARRA also allocated at least \$50 million for the Economic Adjustment Assistance Program, which provides a wide range of technical, planning and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. This program is designed to respond flexibly to pressing economic recovery issues and is well suited to help address challenges faced by U.S. regions and communities. An additional amount up to \$50 million may be transferred by the Department of Commerce to regional economic development commissions.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants will be used to leverage private investment, stimulate employment, and increase incomes in economically distressed communities. The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to give priority consideration to areas which have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring. Successful applications traditionally include sizable levels of local-government or nonprofit matching funds and private-sector leverage. EDA also looks for applications which demonstrate strong cooperation between the business sector, relevant regional partners, and local, state, and Federal governments. Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations, tribal governments and universities. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Economic Development Assistance Program Grants

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the EDA regional offices. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the Regional Office at:

Jackson Federal Building, Room 1890
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**National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) Broadband Grants**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$450 million for the Department of Commerce Technology Opportunities Program (TOP). This program makes matching grants to improve broadband and digital network in the public and non-profit sectors. Examples of funded projects include those which expanded broadband connectivity for public safety officials, improved computer technology at public libraries, and promoted education opportunities for rural/urban residents. The ARRA allocated \$200 million for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity, including at community colleges and public libraries. The remaining \$250 million is allocated for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service. Funding is available until September 30, 2010.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are available to accelerate broadband deployment in underserved and un-served areas and to strategic institutions that are likely to create jobs or provide significant public benefits. Grants are available to state, local and tribal governments, health care providers, schools, libraries, police departments, and community-based non-profit organizations. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications for this program have traditionally been filed with the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. However, as the program has not been funded for five years, it is unclear if the new program will follow these past procedures. More detailed information and applications are currently being developed. Interested applicants may contact the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) at:

U.S. Department of Commerce/NTIA

TOP, Room 4096

1401 Constitution Avenue, NW

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Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences - Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$250 million under the Institute of Education Sciences account. Of this money, up to \$5 million may be used for state data coordinator and for awards to public or private organizations or agencies to improve data coordination. These funds would be administered nationally by the Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, eligible entities would be public or private organizations or agencies working to improve data coordination. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Interested parties should contact:

U.S. Department of Education
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Department of Education – State Incentive Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$5 billion for the Department of Education to be used at the Secretary’s discretion for two different programs - State Incentive Grants and an Innovation Fund. These funds will be administered nationally by the Secretary of Education through competitive awards. These are new programs.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, State Incentive Grants are to be made by the Secretary of Education to states that have made significant progress in meeting criteria, including maintenance of effort, achieving equity in teacher distribution, improving collection and use of data, enhancing the quality of standards and assessments and supporting struggling schools. Other eligibility requirements may apply. The Secretary shall determine which States receive grants under this section, and the amount of those grants, on the basis of information provided in State applications as well as other criteria as the Secretary determines appropriate.

In general, the Governor of a state wishing to receive funds under this program must submit an application for consideration to the Secretary of Education, at such time and manner as determined by the Secretary. The application must describe the status of the State’s progress on the criteria listed above; describe the achievement and graduation rates of public elementary and secondary school students in the state, and the strategies the state is employing to help ensure student achievement; describe how the State would use its grant funding to improve student achievement in the State, including how it will allocate the funds to give priority to high-need LEAs; and include a plan for evaluating the state’s progress in closing achievement gaps. Other requirements may apply and the application process and details are subject to the Secretary’s discretion. Each State receiving a grant under this section shall use at least 50 percent of the grant to provide local educational agencies in the State with subgrants based on their relative shares of funding under part A of title I of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.) for the most recent year.

Application and Contact Information

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Department of Justice COPS Hiring Grants
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What is this program?

The COPS Office was created through the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. As a component of the Justice Department, the mission of the COPS Office is to advance the practice of community policing as an effective strategy to improve public safety. Moving from a reactive to proactive role, community policing represents a shift from more traditional law enforcement practices. By addressing the root causes of criminal and disorderly behavior, rather than simply responding to crimes once they have been committed, community policing concentrates on preventing both crime and the atmosphere of fear it creates.

Additionally, community policing encourages the use of crime-fighting technology and operational strategies and the development of mutually beneficial relationships between law enforcement and the community. By earning the trust of the members of their communities and making those individuals stakeholders in their own safety, law enforcement can better understand and address the community's needs, and the factors that contribute to crime.

Who is eligible for this funding?

The ARRA will provide \$1,000,000,000 for grants to state, local, and tribal governments for the hiring of additional law enforcement officers.

Application and Contact Information

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Office for Victims of Crime
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The Office for Victims of Crime (“OVC”) administers the Crime Victims Fund (established under the 1984 Victims of Crime Act) to help victims and victim service providers with needed funding. OVC distributes approximately 90 percent of the money collected by the Fund in the form of two major formula grant programs to state agencies: victim compensation and victim assistance.

Under its discretionary grant program, OVC has some flexibility in the topics and grantees it selects. Specifically, OVC makes discretionary grants to improve and enhance the quality and availability of victim services. Such grants can be awarded to states, local units of government, individuals, educational institutions, private nonprofit organizations, and private commercial organizations. Discretionary awards typically (but not always) are competitive. Discretionary funds support a wide range of activities, programs, and services, including initiatives that address.

The ARRA provides \$100 million for the OVC. \$5 million of this funding will be distributed on a competitive basis to fund technical, training, and field demonstration projects.

Who is eligible for this funding?

This grant opportunity offers awards of \$50,000 to \$500,000 to private nonprofit organizations or public agencies to support the development of national-scope training, technical assistance, and demonstration project initiatives. All initiatives must focus on improving the capacity of victim service providers and allied practitioners to advance rights and services to crime victims in a variety of areas, including child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, and stalking.

Application and Contact Information

The OVC is working to extend the current deadline for this already existing grant program. It is also establishing additional performance measurement and reporting requirements. For information on the program and the application procedure, please visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/>.

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Office of Justice Program Grants
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What is the program? The Stimulus provides \$225 million for the Tribal Law Enforcement Assistance Program, \$125 million for rural law enforcement, and \$40 million for Southwest Border/Project Gunrunner grants. The Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”) will administer these initiatives.

The rural law enforcement grants will be aimed at combating drug abuse in rural America. The Tribal law enforcement initiative provides funding to American Indian tribes pursuant to the guidelines set forth under the Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program. The Southwest Border/Project Gunrunner initiative provides much needed funding to local law enforcement along the Southern Border or in high intensity drug trafficking areas.

OJP encourages all interested and eligible applicants to register now to apply for funding. Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) registrant database through www.grants.gov. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the federal government.

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Byrne Competitive Grants
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What is this program? The Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program) is an open, competitive solicitation. Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government. Only projects that are national in scope and respond to one or more of the priorities listed in the solicitation will be considered.

Byrne Discretionary Grant program funds could be used for the following purposes: (1) undertaking educational and training programs for criminal justice professionals and the general public about lawful and safe gun ownership, storage, and carriage; (2) providing technical assistance to states and local units of government; (3) providing financial assistance to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for demonstrations programs which, in light of research, would likely be successful in multiple jurisdictions; (4) undertaking projects that are national or multijurisdictional in nature.

Who is eligible for this funding? Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government.

Application and Contact Information: The Office of Justice Programs encourages all interested and eligible applicants to register now to apply for funding. Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) registrant database through www.grants.gov. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the federal government.

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Violence Against Women Act: Transitional Housing Assistance Grants

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Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program? The OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grant for Victims of Domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault program (Transitional Housing Assistance Program) focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to provide transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing. Grants made under this program support programs that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services.

It is critical that successful transitional housing programs provide a wide range of flexible and optional services that reflect the differences and individual needs of victims and that allows victims to choose the course of action that is best for them. Transitional housing programs may offer individualized services such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, and advocacy services as well as practical services such as licensed child care, employment services, transportation vouchers, telephones, and referrals to other agencies. Trained staff and case managers may also be available to work with clients to help them determine and reach their goals.

Who is eligible for this funding? Under 42 U.S.C. § 13975(a), Transitional Housing Assistance Program grants may be awarded to states, units of government, Indian tribes, and other organizations, including domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers, domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, or community-based and culturally specific organizations, that have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Application and Contact Information

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
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Worker Training in Emerging Sectors
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What is this program? The ARRA includes \$750 million to fund competitive grants for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. \$500 million of this funding will go towards initiatives that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

\$250 million of the funding will go towards initiatives that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector. The remaining funding can also be used to prepare workers for careers in broadband deployment and advanced manufacturing.

CONTACTS

The Department of Labor will administer this program. The Department's website is <http://www.dol.gov/>.

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Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve: National Emergency Grants
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What is this program?

National Emergency Grants (NEG) are discretionary awards by the Secretary of Labor that temporarily expand service capacity at the State and local levels through time-limited funding assistance in response to significant dislocation events. Significant events are those that create a sudden need for assistance that cannot reasonably be expected to be accommodated within the ongoing operations of the formula-funded Dislocated Worker program, including the discretionary resources reserved at the State level.

Who is eligible for this funding?

National emergency grants may be used for the following purposes:

- Plant closures and mass layoffs affecting 50 or more workers at a single site of employment;
- Layoffs at several companies in a single local community including layoffs not meeting the single site criterion that, in total, have significantly increased the total number of unemployed individuals in the community. Priority will be given to those applications where the layoffs resulted in an increase of 1 percent in the local area unemployment during the preceding 12 months.
- Layoffs at multiple locations (multi--company) that occur within a 4--month period and in which each layoff impacts 50 or more workers;
- Closures and realignments of military installations;
- Emergencies or disasters that have been declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and
- Special assistance, including health insurance coverage assistance, to trade--impacted workers and other individuals eligible under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002.

Application and Contact Information

You can learn about the application process at:

http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/apply_neg.cfm

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Department of Transportation – MARAD Assistance to Small Shipyards

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$100 million for the Maritime Administration to invest in capital grants and related improvements to small shipyards located in or near maritime communities.

Who is eligible for this funding?

Either a shipyard or a State or local government on behalf of a shipyard can apply. The shipyard must be one in a single geographical location, located in or near a maritime community, that (1) is a small business concern within the meaning of section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632); and (2) does not have more than 600 production employees. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information:

U.S. Department of Transportation
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Department of Transportation - Capital investments to public transit agencies to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gasses
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What is this program?

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$100 million for the Department of Transportation to distribute as discretionary grants to public transit agencies for capital investments. Priority will be given to projects based on the total energy savings that are projected to result from the investment.

Who is eligible for this funding?

Public Transit Agencies are eligible for this funding. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information:

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Department of Transportation – Grants-In-Aid to Airports

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What is this program?

Funding for grants-in-aid to airports pays for capital improvements at the nation's airports, including those investments that emphasize capacity development, safety improvements, and security needs. Other priority areas for funding under this program include improvements to runway safety areas that do not conform to FAA standards, investments that are designed to reduce runway incursions, and aircraft noise compatibility planning and programs.

Who is eligible for this funding?

AIP grants for planning, development, or noise compatibility projects are at or associated with individual public-use airports (including heliports and seaplane bases). A public-use airport is an airport open to the public that also meets the following criteria:

- Publicly owned, or
- Privately owned but designated by FAA as a reliever, or
- Privately owned but having scheduled service and at least 2,500 annual enplanements.

Further, to be eligible for a grant, an airport must be included in the NPIAS. The NPIAS, which is prepared and published every 2 years, identifies public-use airports that are important to public transportation and contribute to the needs of civil aviation, national defense, and the postal service.

What projects are eligible for this funding?

Eligible projects include those improvements related to enhancing airport safety, capacity, security, and environmental concerns. In general, sponsors can use AIP funds on most airfield capital improvements or repairs except those for terminals, hangars, and non-aviation development. Any professional services that are necessary for eligible projects — such as planning, surveying, and design — are eligible as is runway, taxiway, and apron pavement maintenance. Aviation demand at the airport must justify the projects, which must also meet Federal environmental and procurement requirements. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

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Department of Transportation – Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Rail Service

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What is this program?

Capital Assistance to States – High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program. The program increases the States’ role in intercity passenger rail development by establishing a partnership for High Speed and intercity passenger rail investment along the model of those that currently exist for other modes of transportation such as for highways, airports, and transit systems. This program provides \$8 billion for investment in High Speed Rail Corridors as well as intercity rail service.

Who is eligible for this funding?

Eligibility for this program is still being formulated by the Office of Railroad Development.

Application and Contact Information

Grants.gov website: (www.grants.gov)

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Department of Transportation - Competitive Grants and Loans

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$1.5 billion for the Department of Transportation to invest in surface transportation infrastructure. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Transportation through competitive grants and loans that will fund surface transportation infrastructure. Eligible projects include highway or bridge projects including interstate rehabilitation, improvements to the rural collector road system, the reconstruction of overpasses and interchanges, bridge replacements, seismic retrofit projects for bridges, and road realignments; public transportation projects, including investments in projects participating in the New Starts or Small Starts programs that will expedite the completion of those projects and their entry into revenue service; passenger and freight rail transportation projects; and port infrastructure investments, including projects that connect ports to other modes of transportation and improve the efficiency of freight movement:

Who is eligible for this funding?

State and local government entities as well as transit agencies are eligible to apply for the funds.

Funds for this program will only be awarded in amounts between \$20 million and \$300 million.

Other eligibility requirements may apply.

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FEMA Firefighter Assistance Grants - Competitive Grants and Loans

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet

Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$210 million for the FEMA Firefighter Assistance Grants. The Grant Programs Directorate of the FEMA administers the grants in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. The primary goal of the Firefighter Assistance Grant is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. Since 2001, Firefighter Assistance Grant have helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are limited to fire departments and nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations. Fire departments or nonaffiliated EMS organizations operating in any of the 50 States plus the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico are eligible for funding.

Application and Contact Information

Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through www.firegrantssupport.com as well as contacting the grants office:

Telephone: 866-274-0960

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Contact Information

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Port Security Grants Program - Competitive Grants and Loans

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet

Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$150 million for the Port Security Grants Program (PSGP). The purpose of the PSGP is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, particularly attacks using explosives and non-conventional threats that could cause major disruption to commerce. PSGP funds are primarily intended to assist 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 and exercises and Transportation Worker Identification Credential implementation.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are available to owners and operators of federally regulated terminals, facilities, or U.S. inspected passenger vessels or ferries as defined in the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 101, 104, 105, and 106. Also, port authorities or other State and local agencies are required to provide security services to eligible Ferry System applicants (MTSA regulated facilities) pursuant to an Area Maritime Security Plans (AMSP) or a Facility or Vessel Security Plan.

Eligible applicants also include consortia composed of local river organizations, ports and terminal associations, and other local stakeholder groups representing federally regulated ports, terminals, U.S. inspected passenger vessels or ferries that are required to provide security services to federally regulated facilities in accordance with an AMSP or a Facility or Vessel Security Plan. Another entity that is encouraged to apply is the Group I and II Fiduciary Agents (including newly identified Group II port areas that chose to begin the FA process).

Application and Contact Information

Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through www.fema.gov as well as contacting the grants office:

Office of Domestic Preparedness
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Telephone: 1-800-368-6498
Fax: 202-786-9920

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**Public Transportation Security Assistance and Railroad Security Assistance Grants -
Competitive Grants and Loans**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet

Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$150 million for the Public Transportation Security Assistance and Railroad Security Assistance Grants. These funds provide grant funding to help strengthen the nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. The program provides funds to owners and operators of transit systems (which include intra-city bus, commuter bus, and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, this funding is identified using a comprehensive, empirically-grounded risk analysis model. The risk methodology for the Transit Security Grant Program is consistent across modes and is linked to the risk methodology used to determine eligibility for the core DHS State and local grant programs. Awards will be made directly to transit agencies; therefore transit agencies will be responsible for submitting their own applications, including Investment Justifications and Detailed Budgets.

Application and Contact Information

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HHS: Children and Families Services Programs - Competitive Grants

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$50 million for Children and Families Services Programs to establish a new initiative to award capacity-building grants directly to nonprofit organizations. These funds will be administered nationally by the Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, this program is intended to expand the delivery of social services to individuals and communities affected by the economic downturn. Grantees will be expected to have clear and measurable goals and must be able to evaluate the success of their program. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

Administration for Children and Families
Department of Health & Human Services
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

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Head Start and Early Head Start - Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$2.1 billion for Head Start and Early Head Start. These funds will be administered nationally by the Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, \$1 billion will be awarded to Head Start programs according to the current statutory formula. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) should work with Head Start grantees in order to manage these resources in order to sustain fiscal year 2009 awards through fiscal year 2010. \$1.1 billion shall be allocated for Early Head Start and these funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. Guidance is still being formulated.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

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Health Information Technology - Competitive Grants and Loans
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$2 billion for Health Information Technology (HIT) grants, training, infrastructure, dissemination of best practices, telemedicine, HIT clinical education.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT has the authority to administer grants. At this time, guidance has not yet been issued.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave. SW
Suite 729-D
Washington, DC 20201

202-690-7151
Email: onc.request@hhs.gov

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HRSA: Community Health Centers - Competitive Grants

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet

Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$500 million for community health center grants. These funds are to be used to support new sites and service areas, to increase services at existing sites, and to provide supplemental payments for spikes in uninsured populations. Grants for new sites and service-areas are to be two years in length as startup is phased in. These funds will be administered nationally by the Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are available to public and private non-profit health care organizations that serve underserved populations and meet other criteria as determined in the health center program statute. The legislation report language encourages HRSA to consider supporting currently unfunded but approved community health center applications. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

Health Resources and Services Administration
Department of Health & Human Services
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

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HRSA: Community Health Centers Facilities - Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$1.5 billion for grants for construction, renovation and equipment, and for the acquisition of health information technology systems, for community health centers, including health center controlled networks receiving operating grants under section 330 of the Public Health Service ("PHS") Act, notwithstanding the limitation in section 330(e)(3). These funds will be administered nationally by the Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, community health centers are public and private non-profit health care organizations that serve underserved populations and meet other criteria as determined in the health center program statute. Guidance is being formulated for this provision. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

Health Resources and Services Administration
Department of Health & Human Services
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NIH: National Center for Research Resources - Competitive Grants and Loans

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$1 billion for the National Institutes of Health National Center for Research Resources program. These funds will be administered nationally by the National Institutes of Health through competitive awards for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities. This grant competition has apparently not been run since 2006.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, these grants will be available to assist in the construction and renovation of existing non-federal biomedical or behavioral research facilities. Other eligibility requirements may apply. It is suggested in the report language that priority be given to applications that are expected to generate demonstrable energy-saving or beneficial environmental effects.

Application and Contact Information

The NIH National Center for Research Resources will be administering this grant. This falls under the US Department of Health and Human Services. Interested parties should contact:

National Center for Research Resources
National Institutes of Health
6701 Democracy Boulevard MSC 4874
Bethesda MD 20892-4874
301-435-0888

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NIH: Office of the Director - Competitive Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$800 million for the National Institutes of Health Office of the Director. These funds are for a range of scientific efforts with no formula for allocation other than being based on scientific priorities.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, these funds shall be used for purposes that can be completed within two years; priority shall be placed on short-term grants that focus on specific scientific challenges, new research that expands the scope of ongoing projects, and research on public and international health priorities. NIH is still formulating its plans to obligate the funding.

Application and Contact Information

NIH will be administering these funds. This falls under the US Department of Health and Human Services. Interested parties should contact:

National Institutes of Health (NIH)
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Bethesda, Maryland 20892
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Department of Commerce –National Institute of Standards & Technology
Research Science Building Construction Grant Program
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$180 million for the Department of Commerce (DOC) Research Science Building Construction grants, including fiscal year 2008 and 2009 competitions. These funds will be administered nationally by the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST). This program helps support proposals for the construction of science research buildings from institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations. The grant program was created under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-161) to provide funding for the construction of new buildings or the expansion of existing buildings for the sciences as they relate to the Department of Commerce and its agencies, which include NIST, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Telecommunications & Information Administration. The funds are intended to address NIST's backlog of maintenance and renovation and for construction of new facilities and laboratories.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, grants will be made on a competitive basis to institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations. Proposals will be evaluated by considering the scientific and technical merits of the proposal, the quality of the design of the proposed science research building, and the adequacy of a project execution plan that includes project scope, schedule, budget, management and financial support for the project. Selections also will be based on the degree to which the proposed project complements DOC science and technology programs; the applicant's experience in promoting national impacts through research outcomes, training, cooperation with Federal programs, and opportunities for visiting researchers; whether or not the proposed project would duplicate other Federally funded projects; the amount of additional funding the applicant is prepared to supply; and other factors. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are traditionally filed electronically via the Grants.gov website. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are currently being drafted. Additional information can be found at:

Grants.gov website: www.grants.gov
National Institute for Standards & Technology
100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1070
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070
Telephone: (301) 975-3097

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**National Institute of Standards and Technology- Health Care Information Enterprise
Integration Research Centers - Grants**
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) directs the National Institute of Standards and Technology to award competitive grants to universities to establish multidisciplinary Centers for Health Care Information Enterprise Integration. No dollar amount is specified.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, eligible entities would be institutions of higher education. An institution of higher education (or a consortium thereof) seeking funding under this subsection shall submit an application to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Director may require.

Application and Contact Information

Interested parties should contact:

National Institute of Standards and Technology
100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1070,
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070
Email: inquiries@nist.gov
Phone: (301) 975-NIST (6478) or TTY (301) 975-8295

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$350 million for the Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration to establish the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program. This program was authorized by Public Law 110-385. In particular, funds will be used for statewide initiatives to identify and track the availability and adoption of broadband services within each state. The program funds will also be used for the development and maintenance of a national broadband inventory map. Funding is available until September 30, 2010.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are available to one entity in each State to identify and track broadband deployment and speeds statewide. Grants can also be used to identify barriers to broadband adoption and to create, in each county/parish, teams to develop plans for increasing broadband access. Eligible recipients include an agency of the State, municipalities, nonprofit organizations, or an independent commission which includes membership from one State agency. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications for this program will be filed with the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. More detailed information and applications are currently being developed. Interested applicants may contact the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) at:

U.S. Department of Commerce/NTIA
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230
Telephone: (202) 482-2048 or (202) 501-8009

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Improvements to Existing Small Business Administration Programs

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet

Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) appropriates \$730 million to improve existing SBA programs and create new initiatives that will address the current economic crisis.

Major Provisions

Temporary SBA Fee Relief: As a result of the financial crisis and the recession, small business lending in the SBA's flagship loan programs – 7(a) and 504 programs – is in a freefall. The bill allocates \$375 million to allow for temporary waivers or reductions in the fees the SBA charges to lenders and borrowers in the 7(a) and 504 loan programs. When determining the amount and structure of the waivers/reductions, the bill requires the SBA to give borrowers and smaller banks priority in receiving fee relief.

Temporary Increase in SBA Guarantee Levels: This allows the SBA to – on a case by case basis – temporarily raise the guarantee level (up to 90%) for 7(a) loans, other than loans made through the SBA Express program. Currently, the maximum guarantee levels are 75% for loans over \$150,000, and 85% for loans of \$150,000 or less. The increased guarantee will provide a higher level of protection for risk-weary small business lenders who have tightened their lending standards considerably in the wake of the credit crunch.

Business Stabilization Program: The bill will also help banks provide relatively small, short-term loans to small business borrowers experiencing immediate financial hardship. Specifically, the new program will temporarily allow the SBA to (i) fully guarantee “stabilization” loans that cannot exceed \$35,000, and (ii) fully subsidize a small business borrower's interest payments on the stabilization loan. A borrower does not have to begin repaying the stabilization loan until 12 months after receiving it, and the loan must be paid in full within 5 years.

SBA Secondary Market Stimulus: Many SBA lenders – in both the 504 and 7(a) programs – rely on a secondary market for SBA loans. These lenders sell a portion of the SBA loans they have already made to broker-dealers. The sales provide lenders with an important funding stream that allows them to extend additional SBA loans. The broker-dealers, in turn, pool the loans and sell them to investors in the secondary market. In the wake of the subprime mortgage crisis, the secondary markets for SBA loans have frozen. To thaw the 7(a) secondary market, the bill permits the SBA to make loans to broker-dealers. These loans would then be used by the broker-dealers to finance the purchase of additional SBA loans from banks. Another provision in the bill will help unfreeze the secondary market for “first lien” loans in the 504 program by guaranteeing pools of these loans, thus making them more attractive to risk-averse investors who have essentially abandoned all mortgage-backed securities.

Improvements to Existing Small Business Administration Programs

Contact Information

Any questions can be directed to the SBA field offices. SBA staff will be glad to discuss your needs and the services available from the SBA. Detailed information for financial assistance is available through the SBA Alaska District office at:

Alaska District Office
510 L Street, Suite 310
Anchorage, AK 99501-1952
(907) 271-4022
karen.forsland@sba.gov
www.sba.gov/localresources/district/ak/index.html

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Department of Housing & Urban Development
Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$2 billion for the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grants. The grant program was created under the 2008 Foreclosure Bill (P.L. 110-289) and allows localities with the highest foreclosure numbers and rates to access funds towards repurchasing foreclosed, abandoned, and blighted properties. These units of government can then rehabilitate them if necessary, and rent or re-sell them. Unlike the initial funds in P.L. 110-289, which had formula-based grants, the funds in the Stimulus bill will be competitive grants.

Non-profit organizations or consortia of non-profits may also utilize funds for foreclosure mitigation activities. The Secretary may use up to 10 percent of funds for capacity building for grantees receiving funds under the program. Grantees may not use more than 10 percent of awards for demolition activities unless the Secretary determines such an action is appropriate to local market conditions. Funds are available until September 30, 2010. Grantees must expend at least 50 percent of allocated funds 2 years from the date on which funds are obligated, and 100 percent of funds must be so expended within 3 years of such date.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, HUD awards grants to states and local jurisdictions to stabilize communities hardest hit by foreclosures and delinquencies. NSP grantees develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, NSP grantees must use at least 25 percent of the funds appropriated for the purchase and redevelopment of abandoned or foreclosed homes or residential properties that will be used to house individuals or families whose incomes do not exceed 50 percent of the area median income. In addition, all activities funded by NSP must benefit low- and moderate-income persons whose income does not exceed 120 percent of area median income.

Activities may not qualify under NSP using the "prevent or eliminate slums and blight" or "address urgent community development needs" objectives. NSP funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Establish financing mechanisms for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed homes and residential properties;
- Purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties abandoned or foreclosed;
- Establish land banks for foreclosed homes;
- Demolish blighted structures;
- Redevelop demolished or vacant properties

Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Department of Housing & Urban Development Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grants

Application and Contact Information

Under the ARRA, HUD has 75 days from the date of enactment to publish criteria for competitive proposals, which is estimated to be May 3, 2009. Applications are also required to be submitted not later than 150 days after enactment, which is estimated to be July 17, 2009. As such, detailed information and applications for financial assistance are currently being drafted. Additional information can be found at:

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

Alaska HUD Office
Carma E. Reed, CPD Director
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Phone: (907) 677-9890
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USDA Aquaculture Assistance - Competitive Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$50 million for aquaculture assistance grants. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through competitive grants based on need.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are available to assist aquaculture producers who suffered from extraordinarily high feed costs during 2008. Grants are available to aquaculture producers who can document they suffered from extraordinary high feed costs that exceed the five year average price. Those seeking assistance should contact their local FSA office. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA Farm Service Agency field offices. FSA staff will be glad to discuss an aquaculture producer's individual situation. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the FSA State Office at:

Farm Service Agency/ Alaska State Office

800 West Evergreen Ave., Suite 216

Palmer, AK 99645

Phone: (907) 761-7738

Fax: (907) 761-7789

www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=ak&area=home&subject=landing&topic=landing

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**USDA National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance –
Competitive Grants**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet

Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$100 million for the USDA National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Program.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are available to assist school food authorities purchase equipment to help deliver meals to students participating in the National School Lunch Program. These funds will be administered by the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development through a competitive grant process to school food authorities based upon the need for equipment assistance in participating schools with priority given to schools in which not less than 50% of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the State of Alaska Department of Education – Division of Nutrition Assistance. Detailed information on the program and applications for financial assistance are available by contacting:

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Juneau, AK 99811-0500
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USDA Rural Development Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband- Competitive Grants and Loans

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet

Office of Senator Mark Begich

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$2.5 billion for the USDA Rural Development Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through competitive grants and loans that will fund distance learning, telemedicine and broadband activity in rural areas.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are available to assist in the development of essential broadband service and telemedicine and distance learning to rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Priority for funding is given to projects that provide service to the highest proportion of rural residents that do not have access to broadband service. Grants are available to rural broadband providers, as well as medical providers and educational entities. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA Rural Development field offices. Rural Development staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available from Rural Development and sister agencies within USDA. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the Rural Development State Office at:

USDA Rural Development Alaska State Office
800 W. Evergreen, Suite 201
Palmer, Alaska 99645
(907)761-7705 (phone) - (907)761-7783 (fax)
www.rurdev.usda.gov/ak/

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USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Programs- Competitive Grants and Loans
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$150 million for the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through competitive grants and loans that will leverage public, private and cooperative resources to create jobs and stimulate rural economic activity.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are available to assist in the development of economic activity in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

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USDA Rural Community Facilities - Competitive Grants and Loans

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$130 million for the USDA Rural Community Facilities Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through competitive grants and loans that will fund facilities in rural areas. These facilities may include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. This program is normally funded through the annual Agriculture Appropriations Act.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are available to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Grants are authorized on a graduated scale. Applicants located in small communities with low populations and low incomes will receive a higher percentage of grants. Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

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USDA Rural Utility - Competitive Grants and Loans
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$1.38 billion for the USDA Rural Utilities Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through competitive grants and loans that will fund rural utilities to help them expand and keep their technology up to date.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are available to assist in the development of essential electricity, telephone, water and waste disposal service in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Loans and grants are available to rural utility providers. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

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USDA/NRCS, Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program - Loans
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fact Sheet

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$290 million for the USDA/NRCS, Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-NRSC through loans that purchase and restore floodplain easements and investment in both structural and non-structural watershed infrastructure improvements.

Priority is given to projects that are most cost-effective and provide the greatest public safety, flood protection, economic, and environmental benefits. NRCS must complete existing infrastructure projects that have already initiated the planning, design or construction work. This program is normally funded through the annual Agriculture Appropriations Act.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, a sponsoring local organization of an authorized watershed project. "Local organization" means any state, political subdivision thereof, soil or water conservation district, flood prevention or control district, or combinations thereof, or any other agency having authority under State law to carry out, maintain and operate the works of improvement; or any irrigation or reservoir company, water users' association, or similar organization having such authority and not being operated for profit that may be approved by the Secretary; or any Indian tribe or tribal organization having authority under Federal, State, or Indian tribal law to carry out, maintain, and operate the works of improvement. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA NRCS. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the NRCS Office at:

USDA NRCS
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 6121-S
Washington, DC 20250
Telephone: 202-720-3210
Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**USDA/Forest Service, Wildland Fire Management Watershed Program – Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Fact Sheet

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$500 million for the USDA/FS, Wildland Fire Management Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-FS through grants that provide funding for hazardous fuels reduction, forest health protection, rehabilitation and hazard mitigation activities on Federal land. Also, there is a requirement that \$50 million must be used to make wood-to-energy grants to promote increased utilization of biomass from Federal, State and private lands.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, state and local governments are eligible. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA Forest Service office. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the USDA Forest Service office at:

USDA Forest Service
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250
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**Interior/USFWS, Resource Management and Construction– Grants and Loans
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Fact Sheet

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$165 million for Interior/USFWS supplemental funding for management of lands and resources as well as construction. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Services through allocations to regional and state offices.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the USFWS Office at:

USFWS
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240
Telephone: 1-800-344-9453
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**EPA/Hazardous Substance Superfund – Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Fact Sheet

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$600 million for EPA, Hazardous Substance Superfund Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the EPA, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, states and local governments. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the EPA Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the EPA Headquarters at:

Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460
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EPA/State and Tribal Assistance, State Revolving Funds – Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$4 billion for Clean Water State Revolving Funds and \$2 billion for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. These funds will be administered nationally by the EPA, through formula grants to states.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, the funds are distributed to the Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation. Local municipalities must submit their proposed projects to the state agency. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the AK DEC at:

Department of Environmental Conservation
410 Willoughby Ave., Ste 303
P.O. Box 111800
Juneau, AK 99811-1800
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EPA/State and Tribal Assistance, Brownfields Projects– Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$100 million for additional funding for projects authorized under the EPA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). CERCLA, enacted in 1980, provides Federal authority to respond directly to released or threatened releases of hazardous substances that may endanger public health or the environment. These funds will be administered nationally by the EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, the funds are available to state and local governments, universities and colleges and industry. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the EPA Headquarters at:

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EPA/State and Tribal Assistance, Diesel Emission Reduction Act – Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$300 million for additional funding for projects authorized under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA). DERA, enacted in 2005, is a national program that provides funds to clean-up diesel-powered vehicles. These funds will be administered nationally by the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, the funds are available to a state or local agency, or port authority, with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Also, available to nonprofit organizations that provide pollution reduction or educational services to those that own or operate diesel fleets. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the EPA Office of Air and Radiation. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through EPA Office at:

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USDA/RUS, Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program– Grants and Loans
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$1.38 billion in new budget authority to support \$3.788 billion in loans and grants for the USDA/RUS, Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-RUS through grants and loans that provide funding for rural waste, waste water and waste disposal programs.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, state and local governments, including municipalities, parishes, special-purpose districts, Indian tribes, and non-profits corporations are eligible. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

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USDA/NRCS, Watershed Rehabilitation Program - Loans
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$50 million for the USDA/NRCS, Watershed Rehabilitation Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-NRSC through loans that rehabilitate aging flood control infrastructure. Priority is given to projects that are most cost-effective and provide the greatest public safety, flood protection, economic, and environmental benefits. This program is normally funded through the annual Agriculture Appropriations Act.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, a sponsoring local organization of an authorized watershed project. "Local organization" means any State, political subdivision thereof, soil or water conservation district, flood prevention or control district, or combinations thereof, or any other agency having authority under State law to carry out, maintain and operate the works of improvement; or any irrigation or reservoir company, water users' association, or similar organization having such authority and not being operated for profit that may be approved by the Secretary; or any Indian tribe or tribal organization having authority under Federal, State, or Indian tribal law to carry out, maintain, and operate the works of improvement. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

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