

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Stimulating Summary
for Centralina Recovery Forum

May 6, 2009

Major Purposes

- ***preserve and create jobs***
- ***promote economic recovery***
- ***assist those most impacted by recession***
- ***increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health***
- ***invest in infrastructure for long-term benefits***
- ***stabilize State, local government budgets***

General Provisions

- Open, transparent procurement process
- Accountability for all grant funds
- Buy American Provisions (feds can waive)
- Federal prevailing wage standards (Davis-Bacon)
- NEPA compliance
- Prohibited Uses: No funds for zoos, aquariums, golf courses, swimming pools, or casinos

Big Themes

- Speed
 - get money moving in the economy
 - uses existing federal programs, pipelines
 - timetables to obligate funds
- Accountability
 - Grant recipients certify investments are appropriate use of taxpayers dollars
 - posted on www.recovery.gov and www.ncrecovery.gov.

Big themes (continued)

- Transparency
 - Quarterly reports on purpose, cost, rationale
 - info on subcontracts on www.recovery.gov.
 - Grantees register with OMB Central Contractor Registration
 - Federal anti-fraud office
 - Protection for state, local whistle-blowers
- Jobs, jobs, jobs

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INVESTING IN PUBLIC SAFETY

On Friday, March 6, 2009, President Obama and Attorney General Holder announced the allocation of \$2 billion in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to control crime and improve the criminal justice system.

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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program*

ESTIMATED STATE VS. LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

| Government Type | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| State | 60% |
| Local | 40% |

* The JAG Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system

SOURCE: Department of Justice

Welcome to Recovery.gov

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression. With much at stake, the Act provides for unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability so that you will be able to know how, when, and where your tax dollars are being spent. Spearheaded by a new Recovery Board, this Act contains built-in measures to root out waste, inefficiency, and unnecessary spending. This website, Recovery.gov, will be the main vehicle to provide each and every citizen with the ability to monitor the progress of the recovery.

On Our Way: Read the Bill

Featured News

Thursday, March 26, 2009
Vice President Biden Announces \$250 Recovery Payments to Go to Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries in May

Thursday, March 26, 2009
Obama Administration Announces \$3.2 Billion in Funding for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements

Wednesday, March 25, 2009
Department of Energy Inspector General Issues ARRA Special Report

Tuesday, March 24, 2009
Commerce's TV Converter Box Coupon Program Now Accepting Requests to Replace Expired Coupons to Assist More Americans with Transition to Digital TV

Accountability and Transparency

This is your money. You have a right to know where it's going and how it's being spent. Learn what steps we're taking to ensure you can track our progress every step of the way.

Share your Recovery Story

Tell us how the Recovery Act is affecting you. What's working? What isn't? We want to hear from you.

State Progress and Resources

Curious about the recovery progress in your state? Learn more about statewide recovery efforts here.

http://www.recovery.gov/

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North Carolina Recovery Effort

- Office of Economic Recovery and Investment
- Dempsey Benton, with borrowed staff
- NCRecovery.gov
- Tracking \$6.1 billion in ARRA funds
- Job target- 105,000 jobs in NC
- Outreach meetings
- Considering assistance to small businesses

Who will benefit?

- Individuals *(especially 1st time homebuyers)*
- Dislocated workers *(491,067 in NC unemployed)*
- State governments
- Local governments
- Colleges and universities
- Local school systems
- Small businesses
- Non-profits
- New car dealers *(sales tax deductible in 2009)*

Who will *not* benefit?

- Families facing foreclosure
- Businesses that miss contracting opportunities
- Businesses with wages <Davis-Bacon
- Frauds and scammers
- Towns and counties that miss deadlines
- Towns and counties that do not apply

What funding is available?

- Formula grants
- ‘Competitive’ grants
 - Federal decisions
 - State decisions
- Each agency and program has its process
- Nclm.org great source for municipalities

My top 5 opportunities

- Energy (\$58 m) for State Energy Program and EECSBG (\$20.9 m for small towns, counties)
- weatherization (\$136.7 m)
- Broadband (\$7.2 b nationwide-see e-NC.org)
- USDA Rural Development (\$130 m)
- Small Cities CSDBG (\$12.1 m, watch for decisions)

Questions?

- For more information on Rural Center assistance see www.ncruralcenter.org