

Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



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Dear Friends,

On February 17, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law. This law will create or save 3.5 million jobs, immediately cut taxes for 95 percent of workers, and begin an unprecedented transformation of our economy, making us more globally competitive and energy independent for the 21st century.

My office has assembled this guide as a resource for you to find out what federal programs will receive funding from this historic package. Inside you will find funding opportunities for individuals, businesses, and communities. Some funding will be directly allocated to the state or local government or a particular agency and other funding will be available in the form of grants through a federal agency or a state agency.

As the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is a complex document the information provided in this guide should be used as a basic idea of what is entailed in this act. Information provided in this guide at the time of printing is accurate to the best of our knowledge. Funding numbers for some departments and programs are estimates as exact numbers were not available at the time of publication. Please continue to check the federal and state websites as indicated for updated information each week as this process rolls out.

I hope you will find this information helpful. If you have any questions please contact my office at 202-225-4431 or 303-844-4988 or email questions to degette@mail.house.gov. I also encourage you to visit the federal recovery site www.recovery.gov and Colorado's recovery site www.colorado.gov/recovery. This document will also be posted on my website www.house.gov/degette. Please check back for periodic changes.

Sincerely,



Diana DeGette
Member of Congress

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Information was not available at the time of publication. Visit <http://www.usaid.gov/recovery/> as more information becomes available.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Program: National School Lunch Program

Funding Agency: Food and Nutrition Service

Federal Funding: \$100,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$1,075,000

Description: The ARRA provides a one time appropriation of \$100,000,000 for equipment assistance to school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Funds will be allocated based on each state's school meals administrative expense allocation and local SFAs may then competitively apply for NSLP equipment assistance grants.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the State of Colorado. Visit www.colorado.gov/recovery for further instructions as they become available or visit www.usda.gov/recovery and click on FNS Recovery Efforts link for more information.

Program: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps)

Funding Agency: Food and Nutrition Service

Federal Funding: \$19,900,000 over the next five years for raise in SNAP benefits

Description: Funding will go directly to states to supplement their existing food stamp program. The money will be distributed based on the need of people in their state. The benefits will be given to recipients in April 2009.

How to Apply: To apply for food stamps contact your local county department of Human Services. Visit www.usda.gov/recovery and click on FNS Recovery Efforts link for more information.

Program: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps)

Funding Agency: Food and Nutrition Service

Federal Funding: \$300,000,000 for administrative expenses in FY 2009 and 2010

Colorado Funding: \$1,216,831

Description: The funds are to be used for state administrative costs associated with carrying out the change in benefits required by the ARRA and SNAP

Visit www.usda.gov/recovery and click on FNS Recovery Efforts link for more information.

Program: WIC (Women's Infants and Children) Contingency

Funding Agency: Food and Nutrition Service

Federal Funding: \$500,000,000

Description: WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

How to Apply: State agencies are responsible for determining participant eligibility and providing benefits and services, and for authorizing vendors. For more information and to apply for WIC benefits, please visit your county department of Human Services. Visit www.usda.gov/recovery and click on FNS Recovery Efforts link for more information.

Program: Temporary Emergency Food Assistance

Funding Agency: Food and Nutrition Services

Federal Funding: \$150,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$1,353,496

Description: TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute the food through local emergency food providers. Available foods vary depending on market conditions. \$100,000,000 to purchase commodities for food banks to refill emptying shelves and \$50,000,000 to assist with administrative functions. Visit www.usda.gov/recovery and click on FNS Recovery Efforts link for more information.

Program: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Funding Agency: Food and Nutrition Services

Federal Funding: \$5,000,000

Description: Funds will be provided to states for facility improvements and equipment upgrades. Visit www.usda.gov/recovery and click on FNS Recovery Efforts link for more information.

Program: Watershed Rehabilitation**Funding Agency:** Natural Resources Conservation Service**Federal Funding:** \$50,000,000

Description: The authority for rehabilitation of aging watershed dams is included in section 14 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL 83-566). Any of the over 11,000 dams in 47 states that were constructed under the four watershed programs (PL-534, PL-566, Pilot, or RC&D) are eligible for assistance under this authority. Many of these dams are nearing the end of their 50-year design life. Rehabilitation of these dams is needed to address critical public health and safety issues in these communities. Priority for funding of projects is based on a priority ranking system that considers the condition of the dam and number of people at risk if the dam should fail. NRCS may provide technical assistance and 65% of the total rehabilitation project cost.

Visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Watershed Operations**Funding Agency:** Natural Resources Conservation Service**Federal Funding:** \$145,000,000

Description: This voluntary program provides assistance to sponsoring local organizations of authorized watershed projects, planned and approved under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (P.L. 83-566), and designated watersheds authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944 (P.L. 78-534). NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and Tribes (as project sponsors) to implement authorized watershed project plans for the purpose of watershed protection; flood mitigation; water quality improvements; soil erosion reduction; rural, municipal and industrial water supply; irrigation water management; sediment control; fish and wildlife enhancement; and wetlands and wetland function creation and restoration. There are over 1,500 active or completed watershed projects.

Visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Floodplain Easements**Funding Agency:** Natural Resources Conservation Service**Federal Funding:** \$145,000,000 (\$30,000,000 maximum for any one state)

Description: Floodplain easements restore, protect, maintain, and enhance the functions of the floodplain; conserve natural values including fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, flood water retention, ground water recharge, and open space; reduce long-term federal disaster assistance; and safeguard lives and property from floods, drought, and the products of erosion. NRCS may purchase easements on floodplain lands that meet program criteria. Purchases are based upon established priorities. The easement provides NRCS with the authority to restore and enhance the floodplain's functions and values. Landowners retain several rights to the property, including quiet enjoyment, the right to control public access, and the right to undeveloped recreational use such as hunting and fishing. Visit

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Bark Beetle Mitigation in Northern CO

Funding Agency: Forest Service

Federal Funding: \$500,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$5,000,000

Description: For Wildland Fire Management in Routt, Grand and Jackson counties. CO Youth Corps Association. The national forests in Colorado have partnered with Rocky Mountain Youth Corps which hires young adults, ages 18 to 25, to work on conservation projects on private and public lands. Using ARRA funding, the forests will put 5 additional 10-person Youth Corps crews to work removing dead hazard trees from developed recreation sites and hiking trails thus opening campgrounds, recreation sites and trails which will support Colorado's tourism industry by maintaining outdoor recreational opportunities. Visit www.fs.usda/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for information.

Program: PSICC Phase 1 Toilet Replacement

Funding Agency: Forest Service

Federal Funding: \$650,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$616,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Description: For Chaffee, Pueblo, Custer, Teller, Park and Lake counties. Project will remove dilapidated buildings which are not accessible to people with disabilities and replace them with campground toilet buildings that are handicapped accessible. Visit www.fs.usda/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for information.

Program: Facilities Improvement- Rocky Mountain Research Station

Funding Agency: Forest Service

Federal Funding: \$650,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$1,534,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Description: For Larimer county. This project will make lab facility more energy efficient with sustainable energy considerations including installing an alternative energy source on the roof. It will also allow for further consideration out of leased space. Visit www.fs.usda/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for information.

Program: Agriculture Disaster Relief

Funding Agency: Farm Service Agency

Federal Funding: \$744,000,000

Visit www.fsa.usda/recovery, www.usda.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for information.

Program: Agriculture Assistance Grants

Funding Agency: Farm Service Agency

Federal Funding: \$50,000,000

Visit www.fsa.usda/recovery, www.usda.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for information.

Program: Information Technologies

Funding Agency: Farm Service Agency

Federal Funding: \$50,000,000

Visit www.fsa.usda/recovery, www.usda.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for information.

Program: Farm Operating Direct Loans

Funding Agency: Farm Service Agency

Federal Funding: \$20,440,000

Visit www.fsa.usda/recovery, www.usda.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for information.

Program: Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband

Funding Agency: Rural Utilities Service

Federal Funding: \$2.5 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure throughout the country. 75% of the area to be served by such funds shall be in a rural area without sufficient access to high speed broadband service.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov and www.usda.gov/rus.

Program: Rural Water & Waste Disposal Direct Loan Program

Funding Agency: Rural Utilities Service

Federal Funding: \$412,000,000

Visit www.usda.gov/recovery, www.usda.gov/rus, or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Rural Water & Waste Disposal Grants Program

Funding Agency: Rural Utilities Service

Federal Funding: \$968,000,000

How to Apply: Visit www.grants.gov, www.usda.gov/rus or www.colorado.gov/recovery.

Program: Direct Single Family Rural Housing Loan Program

Funding Agency: Rural Development

Federal Funding: \$64,990,000

Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>, www.usda.gov, or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Guaranteed Single Family Rural Housing Loan Program

Funding Agency: Rural Development

Federal Funding: \$129,010,000

Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>, www.usda.gov/recovery, or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Rural Community Facilities Loans Program

Funding Agency: Rural Development

Federal Funding: \$67,000,000

Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>, www.usda.gov/recovery, or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Rural Community Facilities Grants Program

Funding Agency: Rural Development

Federal Funding: \$63,000,000

Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>, www.usda.gov/recovery, www.grants.gov, or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Rural Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans Program

Funding Agency: Rural Development

Federal Funding: \$130,000,000

Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>, www.usda.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Rural Business Enterprise Grants

Funding Agency: Rural Development

Federal Funding: \$63,000,000

Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>, www.usda.gov/recovery, www.grants.gov or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Agriculture Buildings and Facilities
Funding Agency: Departmental Administration
Federal Funding: \$24,000,000

Visit www.usda.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Buildings and Facilities
Funding Agency: Agricultural Research Service
Federal Funding: \$176,000,000

Visit www.usda.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Oversight and Audit
Funding Agency: Office of Inspector General
Federal Funding: \$22,500,000

Visit www.usda.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Trade Adjustment Assistance for farmers
Funding Agency: Foreign Agriculture Service
Federal Funding: \$202,500,000

Visit www.usda.gov/recovery for more information.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Federal Agency: Army Corps of Engineers

Federal Funding: \$4.6 billion

Funding by Army Corps Program:

- Investigations: \$25,000,000
- Construction: \$2 billion
- Mississippi: \$375,000,000
- Operations and Maintenance: \$2.075 billion
- Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program: \$100,000,000

Description: The Corps of Engineers provides construction and operation and maintenance of the nation's flood control and navigation infrastructure, as well as the construction environmental restoration projects. The Army Corps of Engineers will receive \$4.6 billion in Recovery funding for backlogged projects. Visit <http://www.usace.army.mil/recovery/Pages/default.aspx> for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Federal Funding: \$150,000,000

Description: The Recovery Act includes \$150,000,000 for the EDA to provide grants to economically distressed areas across the Nation to generate private-sector jobs. Priority consideration will be given to those areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring. Funds will be disbursed through the agency's traditional grant making process and will support efforts to create higher-skill, higher-wage jobs by promoting innovation and entrepreneurship and connecting regional economies with the worldwide marketplace.

Visit <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/> for more information.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Federal Funding: \$830,000,000

Description: The Recovery Act funding for NOAA includes \$230,000,000 slated for habitat restoration, navigation projects and vessel maintenance. \$430,000,000 for the construction and repair of NOAA facilities, ships and equipment, improvements for weather forecasting and satellite development; and \$170,000,000 to be used for climate modeling activities, including supercomputing procurement and research into climate change.

Visit <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/> for more information.

Agency: Bureau of the Census

Federal Funding: \$1 billion

Description: To ensure a successful 2010 Decennial Census, the Recovery Act is including \$1 billion to hire new personnel for partnership and outreach efforts to minority communities and hard-to-reach populations, increase targeted media purchases, and ensure proper management of other operational and programmatic risks.

Visit <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/> for more information.

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology

Federal Funding: \$610,000,000

Description: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will receive \$610,000,000 in funds as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The agency will use the funds for programs that support U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness, key factors in spurring economic growth.

- \$220,000,000 for NIST laboratory research, measurements, and other services supporting economic growth and U.S. innovation through funding of such items as competitive grants; research fellowships; and advanced measurement equipment and supplies.
- \$360,000,000 to address NIST's backlog of maintenance and renovation projects and for construction of new facilities and laboratories, including \$180,000,000 for a competitive construction grant program for funding research science buildings outside of NIST.
- \$20,000,000 in funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services for standards-related research that supports the security and interoperability of electronic medical records to reduce health care costs and improve the quality of care.
- \$10,000,000 in funds is provided to help develop a comprehensive framework for a nationwide, fully interoperable smart grid for the U.S. electric power system.

Additional Information: Requests and applications for funding will be accepted when instructions and rules are posted for specific competitions. Visit <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/> or <http://www.nist.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Federal Funding: \$4.7 billion

Description: The Recovery Act provides critical funding for programs at NTIA including:

- \$4.7 billion to establish a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) for awards to eligible entities to develop and expand broadband services to rural and underserved areas and improve access to broadband by public safety agencies.
 - Of these funds, \$250,000,000 will be available for innovative programs that encourage sustainable adoption of broadband services.
 - At least \$200,000,000 will be available to upgrade technology and capacity at public computing centers, including community colleges and public libraries.
 - \$10,000,000 will be a transfer to the Office of Inspector General for the purposes of BTOP audits and oversight.
 - Up to \$350,000,000 of the BTOP funding is designated for the development and maintenance of statewide broadband inventory maps.
- \$650,000,000 for the TV Converter Box Coupon Program to allow NTIA to issue coupons to all households currently on the waiting list, to start mailing coupons via first class mail and to ensure vulnerable populations are prepared for the transition from analog-to-digital television transmission.

Visit <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/> for more information.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Program: AmeriCorps State and National**Federal Funding:** \$89,000,000

Description: Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), AmeriCorps State and National programs will engage approximately 10,000¹ additional individuals in service to their communities while meeting critical community needs resulting from, or exacerbated by, the current economic crisis. Individuals currently unemployed will gain work experience and valuable skills, and nonprofit organizations and communities negatively affected by the economic crisis will gain critical human resources. Activities include, but are not limited to: Employment and Skills Training; Tutoring and Literacy; Financial Planning; Home Foreclosures and Housing Assistance; Housing Rehabilitation and Access; Healthcare Access; Non-profit Capacity Building; and Volunteer Generation and Management.

Recovery Act funding through the AmeriCorps program will be awarded as grants to current national, regional and local AmeriCorps grantees with a proven track record and demonstrate the capacity to efficiently and effectively draw upon this new resource to assist communities in need. Grants will include additional members and/or match waivers and/or federal funds for the grantee portion of the match.

Visit <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp> for more information and for grant application instructions.

Program: AmeriCorps VISTA**Federal Funding:** \$65,000,000

Description: VISTA members funded through the Recovery Act will augment the ongoing work of the program through activities such as fundraising, establishment of volunteer recruitment and management systems, community outreach and partnership development. These activities will help non-profit and other community organizations to build greater capacity and to be a sustainable local resource to their communities as they work to increase economic opportunity for Americans living in poverty or who are in danger of falling into poverty.

Visit <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp> for more information and grant application instructions.

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This estimate assumes no transfer of funds to the National Service Trust, and would be affected in the event of such transfer.

Program: Office of Inspector General
Federal Funding: \$1,000,000

Program: Salaries and Expenses
Federal Funding: \$6,000,000

Program: National Service Trust
Federal Funding: \$40,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Program: Near Term Energy Efficiency Technology Demonstrations and Research

Funding Agency: Department of Defense

Federal Funding: \$300,000,000

Description: \$75,000,000 each will be allocated to Army, Air Force, Navy and Defense-Wide for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation projects, including pilot projects, demonstrations and energy efficient manufacturing enhancements. Funds are for improvements in energy generation and efficiency, transmission, regulation, storage, and for use on military installations and within operational forces. Funding is to include research and development of energy from fuel cells, wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources to include biofuels and bioenergy.

How to Apply: Pursue a procurement opportunity with the Department of Defense.

http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/docs/guide_to_dod_contracting_opportunities_us_20070425.pdf.

Program: Operation and Maintenance-Navy

Federal Funding: \$657,051,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation and Maintenance- Marine Corps

Federal Funding: \$113,865,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation and Maintenance- Navy Reserve

Federal Funding: \$55,083,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation and Maintenance- Marine Corps Reserves

Federal Funding: \$39,909,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation- Navy

Federal Funding: \$75,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Military Construction- Navy

Federal Funding: \$280,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation and Maintenance- Army
Federal Funding: \$1,474,525,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation and Maintenance- Army Reserve
Federal Funding: \$98,269,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation and Maintenance- Army National Guard
Federal Funding: \$266,304,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation- Army
Federal Funding: \$75,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Military Construction- Army
Federal Funding: \$180,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Military Construction, Army National Guard
Federal Funding: \$50,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Family Housing Construction- Army
Federal Funding: \$34,507,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Family Housing Operation and Maintenance- Army
Federal Funding: \$3,932,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation and Maintenance- Air Force
Federal Funding: \$1,095,959,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation and Maintenance- Air Force Reserve
Federal Funding: \$13,187,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation and Maintenance- Air National Guard
Federal Funding: \$25,848,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation- Navy
Federal Funding: \$75,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Military Construction- Air Force
Federal Funding: \$180,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Military Construction- Air National Guard
Federal Funding: \$50,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Family Housing Construction- Air Force
Federal Funding: \$80,100,000

Program: Family Housing Operation and Maintenance- Air Force
Federal Funding: \$16,461,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation- Defense-wide
Federal Funding: \$75,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Defense Health Program
Federal Funding: \$400,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Office of the Inspector General
Federal Funding: \$15,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Military Construction- Defense-wide
Federal Funding: \$1,450,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Homeowners Assistance Fund
Federal Funding: \$555,000,000

Visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/> for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Program: Total Education Spending

Federal Funding: \$53.6 billion

Colorado Funding: \$1,049,921,426

Program: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Federal Funding: \$53.6 billion

Colorado Funding: \$760,000,000

Description: This funding includes an estimated \$760,200,000 for Pre K-20 education and \$611.5 ,000,000 for Colorado school districts and public colleges and universities. The purpose of this funding is to restore education spending to 2008 or 2009 levels. Governors must dedicate 81.8 percent of their state's allocation to education, and must use these funds to restore state support for K-12 and postsecondary education through 2011 to the greater of (state) FY 08 or FY 09 levels, and must follow existing formula increases for elementary and secondary fiscal support for 2010 and 2011. Governors may use the remaining 18.2 percent of their state's allocation for public safety and other government services, which may include education.

How to Apply: Governors apply to the Secretary of Education for these funds and provide assurances.

Program: State Incentive Grants for Education

Federal Funding: \$5 billion

Description: The Secretary of Education will award grants in FY 2010 to states that make significant progress in achieving equity in teacher distribution, improving collection and use of data, enhancing the quality of academic standards and assessments and supporting struggling schools. States that receive Incentive Grants must give at least 50 percent of the grants to local educational agencies in sub grants based on the local agencies' relative shares of funding under Title I, part A.

How to Apply: Governors apply to the Secretary of Education for these funds and provide assurances.

Program: Education Innovation Fund – Achievement Awards

Federal Funding: \$650,000,000

Description: These grants will be awarded to eligible entities that have made significant gains in closing the achievement gap, to allow these entities to expand their work and serve as models for best practices, to work in partnership with the private sector and the philanthropic community, and to identify and document best practices that can be shared and taken to scale based on demonstrated success. This funding provides grants for school districts or partnerships between nonprofit organizations and local education agencies (LEAs) or one or more schools. There is potential for partnership related to teacher quality, leadership development, new school development, and relationships with education service providers to scale effective school designs and school networks.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.grants.gov> or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

Program: Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Federal Funding: \$70,000,000

Description: The McKinney-Vento program supports an office for coordination of the education of homeless children and youths in each state, to gather comprehensive information about homeless children and youths and the impediments they must overcome to regularly attend school. These grants help states to ensure that homeless children, including preschool-aged homeless children, have equal access to free and appropriate public education and receive services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. This funding is through the state grant process proportionate to the number of homeless students identified during the 2007-2008 school year

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>

Program: Enhancing Education through Technology

Federal Funding: \$650,000,000 Formula and Competitive Grants

Colorado Funding: \$7,000,000

Description: These grants are intended to: improve student achievement through the use of technology; help all students become technologically literate by the end of eighth grade; and integrate technology with teacher training and curriculum development to establish research-based instructional methods that can be widely implemented. The ARRA does not impose new program elements or other requirements on the program.

How to Apply: Contact the Colorado Department of Education at 303-866-6600 for more information.

Program: Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title I Formula Grants (targeted and incentive)

Federal Funding: \$10 billion Formula Grants

Colorado Funding: \$111,135,922

- Denver \$31,962,145

Description: This funding provides opportunity to invest in school improvement and turnaround strategy. Each state shall use at least 50% of its grant to provide sub grants based on the most recent relative Title I allocations.

How to Apply: Local educational agencies receiving funds are required to file with the state educational agency a school-by-school listing of per-pupil expenditures from state and local sources during the 2008-09 academic year no later than December 1, 2009. State educational agencies must then report that information to the Secretary of Education by March 31, 2010.

Program: ESEA Title I School Improvement Grants

Federal Funding: \$3 billion Formula Grants

Colorado Funding: \$30,000,000

Description: This funding provides new Title I resources that will allow strategic investment in school improvement efforts, including with external partners and potential expansion of Title I resources to secondary schools. The Joint Explanatory Statement from the conference report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directs the U.S. Department of Education to encourage states to use 40% of school improvement allocations for middle and high schools.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

Program: Federal Pell Grants

Federal Funding: \$15.64 billion

Colorado Funding: \$361,591,907.

Description: \$15.64 billion of the funding will go to Pell Grants. The maximum Pell Grant award will be raised to \$5,350.

How to Apply: Applicants for a Pell Grant should visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html> or www.fafsa.ed.gov or <http://www.studentaid.ed.gov> or <http://www.students.gov> to obtain application and further information.

Program: Federal Work Study

Federal Funding: \$200,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$2,733,027.00

Description: Federal Work-Study (FWS) provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the recipient's course of study.

How to Apply: Applicants should visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. The enrollee's school will use the completed expected family contribution form to award financial aid. For additional help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, select: [Completing the FAFSA](#).

Program: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Grants to States

Federal Funding: \$11.3 billion Formula Grants

Colorado Funding: \$148,700,000

Description: A state does not need to submit a new application to receive the first 50 percent of the Part B Grants to States recovery funds because these funds will be made available to each state based on the state's eligibility established for FY 2008 Part B funds. The assurances in the state's FY 2008 application will apply to these recovery funds. In order to receive the remaining 50 percent of *IDEA*, Part B recovery funds, a state must submit, for review and approval by the Department, an amendment to its FY 2009 application to address the recordkeeping and reporting requirements under the *ARRA*.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

Program: IDEA Part B Preschool Grants

Federal Funding: \$400,000,000 Formula Grants

Colorado Funding: \$5,300,000

Description: A state does not need to submit a new application to receive the first 50 percent of the Part B Grants Preschool Grants recovery funds because these funds will be made available to each state based on the state's eligibility established for FY 2008 Part B funds. The assurances in the state's FY 2008 application will apply to these recovery funds. In order to receive the remaining 50 percent of *IDEA*, Part B recovery funds, a state must submit, for review and approval by the Department, an amendment to its FY 2009 application to address the recordkeeping and reporting requirements under the *ARRA*.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

Program: IDEA Part C Grants for Infants and Families**Federal Funding:** \$500,000,000 Formula Grants**Colorado Funding:** \$7,000,000

Description: The Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (Part C of IDEA) is a federal grant program that assists states in operating a comprehensive statewide program of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities serving ages of birth through age 2 years, and their families. In order for a state to participate in the program it must assure that early intervention will be available to every eligible child and its family. Also, the governor must designate a lead agency to receive the grant and administer the program, and appoint an Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), including parents of young children with disabilities, to advise and assist the lead agency. Annual funding to each state is based upon census figures of the number of children, birth through 2, in the general population.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

Program: Impact Aid Construction**Federal Funding:** \$100,000,000**Colorado Funding:** \$1,037,110

Description: Disbursement will be made to local school jurisdictions that are “financially burdened by federal activities.” This funding is for construction of schools that educate “federally-connected students or have federally-owned land.” The current law was modified to allow for greater participation of school districts impacted by both students whose parents are military; reside on tribal lands; live on federal property or in federally subsidized low rent housing, and/or whose parents work on federal property. It also allows funding to better target districts that have “shovel ready” facilities projects.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

Program: Independent Living State Grants**Federal Funding:** \$140,000,000**Colorado Funding:** \$242,913

Description: Of the funding available for Independent Living Programs, monies will go to state grants, Independent Living Centers and Services for Older Blind Individuals.

How to Apply: All registered vocational rehabilitation service providers may apply. For independent living programs, all non-profit organizations that run centers for independent living are eligible to apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/cil/index.html> or www.grants.gov.

Program: “Race to the Top” Education Effort

Federal Funding: \$4.35 billion

Description: States competing for funding will need to demonstrate significant progress in education reform, specifically in the areas of improving the collection and use of longitudinal data, achieving equity in quality teacher distribution, improving chronically low performing schools, and improving state standards and assessments. Governors must provide assurances that the state will: in each of FY 2009, 2010, 2011, maintain state support for elementary, secondary, and public postsecondary education at least at levels for FY 2006, and address 4 key issues: (1) achieve equity in teacher distribution, (2) establish a longitudinal data system that includes the elements in the America Competes Act, (3) enhance the quality of academic standards and assessments, and (4) ensure compliance with correction actions for low-performing schools.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

Program: School Modernization and Repair

Federal Funding: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Colorado Funding: Part of State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Description: Funds may be used “for modernization, renovation or repair of public school facilities and institutions of higher education facilities, including modernization, renovation, and repairs that are consistent with a recognized green building rating system.”

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

Program: Services for Older Individuals who are Blind

Federal Funding: \$140,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$497,578.

Description: Of the funding available for Independent Living Programs, these monies are set aside for Services for Older Blind Individuals.

How to Apply: All registered vocational rehabilitation service providers may apply. To apply for funding for Services for Older Blind Individuals, agencies serving individuals who are blind may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/cil/index.html> or www.grants.gov.

Program: Special Education State Grants**Federal Funding:** \$12.2 billion Formula Grants**Colorado Funding:** \$148,700,000**Description:** Funds are provided through the following funding streams: IDEA Part B State Grants, Part B Preschool Grants, and Part C Infant and Toddlers Grants. These grants assist states in providing a free appropriate public education to children and youth with disabilities, ages 3 through 21, who are in need of special education and related services.**How to Apply:** The federal agency makes formula grants to states that provide sub-grants of at least 75 percent of funds to local school districts based on special education student counts.**Program: Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems****Federal Funding:** \$250,000,000**Description:** Grants will assist in the development of systems that manage, analyze, disaggregate and use individual student data. Grantees must ensure their longitudinal data system includes the prescribed elements in the America Competes Act, including having linked P-16 systems; a teacher identification system that can be linked to students; college readiness test scores, postsecondary remedial course work data and a data audit system.**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.**Program: Teacher Incentive Fund****Federal Funding:** \$200,000,000**Description:** Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) supports efforts to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools. A high-needs school is defined as a school with more than 30 percent of its enrollment from low-income families which is based on eligibility for free or reduced priced lunches or other poverty measures permitted by the state. Funded performance-based compensation systems must consider gains in student achievement as well as multiple classroom evaluations and provide incentives for educators to take on additional responsibilities. Competitive grants will be awarded to local education agencies, states, or partnerships of one or more local education agencies or states and at least one non-profit organization.**How to Apply:** Local Education Agencies (LEA's) including charter schools that are LEA's in the state may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=rt> or <http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherincentive/index.html>

Program: Institute of Education Sciences

Federal Funding: \$250,000,000

Description: Up to \$5,000,000 may be used for state data coordinator and for awards to public or private organizations or agencies to assess the impact of performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems supported by funds provided in the Recovery Act on teacher and principal recruitment and retention in high-needs schools and subjects.

How to Apply: Institutions of Higher Education may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/index.asp>.

Program: Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants

Federal Funding: \$540,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$7,300,000

Description: \$540,000,000 is available for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants and \$140,000,000 for Independent Living Programs.

How to Apply: All registered vocational rehabilitation service providers may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/cil/index.html> or www.grants.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Program: Biomass from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$800,000,000

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for biomass research and development.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/>, www.energy.gov/recovery and www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Geothermal from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Recovery Funding: \$400,000,000

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for geothermal technologies research and development.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/>, www.energy.gov/recovery and www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$400,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$42,618,700; City of Denver \$6,079,500

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants to local governments that are not eligible entities for grants through the formula. This program will assist eligible entities in implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, to reduce total energy use, and to improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building and other appropriate sectors.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/> to view other Colorado allotments and www.energy.gov/recovery and www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Advanced Battery Manufacturing Grants

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Description: Domestic manufacturing facilities are eligible for this funding. The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/>, www.energy.gov/recovery and www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$300,000,000

Description: Funds will be distributed by competitive grants for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles through the DOE's Clean Cities program.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will administer these grants on a competitive basis through its Clean Cities Program, to state and local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and appropriate private entities to be used to purchase and demonstrate alternatively fueled vehicles that utilize fuel cell, electric, or hybrid drive system technologies. Visit www.energy.gov/recovery and www.grants.gov for more information as the program is implemented.

Program: Transportation Electrification

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$400,000,000

Description: This funding is for a transportation electrical system construction program, authorized by the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act, at transportation facilities, including seaports and truck stops.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will administer these grants on a competitive basis. Visit www.energy.gov/recovery and www.grants.gov for more information as the program is implemented.

Program: Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate program and Energy Star Program

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$300,000,000

Description: This funding will provide rebates for residential consumers for the purchase of residential Energy Star products to replace used appliances with more efficient models.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will administer these rebates through the Energy Star program. Visit www.energystar.gov for more information as the program is implemented.

Program: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability-Smart Grid Investment

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$4.5 billion

Description: The existing transmission system in the United States requires modernization in light of increasing demand. This funding will provide for research and development, pilot projects, and federal matching funds for the Smart Grid Investment Program to meet the goal of developing a modern electric grid, enhancing security and reliability of energy infrastructure, and facilitating recovery from disruptions to the energy supply. A smart grid is an approach to operating the nation's electricity transmission and distribution system using advanced digital technology to save energy and cost, and to allow demand response, use of storage technologies (including plug-in hybrid batteries), integration of dispersed renewable and distributed generators, enhanced reliability and quicker repair of outages, and improved power quality.

How to Apply: There will be a regional demonstration initiative administered through the Department of Energy. There will also be 50% matching grants to states provided by the Department. Visit www.energy.gov/recovery, www.colorado.gov/recovery and www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Fossil Energy Research and Development

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$3.4 billion

Description: This funding provides funding for research, development, and demonstration of carbon sequestration, also known as carbon capture projects.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded competitively in the form of grants and contracts. Visit www.energy.gov/recovery and www.grants.gov for more information as the program is implemented.

Program: Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy**Federal Funding:** \$483,000,000**Description:** This funding will create jobs in environmental cleanup and remediation services; address legal requirements with states to perform mandated cleanup activities; and accelerate the completion of capital projects, shortening out-year mortgage costs. Sites related to past nuclear activities are excluded.**How to Apply:** Funds will be awarded discretionally as well as competitively in the form of grants. Visit www.energy.gov/recovery and www.grants.gov for more information as the program is implemented.**Program: Science****Funding Agency:** Department of Energy**Federal Funding:** \$1.6 billion**Description:** The Office of Science at the Department of Energy is the single largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States, providing more than 40 percent of total funding for this vital area of national importance. It oversees – and is the principal federal funding agency of – the Nation’s research programs in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences. Independent scientific research provides the foundation for innovation and future technologies; but U.S. federal funding for research and development has declined steadily over the last decade. This funding will support improvements to DOE laboratories and scientific facilities to provide the foundation for research and development efforts.**How to Apply:** Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Visit www.energy.gov/recovery for more information.**Program: Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund****Funding Agency:** Department of Energy**Federal Funding:** \$390,000,000**Description:** This Fund’s primary mission is to provide decontamination and decommissioning and cleanup of the nation’s three gaseous diffusion plants, namely Tennessee Technology Park in Tennessee, the Paducah GDP in Kentucky, and the Portsmouth GDP near Piketon, Ohio.**How to Apply:** Funds will be awarded discretionally by the Department of Energy. Visit www.energy.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$400,000,000

Description: Energy to support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy efficiency as authorized by the America COMPETES Act. The Department of Energy estimates that this amount of funding will support 50,000 jobs through research and construction of laboratory facilities.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Visit www.energy.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$6 billion

Description: This new loan program would provide loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies. The \$6 billion is expected to support more than \$60 billion in loans for these projects. \$10,000,000 from this \$6 billion will support the administrative expenses for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan program.

How to Apply: After implementing this new loan program, more information will be available at www.energy.gov/recovery.

Program: Defense Environmental Cleanup

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$5.127 billion

Description: This funding will accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the Nation's past nuclear activities. This funding will create jobs in environmental cleanup and remediation services; address legal requirements with states to perform mandated cleanup activities; and accelerate the completion of capital projects, shortening out-year mortgage costs.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Visit www.energy.gov/recovery for more information.

COLORADO FUNDING

State Energy Program: \$49,222,000

Visit www.energy.gov/recovery, <http://www.colorado.gov/energy/recovery/>, www.colorado.gov/recovery or call the Governor's Energy Office at (303) 866-2100 for more information.

Weatherization: \$79,531,213-

Visit www.energy.gov/recovery, <http://www.colorado.gov/energy/recovery/>, www.colorado.gov/recovery or call the Governor's Energy Office at (303) 866-2100 for more information.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Program: Hazardous Substance Superfund**Funding Agency: Environmental Project Agency (EPA)****Federal Funding: \$600,000,000**

Description: Funds are limited to the Superfund Remedial program. The Superfund Remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and the environment. Of the over 15,000 uncontrolled hazardous waste sites nation-wide, EPA currently has listed 1,255 sites on its National Priority List. It is these sites, selected based on a hazard ranking system, which would benefit from recovery funds.

How to Apply: The EPA will award these funds based on the National Priority List for Superfund Remedial sites. Visit www.epa.gov or www.epa.gov/superfund for more information.

Program: Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Account**Funding Agency: EPA****Federal Funding: \$200,000,000**

Description: Through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program, EPA provides resources to states and territories for the oversight, enforcement and cleanup of petroleum releases from underground storage tanks (USTs). EPA estimates that every year 7,570 new releases occur. Added to the number of sites not yet completed, there could be as many as 116,000 sites requiring clean up actions in 2009.

How to Apply: The EPA will award these funds based on their priority lists for the program. Visit www.epa.gov/recovery as they continue to administer the program.

Program: Brownfield Projects**Funding Agency: EPA****Federal Funding: \$100,000,000**

Description: Funds are provided for Brownfield competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent of which are mandated by law to address petroleum contamination. Funds will capitalize revolving funds and provide low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.

How to Apply: Eligible entities include state, local and tribal governments, legislatures, general purpose units of local government, land clearance authorities or other quasi-governmental entities and non-profit organizations.

Grants will be distributed by federal agency on a competitive basis. Visit www.epa.gov/recovery or www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grants

Funding Agency: EPA

Federal Funding: \$300,000,000

Description: Created in 2005, the DERA program provides grants and loans to states and local governments for projects that reduce diesel engine emissions. Priority projects include those that maximize public health benefits by significantly reducing particulate matter emissions which are a significant threat to both human health and a likely contributor to global warming. The program also targets geographic areas with high air pollution and air toxics and areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution, such as truck stops and ports. EPA funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs.

How to Apply: Eligible entities include US regional, state, local, tribal or port agencies with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality and nonprofit organizations that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that operate diesel fleets.

Visit www.grants.gov or www.epa.gov/recovery for more information.

COLORADO FUNDING

Clean Water State Revolving Fund: \$31,834,900

Visit www.epa.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: \$34,618,000

Visit www.epa.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information was not available at the time of publication. Visit <http://www.fcc.gov/recovery/> for more information as it becomes available.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Program: Federal Buildings Fund

Federal Funding: \$5,546,000,000

Program: Energy Efficient Federal Motor Vehicle Fleet Procurement

Federal Funding: \$300,000,000

Program: Office of Inspector General

Federal Funding: \$7,000,000

Program: Government Wide Policy

Federal Funding: \$4,000,000

Visit www.gsa.gov/recovery for more information on the above programs.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Program: Community Health Centers

Funding Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

Federal Funding: \$2,000,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$7,528,569

- Denver Health \$1,474,375
- Colorado Coalition for the Homeless \$344,910
- Metro Community Provider Network \$780,000

For more information on funding to other Colorado Community Health Centers visit

<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/hrsa/index.html>

Description: Funding is awarded directly to the Community Health Centers. 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 the uninsured. Grants for new sites and services are to be two years in length.

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: National Health Service Corp.

Funding Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

Federal Funding: \$300,000,000

Description: This funding will be used for extending service contracts and operations.

Funding will also go to training programs for the primary care medicine and dentistry fund, the public health preventative medicine program and scholarship.

How to Apply: Additional information can be found at <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov>.

Program: Head Start

Federal Funding: \$1 billion

Colorado Funding: \$7,962,093

Description: The Head Start funds will be allocated according to current statutory formula. HHS will work with local Head Start grantees in order to manage these resources to sustain FY 09 awards through FY10.

How to apply: For more information and to apply visit www.hhs.gov/recovery, www.grants.gov or www.colorado.gov/recovery.

Program: Early Head Start

Federal Funding: \$1.1 billion

Description: Early Head Start is a federally funded community-based program for low-income families with infants, toddlers and pregnant women. Their mission is to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, to enhance the development of very young children and promote healthy families.

How to Apply: These will be competitive grants administered through the Department of Health and Human Services. Apply through www.grants.gov or www.hhs.gov/recovery.

Program: Establish a New Initiative to award capacity building grants directly to nonprofits

Federal Funding: \$100,000,000

Description: This program will expand the delivery of social services to individuals and communities affected by the economic downturn.

How to Apply: Guidelines for the grant process will be established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Health IT

Federal Funding: \$19.2 billion

Description: This bill promotes the use of health information technology such as electronic health records, by: requiring the government to take a leadership role to develop standards by 2010 that allow for the nationwide electronic exchange and use of health information to improve quality and coordination of care; investing \$19 billion in health information technology infrastructure and Medicare and Medicaid incentives to encourage doctors, hospitals and other providers to use health IT to electronically exchange patients' health information; and strengthening Federal privacy and security law to protect identifiable health information from misuse as the health care sector increases use of health IT.

How to Apply: Hospitals and Physician offices will automatically receive these benefits through their Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reimbursements. Other medical agencies and services can apply for grants through the Department of Health and Human Services to offset the cost of implementing HIT. Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: National Institute of Health (NIH)

Federal Funding: \$10 billion

Description:

- \$8.2 billion in support of scientific research priorities
- \$7.4 billion is transferred to the Institutes and Centers and Common Fund (CF), based on a percentage-based formula
- \$800,000,000 to the Office of the Director (OD) (not including CF) (For example, support for Challenge Grants), a program designed to focus on health and science problems where progress can be expected in two years.
- To support additional scientific research-related activities that also align with the overall purposes of the Act
- \$1 billion to support Extramural Construction, Repairs, and Alterations
 - Allocated to the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) in support of all NIH funded research institutions
- \$300,000,000 Shared Instrumentation and other capital equipment
 - Allocated to NCRR to support all NIH activities
- \$500,000,000 for NIH buildings and facilities -To fund high priority repair, construction and improvement projects on NIH campuses that also align with the overall purpose of the Act
- \$400,000,000 for Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER)

How to Apply: Visit www.grants.gov or www.grants.nih.gov/recovery.

Program: Aging Services Programs

Federal Funding: \$100,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Children and Families Services Programs

Federal Funding: \$3,150,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

Federal Funding: \$2,500,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Healthcare Research and Quality

Federal Funding: \$1,100,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Indian Health Facilities
Federal Funding: \$415,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Indian Health Services
Federal Funding: \$85,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Agency: Office of the Inspector General
Federal Funding: \$17,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Payments to states for Child Care and Development Block Grant
Federal Funding: \$2,000,000,000
Colorado Funding: \$24,312,304

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Prevention and Wellness Fund
Federal Funding: \$1,000,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund
Federal Funding: \$50,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Emergency Contingency Fund for TANF
Federal Funding: \$5,000,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: General Departmental Management FMAP Administrative Cost
Federal Funding: \$5,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Grants to States for Medicaid
Federal Funding: \$15,346,822,633
Colorado Funding: \$140,911,583

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Payments to States for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance
Federal Funding: TBD

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: CMS Program Management
Federal Funding: \$142,000,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

COLORADO FUNDING

Senior Meals Program: \$1,676,802

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Child Support Enforcement: \$19,100,000

Visit www.hhs.gov/recovery or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE

Program: COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act)

To assist individuals in maintaining health coverage, the bill provides a 65% subsidy for COBRA continuation premiums for up to 9 months for workers who have been involuntarily terminated, and for their families. This subsidy also applies to health care continuation coverage if required by states for small employers. To qualify for premium assistance, a worker must be involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008, and December 31, 2009. The subsidy would terminate upon offer of any new employer sponsored health care coverage or Medicare eligibility. Workers who were involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008, and enactment, but failed to initially elect COBRA because it was unaffordable, would be given an additional 60 days to elect COBRA and receive the subsidy. To ensure that this assistance is targeted at workers who are most in need, participants must attest that their same year income will not exceed \$125,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for families.

How to Apply: Current law requires employers to work with employees about how to access COBRA and private health plans must also assist former employees in receiving this benefit. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm>.

Program: Temporary Increase in Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments.

The bill increases states' FY 2009 annual DSH allotments by 2.5 percent, and increases states' FY 2010 by 2.5 percent above the new FY2009 DSH allotment. After FY2010, states' annual DSH allotments would return to 100% of the annual DSH allotments as determined under current law. Denver Health and University Hospital are considered DSH hospitals in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado.

How to Apply: DSH hospitals will automatically benefit from this provision.

Program: Extension of Moratoria on Medicaid Regulations.

The bill extends moratoria on Medicaid regulations for targeted case management, provider taxes, and school-based administration and transportation services through June 30, 2009. The bill also adds a moratorium on the Medicaid regulation for hospital outpatient services through June 30, 2009. The provision includes a Sense of Congress that the Secretary of HHS should not promulgate regulations concerning payments to public providers, graduate medical education, and rehabilitative services.

How to Apply: The moratoria will automatically go into effect.

Program: Extension of the Qualified Individual Program

The bill extends the Qualified Individual Program, which assists certain low income individuals with Medicare Part B premiums, through December 31, 2010. The program helps Medicare beneficiaries who have a limited income but are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid with financial assistance to help pay their Medicare premiums.

How to Apply: Individuals will need to be enrolled in this to receive these benefits.

Program: Prompt Payment Requirements for Nursing Facilities and Hospitals.

The bill temporarily applies Medicaid prompt pay requirements to nursing facilities and hospitals.

How to Apply: This benefit will automatically be provided for nursing facilities and hospitals.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Program: State and Local Programs

Funding Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Funding: \$300,000,000 U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: \$150,000,000 is for the Public Transportation Security Assistance and Railroad Security Assistance, including Amtrak security, and \$150,000,000 is for Port Security Grants. The bill waives the cost-share for Port Security Grants funded in this Act. Priority will be given to construction projects which address the most significant risks and can also be completed in a timely fashion.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency directly to transit agencies. Eligible agencies will be determined by the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). Visit <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/psgp/index.shtm#1> for Port Security Grants and <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/tsgp/index.shtm> for Transit Security Grants and www.grants.gov.

Program: Firefighter Assistance Grants

Funding Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Funding: \$210,000,000 U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: Funding is provided for modifying, upgrading or constructing non-Federal fire stations, not to exceed \$15,000,000 per grant.

How to Apply: Local fire departments may apply through the Firefighter Assistance Grants Program. Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>.

Program: Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program Account

Funding Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Funding: \$5,000,000 U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: These loans will apply to calendar year 2008 disasters to exceed \$5,000,000 and equal no more than 50 percent of the operating budget of local governments if that government has suffered a loss of 25 percent or more in tax revenues.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. This program is available to areas that have received a disaster declaration at the federal level. Visit <http://www.fema.gov/government/recovery.shtm>.

Program: St. Elizabeth's/DHS Headquarters Consolidation

Federal Funding: \$650,000,000 (\$200,000,000 to DHS; \$450,000,000 to GSA)

Visit <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm> for more information.

Program: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

Federal Funding:

- \$720,000,000 for construction at land ports of entry (\$300,000,000 GSA; \$420,000,000 CBP)
- \$100,000,000 for Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) technology
- \$100,000,000 for border technology on the southwest border
- \$60,000,000 for tactical communications equipment and radios

Visit <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm> for more information.

Program: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Federal Funding: \$20,000,000 for ICE automation modernization and tactical communications.

Visit <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm> for more information.

Agency: Transportation Security Administration

Federal Funding: \$1 billion for explosives detection systems and checkpoint screening equipment.

Visit <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm> for more information.

Agency: U.S. Coast Guard

Federal Funding:

- \$142,000,000 for Alteration of Bridges program
- \$98,000,000 for construction, which may include the following:
 - Shore facilities and aids to navigation facilities
 - Vessel repair/acquisition (includes High Endurance Cutter, National Security Cutter)

Visit <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm> for more information.

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Funding:

- \$100,000,000 for Emergency Food and Shelter Program
- Requires the establishment of an arbitration panel to resolve Katrina/Rita public assistance disputes
- Requires FEMA to accept additional applications for Katrina/Rita public assistance
- All non-federal matching requirements for SAFER grants waived for FY 2009-2010

Colorado Funding: Emergency Food and Shelter Program- approx. \$1,305,286

Visit <http://www.fema.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: DHS Office of Inspector General:

Federal Funding: \$5,000,000 to conduct related oversight and audits

Visit <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm> for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Program: Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit Investments Stimulus Program

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$250,000,000

Description: Grants and loans will be made available through HUD's Office of Affordable Housing Preservation (OAHP) for eligible property owners to make energy and green retrofit investments in the property, to ensure the maintenance and preservation of the property, the continued operation and maintenance of energy efficiency technologies, and the timely expenditure of funds. Physical and financial analyses of the properties will be conducted to determine the size of each grant and loan. Incentives will be made available to participating owners. The terms of the grants or loans will include continued affordability agreements. Grant and loan funds must be spent by the receiving property owner within two years.

How to Apply: Full details of how to apply, and grant and loan terms, will be published in a Housing Notice within 60 days of the Recovery Act being signed into law (by April 17, 2009). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 14.318. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>, www.cfda.gov or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Community Development Block Grants (Formula)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$1,000,000,000 with \$980,000,000 of those funds allocated. Up to 1.0 percent of each amount appropriated in this legislation may be used for the expenses of management and oversight of the programs, grants, and activities funded by such appropriation.

Colorado Funding:

- CO Nonentitlement \$2,861,220
- Denver \$2,462,903

For more information on funding to specific Colorado counties visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>.

Description: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Under the Recovery Act, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement

How to Apply: Grantees will prepare an action plan amendment. HUD will process the plans in an expedited manner, execute grant agreements, and make the funds available in each grantee's line of credit. Eligible applicants include states, units of general local government that received CDBG Entitlement funding in FY 2008, non-entitlement jurisdictions in Hawaii, and Insular Areas. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Homelessness Prevention Fund (Formula)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$1,500,000,000 with \$1,492,500,000 of the funds being allocated. Please note that up to 0.5 percent of each amount appropriated in this legislation may be used for the expenses of management and oversight of the programs, grants, and activities funded by such appropriation.

Colorado Funding:

- **CO State Program \$8,154,036**
- **Denver \$3,769,259**

For more information on funding to specific Colorado counties visit

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/homeless-prevention.cfm>.

Description: The Homelessness Prevention Fund will provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The funds under this program are intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds will provide for a variety of assistance, including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management.

How to Apply: The process for making awards shall be through formula allocation, using the formula for the Homelessness Prevention Fund. Eligible applicants include metropolitan cities, urban counties and states (for distribution to local governments and private nonprofit organizations). Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> and www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Indian Community Development Block Grant Stimulus (Competitive)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$10,000,000

Description: The Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) is funded through a set-aside of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula. Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages may use block grants to improve housing stock, provide community facilities, make infrastructure improvements, and expand job opportunities by supporting the economic development of their communities. Activities which are eligible for funding include housing construction, rehabilitation, acquisition of land for housing, direct assistance to facilitate homeownership among low- and moderate-income persons, construction of tribal and other facilities for single or multi-use, streets and other public facilities, and economic development projects.

How to Apply: Indian tribes, bands, groups, nations, tribal organizations, including Alaska Indians, Aleuts, Eskimo, and any Alaska Native village and that received ICDBG funds in fiscal year 2008, are eligible for these funds. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>, www.cfda.gov or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Lead Hazard Reduction/Healthy Homes

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$100,000,000 with \$99,500,000 already allocated. Up to 0.5 percent of each amount appropriated in this legislation may be used for the expenses of management and oversight of the programs, grants, and activities funded by such appropriation.

Description: The Lead Hazard Reduction Program has four components:

- The **Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program** assists states, Native American tribes, cities, counties/parishes, or other units of local government in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned rental or owner-occupied housing.
- The **Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program** assists urban jurisdictions with the greatest lead-based paint hazard control needs in undertaking programs for the identification and control of lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned rental and owner-occupied housing units.
- The **Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant Program** develops, demonstrates, and promotes cost-effective, preventive measures to correct multiple residential safety and health hazards that produce serious diseases and injuries in children and other sensitive subgroups such as the elderly, with a particular focus on low income households. The Healthy Homes Demonstration Program is committed to supporting HUD's strategic goal of strengthening communities by addressing housing conditions that threaten health.
- The **Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant Program** works to gain knowledge to improve the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of methods of evaluation and control of lead-based paint and other housing-related health and safety hazards. This supports HUD's strategic goal to strengthen communities and the associated policy priority to improve our nation's communities by improving the environmental health and safety of families living in public and privately owned housing.

How to Apply: HUD will publish an announcement of the new awards in the Federal Register and will also post the list on their website. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 authorized and provided funds for HUD to award grants under this grant program to those applicants under its FY 2008 Notice of Funding Availability that were qualified for award but were not funded due to limitations of funds originally available. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Native American Housing Block Grants - Formula

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$255,000,000

Colorado Funding:

- Southern Ute Tribe \$519,790
- Ute Mountain Tribe \$597,467

Description: The Native American Housing Block Grant program funds new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, including energy efficiency and conservation, and infrastructure development activities. Funds can also be used to leverage private sector financing for new construction, renovation and energy retrofit investments. In selecting projects to be funded with Recovery Act funds, recipients shall give priority to projects for which contracts can be awarded within 180 days from the date that such funds are available to the recipient.

How to Apply: Funds for these purposes will be distributed according to the same funding formula that was used to allocate Indian Housing Block Grant funds in fiscal year 2008. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Native American Housing Block Grant Stimulus Program (Competitive)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$242,500,000

Description: The Native American Housing Block Grant program assists tribes in developing, operating, maintaining, and supporting affordable housing for rental and homeownership housing. Funds can be used for acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation of affordable housing, site improvement, development and rehabilitation of utilities and infrastructure, utility services, conversion, demolition, financing, administration and planning, improvement to achieve greater energy efficiency, mold remediation, investments that leverage private sector funding or financing for renovations, and energy conservation retrofit investments.

How to Apply: Funds will be obligated through competitive funding by September 30, 2009. Priority will be given to projects that will spur construction and rehabilitation and will create employment opportunities for low-income and unemployed persons. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>, www.cfda.gov or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Native American Housing Block Grants – Hawaiian Grant (Formula)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$10,200,000, please note all this funding goes to the state of Hawaii.

Colorado Funding: N/A

Description: The Native American Housing Block Grant programs may be used for new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, including energy efficiency and conservation, and infrastructure development. Funds can also be used to leverage private sector financing for new construction, renovation and energy retrofit investments.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Neighborhood Stabilization Stimulus Program (Competitive)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$1,980,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$27,067,874

Description: Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Competitive grants awarded to address home foreclosure and abandonment and for the provision of capacity building and support for NSP grantees. Rating factors will include grantee capacity to execute projects, leveraging potential, and concentration of investment to achieve neighborhood stabilization.

How to Apply: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.256. HUD must issue Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) with application requirements no later than May 3, 2009. Eligible applicants are states, units of general local government, nonprofit entities, and consortia of nonprofit entities, which may submit proposals in partnership with for profit entities. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>, www.cfda.gov or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Project-Based Rental Assistance (Formula)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$2,000,000,000, all of which is allocated.

Colorado Funding: \$35,545,846 for 152 contracts

Description: The Section 8 Program provides rental subsidies for eligible tenant families (including single persons) residing in newly constructed, rehabilitated and existing rental and cooperative apartment projects. The rents of some of the residential units are subsidized by HUD under the Section 8 New Construction ("New Construction"), Substantial Rehabilitation ("Substantial Rehabilitation") and/or Loan Management Set-Aside ("LMSA") Programs. All such assistance is "project-based", i.e.; the subsidy is committed by HUD for the assisted units of a particular Mortgaged Property for a contractually determined period.

How to Apply: HUD will use the \$2.0 billion provided in the legislation to fund contract renewals under the Section 8 program. In line with Congressional directives, the department will use the money provided to fund contract renewals on a full twelve-month cycle. This will avoid the payment disruptions that have occurred in recent years and enable owners to maintain their properties in an acceptable condition. There are 6,300 contracts that will be funded. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Public Housing Capital Fund (Formula)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$3,000,000,000 with \$2,985,000,000 total funds allocated. Up to 0.5 percent of each amount appropriated in this legislation may be used for the expenses of management and oversight of the programs, grants, and activities funded by such appropriation.

Colorado Funding:

- Housing Authority for the City and County of Denver \$7,779, 206
- Englewood Housing Authority \$203,304

For more information on funding to specific Colorado counties visit

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/phcfund.cfm>.

Description: The Public Housing Capital Fund provides funds for modernization and development of public housing. The funds cannot be used for operations or rental assistance.

How to Apply: Funds shall be obligated to public housing agencies within 30 days of enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which was signed February 17, 2009. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Public Housing Capital Fund Stimulus (Competitive)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$995,000,000

Description: To provide funds for the capital and management activities of Public Housing Agencies. The funds shall be awarded by competition for priority investments, including investments that leverage private sector funding or financing for renovations and energy conservation. Funds shall be obligated through competitive funding by September 30, 2009.

How to Apply: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 14.884. HUD will issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) seeking applications from eligible applicants. Awards shall be obligated through competitive funding by September 30, 2009. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> or www.cfda.gov for more information.

Program: Tax Credit Assistance Program**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**Federal Funding:** \$2,250,000,000 all of which is allocated.**Colorado Funding:** \$27,349,670

Description: The Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP) provides grant funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects via a formula-based allocation to State housing credit allocation agencies. The housing credit agencies in each State shall distribute these funds competitively and according to their qualified allocation plan. Projects awarded low income housing tax credits in fiscal years 2007, 2008, or 2009 are eligible for funding, but housing credit agencies must give priority to projects that are expected to be completed by February 2012.

How to Apply: The 52 State Housing Credit Agencies that administer the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program are the only eligible applicants (the 50 states plus the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico). No other organizations, entities, or individuals are eligible for funding. Funding is by formula allocation to the 52 eligible state agencies. Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: The Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**Federal Funding:** \$1.5 billion for homelessness prevention activities, not for emergency shelters.**Colorado Funding:**

- **Aurora \$108,298**
- **Colorado Springs \$112,295**
- **Denver \$410,282**
- **Adams County \$89,042**
- **Colorado State Program \$942,220**

Description: The ESG program, the oldest of the four existing Homeless Assistance Grants is distributed by existing CDBG formula. The CDBG formula uses a combination of five factors to award funds to recipient communities population, the number of persons in poverty, housing overcrowding (homes in which there is more than 1.01 persons per room), the age of housing (the number of housing structures built prior to 1940), and the extent of growth lag in a given community (the lack of population growth in a community compared to the growth rate it would have had if it had grown at the rate of other communities). After the CDBG formula determines the amount of ESG funds each state and community receives, they, in turn, allocate the funds to local government entities and nonprofit organizations that provide services for homeless persons. These recipient organizations may use funds for short-term or medium-term rental assistance, housing stabilization services, and housing relocation assistance, including security or utility deposits and moving costs.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> or www.colorado.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: HOME Program Grants

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: \$2,250,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$27,444,905

Description: The goal of these grants is to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each grantee is given a HOME Investment Trust Fund line of credit to use for subgrants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancement, or rental assistance or security deposit assistance.

How to Apply: Contact <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> or www.grants.gov for information.

Program: Transparency and Accountability: Requirements for Recipients of Recovery Act Funds the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Description: establishes new requirements for applicants and grantees. To allow direct recipients and sub-awardees to adequately prepare for, and meet these new requirements, HUD is providing guidance that can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/transparency-accountability.cfm>

Program: Temporarily increase maximum loan limit for the Federal Housing Administration to insure larger mortgages at a more affordable price.

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding: Unknown at this time.

Description: This bill will increase FHA loan limits up to \$729,750 in high-cost metropolitan areas such as New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. There are 73 counties in the U.S. that will now be eligible for the highest loan limit of \$729,750. It is unclear whether Colorado will benefit from this program.

How to Apply: Individuals will need to determine if they qualify for this program. Complete schedules of FHA mortgage limits for all areas, for forward loans and reverse mortgages, are available through the internet at <https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/hicostlook.cfm>. The limits are determined by the county in which the property is located, except that for properties located in metropolitan or micropolitan statistical areas, as determined by the Office of Management and Budget, the limit for the entire area is set based on the county with the highest median price within the metropolitan or micropolitan area. If you are unsure if a county is within one of the metropolitan or micropolitan areas you should check the internet site before closing the mortgage at the revised limit. For a complete list of all metropolitan counties in the country by MSA, view the most recent bulletin updating statistical areas of definitions and guidance at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/bulletins/index.html>. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the FHA Resource Center at 1-800-CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Program: Management of Lands and Resources

Funding Agency: Bureau of Land Management

Federal Funding: \$125,000,000

Description: This funding is for the management of lands and resources under the Bureau's jurisdiction. The Bureau should select the individual projects based on a prioritized process which weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest time and which creates lasting value. Projects can include deferred maintenance, abandoned mine and well site remediation, road and trail maintenance, watershed improvement and high priority habitat restoration.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed at the Bureau's discretion. Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Construction

Funding Agency: Bureau of Land Management

Federal Funding: \$180,000,000

Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Water and Related Resources

Funding Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

Federal Funding: \$1,000,000,000

Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Surveys, Investigations and Research

Funding Agency: United States Geological Survey

Federal Funding: \$140,000,000

Description: The surveys should consider a wide variety of activities, including repair, construction and restoration of facilities, equipment replacement and upgrades, national map activities, and other critical deferred maintenance and improvement projects.

How to Apply: Discretionary funding will be administered through the United States Geological Survey. Visit www.usgs.gov for more information.

Program: Resource Management

Funding Agency: United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Federal Funding: \$165,000,000

Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Construction

Funding Agency: United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Federal Funding: \$115,000,000

Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation of the National Park System

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Federal Funding: \$146,000,000

Description: These funds will be used for operations of the national park system. Eligible projects to be funded within this account include, but are not limited to, repair and rehabilitation of facilities and other infrastructure, trail maintenance projects and other critical infrastructure needs. The selection of individual projects will be selected by the National Park Service. It will be based on a prioritization process that weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs and creates lasting value.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed at the National Park Service's discretion. Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Historic Preservation Fund

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Federal Funding: \$15,000,000

Description: These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.

How to Apply: Funds will be available through competitive grants administered through the Department of Interior. Check www.grants.gov for the announcement of grant openings or visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Construction and Major Maintenance

Funding Agency: National Park Service

Federal Funding: \$589,000,000

Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Operation of Indian Programs

Funding Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs & Bureau of Indian Education

Federal Funding: \$40,000,000

Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Construction

Funding Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs & Bureau of Indian Education

Federal Funding: \$450,000,000

Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Indian Guaranteed Loan Program Account

Funding Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs & Bureau of Indian Education

Federal Funding: \$10,000,000

Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Salaries and Expenses

Funding Agency: Inspector General

Federal Funding: \$15,000,000

Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Wildland Fire Management

Funding Agency: Department-Wide Programs

Federal Funding: \$15,000,000

Description: These funds will be used for high priority hazardous fuels reduction projects on Federal Lands

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed at the Bureau's discretion. Visit <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/> for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program:

Allocations and Disparate Information

Colorado Funding: \$29,858,171

(60 percent of the allocation is awarded directly to the state and 40 percent is set aside for units of local government)

Program: Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants

Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Colorado Funding: \$29,791,073

Description: The funding is for competitive, peer-reviewed grants to units of state, local, and tribal government, and to national, regional, and local non-profit organizations to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.

Program: Edward Byrne Competitive Grants

Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$225,000,000

Description: The funding is for competitive, peer-reviewed grants to units of state, local, and tribal government, and to national, regional, and local non-profit organizations to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.

Program: Crime Victims Compensation and Assistance

Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$100,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$1,780,940

Description: The funding is for formula grants to be administered through the Justice Department's Office for Victims for Crime to support state compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, drunk driving, homicide and other federal and state crimes.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>

Program: Internet Crimes Against Children

Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$50,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$847,710.

Description: The funding will help State and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit

<https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/programs/ProgSummary.asp?pi=3#Funding>

Program: Violence Against Women Grants

Funding Agency: Office of Violence against Women

Federal Funding: \$225,000,000

Description: Funding for Violence against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs will be available until September 30, 2010. \$175,000,000 is for the STOP Violence against Women Formula Assistance Program. \$50,000,000 is for transitional housing assistance grants.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. State and local units of government, non-profit non-governmental victims' services programs may apply. Visit http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm for STOP Violence Against Women program and http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm for the transitional housing assistance grants.

Program: Rural Law Enforcement

Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$125,000,000

Description: The funding is for grants to combat the persistent problems of drug-related crime in rural America. Funds are available on a competitive basis for drug enforcement and other law enforcement activities in rural states and rural areas, including for the hiring of police officers and for community drug prevention and treatment programs.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Program: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs:

Colorado Funding: \$27,337,793

Description: Provides \$3,950,000,000 for WIA programs, including:

Adult Employment and Training Activities

Federal Funding: \$500,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$4,840,770

Description: funding is provided for programs described at http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm. Priority use of funds is for services to public assistance recipients and other low income individuals.

Youth Activities, including summer jobs for youth

Federal Funding: \$1,200,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$11,994,919

Description: funding is provided for programs described at http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/. Particular emphasis is placed on creating summer employment opportunities for youth, but year-round youth activities are also envisioned. Age eligibility for youth services with these funds is raised from 21 to 24.

Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities:

Federal Funding: \$1,250,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$10,502,104

Description: Funding is provided for formula funded programs described at http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA_default.cfm?#.

How to Apply: An additional \$200,000,000 is provided for National Emergency Grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations, as described at <http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/definition.cfm>. These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.

Program of Competitive Grants for Worker Training and Placement in High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors: \$750,000,000 is provided for a program of competitive grants for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. Of the total, \$500,000,000 is to be used for research, labor exchange, and job training projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable industry industries. In awarding remaining funds, priority shall be given to projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector.

YouthBuild Activities

Federal Funding: \$50,000,000 is provided for the program described at http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/.

Description: These funds will allow for expanded services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.

How to Apply: These funds will be distributed through competitive grants through the Department of Labor. Grant information will be available as the Department of Labor administers the program at www.grants.gov.

Community Service Employment for Older Americans:

Federal Funding: \$120,000,000 is provided for part-time employment opportunities for low income seniors, as described at <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>.

Description: The Community Service Employment grants for older Americans are a community service and work based training program created in 1965. Through this program, older workers have access to the SCSEP services as well as other employment assistance available through the One-Stop Career Centers of the workforce investment system. The wages paid to these low-income seniors will provide a direct stimulus to the economies of local communities.

How to Apply: Nonprofit organizations may apply. Current grantees will be provided with the additional funding directly from the Department of Labor.

Employment Service Grants to States

Federal Funding: \$400,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$6,202,997

Description: Funding is provided for services described at http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner_Peyser.cfm. Of this total, \$250,000,000 is to be used for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment and training opportunities that will facilitate their reentry into employment.

Program: Unemployment Insurance (UI)

Colorado Funding: approximately \$248,455,248

Description: EUC Extension: The Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008 (EUC) which would have expired on March 31, 2009 is extended through December 31, 2009. The EUC program is described at http://www.workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/supp_act.asp.

Program: Increased UI Benefits:

Colorado Funding: \$85,479,495

Description: Benefit payments are increased by \$25 per week through December 31, 2009, for individuals receiving Trade Readjustment Allowances, Disaster Unemployment Benefits, regular Unemployment Compensation, Extended Benefits, or EUC. The programs are described through links at <http://www.workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/>.

Program: Special Transfers for Unemployment Compensation Modernization

Colorado Funding: \$51,984,300

Description: Up to \$7 billion is transferred from the Federal Unemployment Account to the state accounts as “incentive payments” to encourage states to enact specific reforms, such as coverage of part-time workers. Incentive payments expire October 1, 2011.

Program: Increased UI Administrative Funding

Description: An additional \$500,000,000 is provided to states to administer their UI programs.

Program: Temporary Suspension of Taxation of Unemployment Benefits

Description: Federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits is suspended for 2009.

Program: Full Federal Funding of Unemployment Compensation for a Limited Period

Description: Extended Benefits would be 100% federally financed through January 1, 2010. Extended benefits are described at <http://www.workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/extenben.asp>.

Program: Temporary Assistance for States with UI Funding Advances

Description: Interest payments and accrual of interest on loans received by State unemployment trust funds are waived through December 31, 2010.

Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC): A new targeted group is created for WOTC, which provides a tax credit to employers who hire members of targeted groups. The new group is unemployed veterans and disconnected youth who begin work in 2009 and 2010. The credit applies to individuals who begin work for the employer after December 31, 2008. WOTC is described at <http://www.doleta.gov/business/incentives/opptax/>.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA): All TAA programs are reauthorized through Dec. 31, 2010. Current Trade Adjustment Assistance is expanded to trade-affected services sector workers and workers affected by off shoring or outsourcing to all countries, including China or India. Training funds available to states are increased by 160%, to \$575,000,000 a year, and a new TAA program is created for trade-affected communities. In addition, the reauthorization allows for automatic TAA eligibility for workers suffering from import surges and subject to unfair trade determinations, makes training, healthcare and re-employment TAA benefits more accessible and flexible, and enhances benefits in the TAA for Firms and TAA for Farmers programs. The current TAA program (before reauthorization) is described at <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/taa/WhoWeServe.cfm>.

Program: Vocational Rehabilitation
Colorado Funding: \$6,335,927

Visit <http://www.coworkforce.com/> for more information.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Program: Science

Federal Funding: \$400,000,000

Description: Funds will be used to accelerate the development of the Tier 1 set of Earth Science climate research missions recommended by the National Academies.

Program: Aeronautics

Federal Funding: \$150,000,000

Description: Funds will be used to undertake systems-level research, development and demonstration activities related to: aviation safety; environmental impact mitigation and the Next Generation Air Transport System.

Program: Exploration

Federal Funding: \$400,000,000

Program: Cross Agency Support

Federal Funding: \$50,000,000

Description: Funds will be used to restore NASA owned facilities damaged from hurricanes and other natural disasters occurring during calendar year 2008.

Visit <http://www.nasa.gov/recovery/> for more information on the above programs.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Program: Grants and Administration

Federal Funding: \$50,000,000

Description: To be distributed in direct grants to fund arts projects and activities which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn. The funds will be divided as follows:

Program: Administration and Program Support

Federal Funding: \$500,000

Program: Selected Competitive Grants to non-profit arts organizations

Federal Funding: \$29,700,000

Program: State arts agencies and regional arts organizations

Federal Funding: \$19,800,000

Description: These agencies and organizations when sub granting, will distribute funds through competitive and qualitative reviews. Funds made available to State arts agencies and regional arts organizations are not to be considered formula funds.

Eligible Projects will generally be limited to salary support and fees for arts or contracted personnel. For organizations eligible to sub grant, funds may also be used to cover the cost of implementing the sub granting program.

Eligible Organizations will be limited to those who previously received a grant from the NEA starting with fiscal year 2006 and through those approved for 2009 and considered at the NEA's October 2008 meeting of the National Council on the Arts, according to ARRA guidance by the Office of Management and Budget.

Eligible Organizations may apply for funding directly from the NEA, or their state arts agency; their regional arts organization, or their designated governmental local arts agency. They may receive funding from only one source, according to the Act.

Competitive grant amounts will range from \$25,000 to \$50,000. For designated governmental local arts agencies eligible to sub grant, requests of \$100,000 or \$250,000 are permitted providing the project involves sub granting.

The amounts allocated to eligible **state arts agencies and regional arts organizations** will be determined using current processes and will be based on equal shares and populations. The NEA will rely upon criteria used to make the fiscal year 2008 partnership awards to the States and regions.

All NEA awards made with funds from the Act will be made on a non-matching basis.

The NEA awaits additional guidance from OMB concerning specific grant terms as well as reporting requirements. This information will be made public as soon as it is available.

Visit <http://www.nea.gov/recovery> for the current information regarding the funding of grants under the ARRA.

COLORADO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Colorado arts organizations have until April 2, 2009, to apply to the National Endowment for the Arts for grants of \$25,000 or \$50,000 to support projects that directly result in the preservation of jobs in the arts industry.

Colorado arts organization can also apply for a share of the stimulus money through local and regional organizations including the Colorado Council on the Arts and The Western States Arts Federation. The Denver Office of Cultural Affairs (DOCA) has yet to apply for stimulus funding. Denver organizations that receive funding from the tax-supported Scientific and Cultural Facilities District are not eligible for direct NEA grants, but will be able to seek funding from the DOCA's stimulus grant, when funded.

The Colorado Council on the Arts (CCA) has been awarded \$314,100 in stimulus money and plans to distribute it in allotments of \$10,000 each. The CCA will use NEA guidelines with applicants required to have received an allocation from the Council in the past four years.

For more information, contact: the National Endowment for the Arts, <http://www.nea.gov/recovery/NEA-recovery-agency-plan.html>; the Colorado Council on the Arts, <http://www.coloarts.org>; the Western States Arts Federation, <http://www.westaf.org>; or, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs, <http://www.denvergov.org/artculturefilm>.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Program: Robert Noyce Scholarship Program

Funding Agency: National Science Foundation

Federal Funding: \$60,000,000 U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: The program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The program provides funds to institutions of higher education to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5733 or www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Math and Science Partnerships

Funding Agency: National Science Foundation

Federal Funding: \$25,000,000 U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: The Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program is a major research and development effort that supports innovative partnerships to improve K-12 student achievement in mathematics and science. MSP projects are expected to raise the achievement levels of all students and significantly reduce achievement gaps in the mathematics and science performance of diverse student populations.

How to Apply: Institutions of higher education, local K-12 institutions and their local partners may apply for this competitive merit based grants. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5756&org=NSF or www.grants.gov for more information.

Other Funding Opportunities

Visit <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/> for more information.

Program: Research and Related Activities

Federal Funding: \$2,500,000,000

Program: Education and Human Resources

Federal Funding: \$100,000,000

Program: Major Research and Equipment and Facilities Construction

Federal Funding: \$400,000,000

Program: Office of the Inspector General

Federal Funding: \$2,000,000

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Program: One-time payment to railroad retirement beneficiaries.

Description: Under the new legislation, a one-time economic recovery payment of \$250 will be paid to most adults (including disabled adult children) who receive railroad retirement benefits.

- No action is required on your part to receive this payment.
- Only individuals who were eligible for railroad retirement benefits in November 2008, December 2008, or January 2009 will receive the special payment.
- All railroad retirement beneficiaries residing in the United States and U.S. territories, except children and Medicare-only beneficiaries will receive this one-time payment. Payees receiving RRB payments based on a legal partition and/or garnishment are not eligible to receive this payment.
- You will only receive one \$250 payment even if you are also receiving social security and/or veterans benefits.
- The one-time payment will be issued separately and will not be included in your regular monthly benefit payment. It will be delivered in the same way you currently receive your benefit payment (check or direct deposit).
- Payments are expected to be issued in May 2009.

Visit <http://www.rrb.gov/recovery/> for more information this program.

Program: Extended unemployment benefits

Description: The Act provides an appropriation of \$20,000,000 to be used for payment of additional extended unemployment benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. The new law provides the temporary extended benefits to employees receiving normal unemployment benefits for days between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009.

- Railroad workers who previously were not eligible for extended unemployment benefits because they did not have 10 years of service may be eligible for benefits of up to 65 days within an extended period consisting of 7 consecutive 2-week registration periods.
- Railroad workers who previously were eligible for extended unemployment benefits of up to 65 days may now be eligible for benefits of up to 130 days within an extended period consisting of 13 consecutive 2-week registration periods.
- The latest date that an extended benefit period under these special provisions may begin is December 31, 2009, with payments stopping when the \$20,000,000 has been expended.
- The RRB will notify eligible individuals of their new rights to extended benefits and provide additional information about those benefits as soon as possible.

Visit <http://www.rrb.gov/recovery/> for more information this program.

SMALL BUSINESS PROVISIONS

Program: Business Loans

Funding Agency: Small Business Administration

Federal Funding: \$636,000,000

Visit www.sba.gov for more information.

Program: Surety Bond Guarantees Revolving Fund

Federal Funding: \$15,000,000

Program: Office of Inspector General

Federal Funding: \$10,000,000

Program: Salaries and Expenses

Federal Funding: \$69,000,000

Additional provisions for small businesses can be found in the tax section of this document.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Information was not available at the time of publication. Visit <http://www.si.edu/recovery/> as more information becomes available.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Program: Replacing the National Computer Center (NCC)

Funding Agency: Social Security Administration (SSA)

Federal Funding: \$500,000,000

Description: SSA's National Computer Center (NCC) and IT equipment is almost 30 years old and will soon be unable to accommodate the necessary functions. The storage capacity needs of the NCC will nearly quadruple by FY 2014. Further, SSA is expected to surpass its capacity to electronically store agency records by as early as 2012.

Visit <http://www.ssa.gov/recovery> for more information.

Program: Dedicating additional resources to the processing of disability and retirement workloads

Funding Agency: Social Security Administration (SSA)

Federal Funding: \$500,000,000, with up to \$40,000,000 of this amount available for health information technology research and activities.

Description: The increase of applications from the Baby Boomers coupled with the economic downturn has increased the number of people applying for SSA benefits. Hearing wait times are already averaging 513 days and this additional funding will channel money towards reducing this backlog of cases waiting for hearing and increase processing times of first time claims as well.

Visit <http://www.ssa.gov/recovery> for more information.

Program: Additional funding for oversight and audit of programs, projects, and activities funded in the Recovery Act for SSA Office of the Inspector General.

Funding Agency: Social Security Administration (SSA)

Federal Funding: \$2,000,000

Description: SSA Office of the Inspector General received additional funding for oversight and audit of programs, projects, and activities funded in the Recovery Act. This money is for oversight and audit of programs to assess whether funds were used for authorized purposes and also to identify instances of fraud, waste, error, and abuse. Audit work is expected to begin in March 2009. These funds are available through September 30, 2012. The Office of the Inspector General will be reporting its plans and separately on its own Recovery Act website <http://www.ssa.gov/oig/recovery/index.htm>.

Program: Weekly reports and monthly financial information postings.

Funding Agency: Social Security Administration (SSA)

Federal Funding: In all, \$1 billion in supplemental appropriations were made to the Social Security Administration (SSA) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Description: SSA will report weekly through May 12, 2009, on the status of Recovery Act implementation by program, including major actions taken to date and major actions planned

for the future. Starting on May 8, 2009, SSA will post monthly financial information on their Recovery Act programs in greater detail <http://www.ssa.gov/recovery>.

Program: One-time payment of \$250 to nearly 55 ,000,000 Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries.

Funding Agency: Social Security Administration (SSA)

Federal Funding: Expected to cost \$90,000,000 in administrative costs plus the cost of the one-time payments.

Description: Issuing a one-time payment of \$250 to nearly 55 ,000,000 Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries. This act provides for the one-time payment of \$250 to individuals who get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security benefits.

- SSA is currently working on the details regarding how they will issue nearly 55 ,000,000 one-time payments to beneficiaries and as more information becomes available, it will posted on their website, www.SSA.gov.
- To receive a payment, the beneficiary's address of record must be in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands.
- All eligible Social Security and SSI beneficiaries should receive their check by late May 2009, and no later than the first week of June 2009. If this payment has not been received contact SSA at 1-800-772-1213.
- The one-time payment will be a separate payment, which will not be included in the regular monthly benefit payment and will arrive in the same form that you receive your regular monthly payments.
- Please note that, individuals may receive only one \$250 payment regardless of how many types of benefits they receive. An individual receiving Social Security and SSI or an individual receiving Social Security and Veterans or Railroad Retirement benefits will be entitled to only one payment of \$250.
- Only individuals eligible for Social Security, SSI, Veterans, or Railroad Retirement benefits at any time during the months of November 2008, December 2008, or January 2009 may be eligible for the one-time payment.

No action is required on the beneficiaries' part. Visit <http://www.ssa.gov/recovery> for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Program: Diplomatic and Consular Programs

Federal Funding: \$90,000,000

Description: Conference report language references the Diplomatic Security training facility, Consular Affairs passport facilities, and training facilities, but no specific funding levels are provided for individual projects in this account.

Program: Capital Investment Fund (CIF)

Federal Funding: \$290,000,000

Description: Funding is provided for the CIF, of which "up to \$38,000,000 shall be transferred, and merged with, funds" for USAID for immediate information technology investments.

Program: Office of Inspector General

Federal Funding: \$2,000,000

Description: Funding is provided to OIG for oversight requirements.

Program: International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC)

Federal Funding: \$220,000,000

Description: Funding is provided for the U.S. Section of IBWC for repair and rehabilitation of deficient infrastructure along 506 miles of flood control levees. Note: The U.S. Section of the IBWC is a quasi-independent federal agency, operating under the foreign policy guidance of and funded through the Department of State.

Visit <http://www.state.gov/recovery/> for more information on the above programs.

TAX PROVISIONS

Program: 5-Year Carryback of Net Operating Losses (NOL) for Small Businesses

Description: A net operating loss means the amount by which a taxpayer's business deductions exceed the gross income. Under current law, net operating losses may be carried back to the two taxable years before the year that the loss arises and carried forward to each of the succeeding twenty taxable years after the year that the loss arises. For 2008, the bill would extend the maximum NOL carryback period from two years to five years for small businesses with gross receipts of \$15,000,000 or less.

How to Apply: This provision is effective for net operating losses arising in taxable years ending after December 31, 2007. The taxpayer can file for this benefit when filing for taxes.

Program: Addition of Permanent Sequestration Requirement to CO2 Capture Tax Credit

Description: Last year, Congress provided a \$10 credit per ton for the first 75 million metric tons of carbon dioxide captured and transported from an industrial source for use in enhanced oil recovery, and \$20 credit per ton for carbon dioxide captured and transported from an industrial source for permanent storage in a geologic formation. Facilities were required to capture at least 500,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year to qualify. This provision would require that any taxpayer claiming the \$10 credit per ton for carbon dioxide captured and transported for use in enhanced oil recovery must also ensure that such carbon dioxide is permanently stored in a geologic formation.

How to Apply: New provision does not change the way participants file for the tax credit, just the qualifications to be able to apply for the tax credit.

Program: Advanced Energy Investment Credit

Description: This provision establishes a new 30% investment tax credit for facilities engaged in the manufacture of advanced energy property. Credits are available only for projects certified by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, through a competitive bidding process. The Secretary of Treasury must establish a certification program no later than 180 days after date of enactment, and may allocate up to \$2.3 billion in credits. Advanced energy property includes technology for the production of renewable energy, energy storage, energy conservation, efficient transmission and distribution of electricity, and carbon capture and sequestration.

How to Apply: Please check www.energy.gov for more information as the Advanced Energy Investment Credit is implemented.

Program: Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)

Colorado Funding: \$\$1,109,357,673

Description: This provision would provide more than 26 million families with tax relief in 2009 by extending AMT relief for nonrefundable personal credits and increasing the AMT exemption amount to \$70,950 for joint filers and \$46,700 for individuals. Alternative Minimum Tax- Tax laws provide tax benefits for certain kinds of income and allow special deductions and credits for certain expenses. These benefits can drastically reduce some taxpayers' tax obligations. The Alternative Minimum Tax attempts to ensure that anyone who benefits from these tax advantages pays at least a minimum amount of tax.

How to Apply: This benefit will automatically go into effect without any action from the taxpayer.

Program: Child Tax Credit

Colorado Funding: \$163,729,124

Description: A child tax credit is a tax credit based on the number of dependent children in a family. This provision would increase the eligibility of the refundable child tax credit.

How to Apply: The provision is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. The tax credit will be given after filing for taxes. For more information, visit www.irs.gov.

Program: Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (“CREBs”)

Description: This provision authorizes an additional \$1.6 billion of new clean renewable energy bonds to finance facilities that generate electricity from the following resources: wind; closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; marine renewable; and trash combustion facilities. This \$1.6 billion authorization will be subdivided into thirds: 1/3 will be available for qualifying projects of State/local/tribal governments; 1/3 for qualifying projects of public power providers; and 1/3 for qualifying projects of electric cooperatives.

How to Apply: Qualified participants will be able to utilize this bond program as it is developed. Check www.treasury.gov for additional information after this program is implemented.

Program: Computers as Qualified Education Expenses in 529 Education Plans

Description: Section 529 Education Plans are tax-advantaged savings plans that cover all qualified education expenses, including: tuition, room & board, mandatory fees and books. The bill provides that computers and computer technology qualify as qualified education expenses.

How to Apply: Families that use 529 Education Plans will now be able to withdraw funds from the 529 account, tax free, to go toward to purchase of computers or computer technology. Visit Colorado's CollegeInvest at <http://www.collegeinvest.org/default.aspx?pageID=67> for more information.

Program: Delay Application of Withholding Requirement on Certain Governmental Payments for Goods and Services

Description: For payments made after December 31, 2010, the Code requires withholding at a three percent rate on certain payments to persons providing property or services made by Federal, State, and local governments. The withholding is required regardless of whether the government entity making the payment is the recipient of the property or services. Numerous government entities and small businesses have raised concerns about the application of this provision. The provision would delay for one year (through December 31, 2011) the application of the three percent withholding requirement on government payments for goods and services in order to provide time for the Treasury Department to study the impact of this provision on government entities and other taxpayers.

How To Apply This provision is effective on the date of enactment.

Program: Delayed Recognition of Certain Cancellation of Debt Income

Description: Under current law, a taxpayer generally has income where the taxpayer cancels or repurchases debt for an amount less than its adjusted issue price. The amount of cancellation of debt income ("CODI") is the excess of the old debt's adjusted issue price over the repurchase price. Certain businesses will be allowed to recognize CODI over 10 years (defer tax on CODI for the first four or five years and recognize this income ratably over the following five taxable years) for specified types of business debt repurchased by the business after December 31, 2008 and before January 1, 2011.

How to Apply: Business can claim this when they file for taxes. For information on qualifications, visit www.treasury.gov.

Program: Duty Refund Recollection

Description: This provision prohibits U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from demanding that U.S. lumber, steel, and other companies repay duties that CBP collected on Canadian and Mexican imports, and then distributed to the companies between 2001 and 2005.

How to Apply: Application not necessary as the program is implemented.

Program: Economic Recovery Payment to Recipients of Social Security, SSI, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Disability Compensation Benefits

Federal Funding: \$177,949,000

Description: This provision would provide a one-time payment of \$250 to retirees, disabled individuals and SSI recipients receiving benefits from the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement beneficiaries, and disabled veterans receiving benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The one-time payment is a reduction to any allowable Making Work Pay credit. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED BY BENEFICIARY.

Program: Eliminate Costs Imposed on State and Local Governments by the Alternative Minimum Tax

Description: The alternative minimum tax (AMT) can increase the costs of issuing tax-exempt private activity bonds imposed on State and local governments. Under current law, interest on tax-exempt private activity bonds is generally subject to the AMT. This limits the marketability of these bonds and, therefore, forces State and local governments to issue these bonds at higher interest rates. Last year, Congress excluded one category of private activity bonds (i.e., tax-exempt housing bonds) from the AMT. The bill would exclude the remaining categories of private activity bonds from the AMT if the bond is issued in 2009 or 2010. The bill also allows AMT relief for current refunding of private activity bonds issued after 2003 and refunded during 2009 and 2010.

How to Apply: Municipalities will not need to apply; this provision will automatically take effect.

Program: Expansion of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Programs

Description: This provision expands current Trade Adjustment Assistance Programs. Among other things, it extends TAA to trade-affected services sector workers and workers affected by off shoring or outsourcing to all countries, including China or India. It increases training funds available to states by 160 percent to \$575,000,000 per fiscal year, creates a new TAA program for trade-affected communities, allows for automatic TAA eligibility for workers suffering from import surges and unfair trade, makes training, healthcare and reemployment TAA benefits more accessible and flexible, and improves the TAA for Firms and TAA for Farmers programs. It reauthorizes all TAA programs (which expired December 31, 2007) through December 31, 2010.

How to Apply: TAA is administered through the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. For more information, visit <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/>.

Program: Extension of Bonus Depreciation

Description: Businesses are allowed to recover the cost of capital expenditures over time according to a depreciation schedule. Last year, Congress temporarily allowed businesses to recover the costs of capital expenditures made in 2008 faster than the ordinary depreciation schedule would allow by permitting these businesses to immediately write-off fifty percent of the cost of depreciable property (e.g., equipment, tractors, wind turbines, solar panels, and computers) acquired in 2008 for use in the United States. The bill would extend this temporary benefit for capital expenditures incurred in 2009.

How to Apply: The extension of the first-year depreciation deduction is generally effective for property placed in service after December 31, 2008. This benefit can be claimed when filing for taxes.

Program: Extension of Emergency Unemployment Compensation

Description: Through December 31, 2009, this provision continues the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, which provides up to 33 weeks of extended unemployment benefits to workers exhausting their regular benefits.

How to Apply: Those receiving unemployment compensation will automatically receive this extension.

Program: Extension and Increase in Authorization for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs)

Description: The bill allows an additional \$1.4 billion of QZAB issuing authority to state and local governments in 2009 and 2010, which can be used to finance renovations, equipment purchases, developing course material, and training teachers and personnel at a qualified zone academy. In general, a qualified zone academy is any public school (or academic program within a public school) below college level that is located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community and is designed to cooperate with businesses to enhance the academic curriculum and increase graduation and employment rates. QZABs are a form of tax credit bonds, which offer the holder a Federal tax credit instead of interest. This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.045 billion over 10 years.

How to Apply: The taxpayer holding qualified school construction bonds on a credit allowance date is entitled to a tax credit. The amount of the tax credit is determined by multiplying the bond's credit rate by the face amount on the holder's bond. The tax credit will be received when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p954/ar02.html#d0e3636> .

Program: Extension of Small Business Expensing

Description: In order to help small businesses quickly recover the cost of certain capital expenses, small business taxpayers may elect to write-off the cost of these expenses in the year of acquisition in lieu of recovering these costs over time through depreciation. Until the end of 2010, small business taxpayers are allowed to write-off up to \$125,000 of capital expenditures subject to a phase-out once capital expenditures exceed \$500,000. Last year, Congress temporarily increased the amount that small businesses could write-off for capital expenditures incurred in 2008 to \$250,000 and increased the phase-out threshold for 2008 to \$800,000. The bill would extend these temporary increases for capital expenditures incurred in 2009.

How to Apply: Small business can obtain this credit when filing for taxes.

Program: Incentives to Hire Unemployed Veterans and Disconnected Youth

Description: Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups; families receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, certain veterans receiving food stamps or disability compensation, certain ex-felons, residents of designated communities, individuals in vocational rehabilitation, certain youths employed during the summer, certain food stamp recipients, certain recipients of SSI, and long-term recipients of family assistance. The bill creates two new targeted groups of prospective employees: unemployed veterans and disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6 months. This proposal is estimated to cost \$231,000,000 over 10 years.

How to Apply: The participating business will receive the work opportunity tax credit when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit www.irs.gov/recovery or <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p954.pdf>.

Program: Increase in Earned Income Tax Credit

Colorado Funding: \$54,218,466

Description: The earned income tax credit (EITC) is a tax credit for low-income working individuals and families that is refundable for certain taxpayers, meaning it can be claimed even if the credit is worth more than the taxes owed. This provision would temporarily increase the earned income tax credit from 40% to 45% for working families with three or more children.

How to Apply: Taxpayers will receive this credit by claiming the credit on their tax returns. The provision is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. Visit www.irs.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Increase in Unemployment Compensation Benefits

Description: The bill increases unemployment weekly benefits by an additional \$25 through 2009.

How to Apply: Those receiving unemployment compensation will automatically receive this extension.

Program: Industrial Development Bonds (IDB)

Description: Under current law, certain manufacturing facilities are eligible for tax exempt bond financing. Section 144(a) (12) (C) specifically limits the definition of a manufacturing facility for the purposes of such financing to facilities that are used in the manufacturing or production of tangible personal property. This provision amends the definition of manufacturing facility to any facility used in the manufacturing, creation, or production of tangible or intangible property described in section 197(d)(1)(C)(iii). Intangible property is any patent, copyright, formula, process, design, pattern, knowhow, format, or other similar item. The proposal also clarifies which physical components of a manufacturing facility qualify as "ancillary" and therefore are subjected to a 25% limitation in the amount of bond issuance used to build or re-construct those components.

How to Apply: This provision will take effect adding to the definition for tax exempt bonds.

Program: Long-term Extension and Modification of Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit

Description: This proposal would extend the placed-in-service date for wind facilities for three years (through December 31, 2012). This proposal would also extend the placed-in-service date for three years (through December 31, 2013) for certain other qualifying facilities: closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; waste-to-energy; and marine renewable facilities.

How to Apply: This proposal extends existing tax credits. Information on how to file can be found at www.irs.gov/recovery.

Program: Low Income Housing Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits

Description: Under current law, taxpayers are allowed to claim a low-income housing tax credit for certain investments made in low-income housing. These tax credits help attract private capital to invest in the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of qualified low-income housing buildings. Current economic conditions have severely undermined the effectiveness of these tax credits. As a result, the bill would allow taxpayers to receive a grant from the Treasury Department in lieu of tax credits. Under this provision, state housing agencies would receive a grant equal to up to eighty-five percent of forty percent of the state's low-income housing tax credit allocation in lieu of the low-income housing tax credits they would have received. The sub-awards are subject to the same requirements (including rent, income, and use restrictions on such buildings) as the low-income housing tax credit allocations. The grant program would apply to each state's 2009 low-income housing tax credit allocation.

How to Apply: Qualified housing agencies can apply at www.colorado.gov/recovery.

Program: “Making Work Pay” Tax Credit

Colorado Funding: \$1,929,191,889

Description: For 2009 and 2010, the bill would provide a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 for working individuals and \$800 for working families.

How to Apply: Taxpayers will receive this benefit through a reduction in the amount of income tax withheld from their paychecks. Taxpayers may consult with their employer and visit www.irs.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Modify Speed Requirement for High-Speed Rail Exempt Facility Bonds

Description: Under current law, states are allowed to issue private activity bonds for high-speed rail facilities. Under current law, a high-speed rail facility is a facility for the transportation of passengers between metropolitan areas using vehicles that are reasonably expected to operate at speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour between scheduled stops. This provision would allow these bonds to be used to develop rail facilities that are used by trains that are capable of attaining speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour.

How to Apply: This provision adds to the definition of an existing bond. More information can be found at www.treasury.gov.

Program: New Market Tax Credits

Description: New Market Tax Credits are given to qualified equity investment made to acquire stock in a corporation or a capital interest in a partnership that is a qualified community development entity (CDE). Under current law, there are \$3.5 billion of New Markets Tax Credits available for each of 2008 and 2009. The provision increases the available credits for 2008 to \$5 billion and the available credits for 2009 to \$5 billion.

How to Apply: This tax credit will go directly to state certified CDE's.

Program: Parity for Transit Benefits

Description: Current law provides a tax-free fringe benefit employers can provide to employees for transit and parking. Those benefits are set at different dollar amounts. This provision would equalize the tax-free benefit employers can provide for transit and parking. The proposal sets both the parking and transit benefits at \$230 a month for 2009, indexes them equally for 2010, and clarifies that certain transit benefits apply to federal employees.

How to Apply: Eligible participants will receive information on how to apply through their workplace as this program is implemented.

Program: Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle Credit

Description: This provision modifies and increases a tax credit passed into law at the end of last Congress for each qualified plug-in electric drive vehicle placed in service during the taxable year. The base amount of the credit is \$2,500. If the qualified vehicle draws propulsion from a battery with at least 5 kilowatt hours of capacity, the credit is increased by \$417, plus another \$417 for each kilowatt hour of battery capacity in excess of 5 kilowatt hours up to 16 kilowatt hours. Taxpayers may claim the full amount of the allowable credit up to the end of the first calendar quarter in which the manufacturer records its 200,000th sale of a plug-in electric drive vehicle. The credit is reduced in following calendar quarters. The credit is allowed against the alternative minimum tax (AMT). This bill also restores and updates the electric vehicle credit for plug-in electric vehicles that would not otherwise qualify for the larger plug-in electric drive vehicle credit and provides a tax credit for plug-in electric drive conversion kits.

How to Apply: Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return.

Program: Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

Description: This provision authorizes an additional \$2.4 billion of qualified energy conservation bonds to finance state, municipal and tribal government programs and initiatives designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This provision would also clarify that qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community programs. This provision also clarifies that qualified energy conservation bonds may be used for programs in which utilities provide ratepayers with energy-efficient property and recoup the costs of that property over an extended period of time.

How to Apply: Qualified participants will be able to utilize this bond program as it is developed. Check www.treasury.gov for additional information after this program is implemented.

Program: Qualified School Construction Bonds

Description: The bill creates a new category of tax credit bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities or for the acquisition of land on which a public school facility will be constructed. There is a national limitation on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by State and local governments of \$22 billion (\$11 billion allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010). There is a national limitation on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by Indian tribal governments of \$400,000,000 (\$200,000,000 allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010). This proposal is estimated to cost \$9.877 billion over 10 years.

How to Apply: The taxpayer holding qualified school construction bonds on a credit allowance date is entitled to a tax credit. The amount of the tax credit is determined by multiplying the bond's credit rate by the face amount on the holder's bond. The tax credit will be received when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit www.irs.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Recovery Zone Bonds
Colorado Funding: \$48,339,000

Program: Refundable Credit for Certain Federal and State Pensioners

Description: The bill would provide a one-time refundable tax credit of \$250 in 2009 to certain government retirees who are not eligible for Social Security benefits. This one-time credit is a reduction to any allowable Making Work Pay credit.

How to Apply: Visit www.irs.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Refundable First Time Home Buyer Tax Credit

Description: There is an \$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers who purchase a home from Jan 1, 2009 to December 1, 2009. It also eliminates repayment obligations that are under current law unless the home is sold within three years of purchase. In that case, the credit would still be subject to the current-law recapture rules.

How to Apply: Eligible taxpayers can claim this credit when filing their taxes.

Program: Removal of Dollar Limitations on Certain Energy Credits

Description: Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a thirty percent (30%) tax credit for qualified small wind energy property (capped at \$4,000). Individuals are allowed to claim a thirty percent (30%) tax credit for qualified solar water heating property (capped at \$2,000), qualified small wind energy property (capped at \$500 per kilowatt of capacity, up to \$4,000), and qualified geothermal heat pumps (capped at \$2,000). This provision would repeal the individual dollar caps. As a result, each of these properties would be eligible for an uncapped thirty percent (30%) credit.

How to Apply: Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return. Visit www.irs.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Repeal Subsidized Energy Financing Limitation on the Investment Tax Credit

Description: Under current law, the investment tax credit must be reduced if the property qualifying for the investment tax credit is also financed with industrial development bonds or through any other Federal, State, or local subsidized financing program. The provision in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would repeal this subsidized energy financing limitation on the investment tax credit in order to allow businesses and individuals to qualify for the full amount of the investment tax credit even if such property is financed with industrial development bonds or through any other subsidized energy financing.

How to Apply: Participants will find that the financing limitation for subsidized energy has been removed.

Program: Sales Tax Deduction for Vehicle Purchases

Description: The provision provides all taxpayers with a deduction for state and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, light truck, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles through 2009. This deduction is subject to a phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$125,000 (\$250,000 in the case of a joint return).

How to Apply: Taxpayers can seek this deduction by claiming the deduction on their 2009 tax return.

Program: Small Business Capital Gains

Description: This provision increases the percentage of exclusion for qualified business stock sold by an individual from 50 percent to 75 percent.

How to Apply: This provision is effective for stock issued after the date of enactment and before Jan. 1, 2011. Businesses can claim this credit when filing for taxes.

Program: Tax Credits for Alternative Refueling Property

Description: The alternative refueling property credit provides a tax credit to businesses (e.g., gas stations) that install alternative fuel pumps, such as fuel pumps that dispense E85 fuel, electricity, hydrogen, and natural gas. For 2009 and 2010, this provision would increase the 30% alternative refueling property credit for businesses (capped at \$30,000) to 50% (capped at \$50,000). Hydrogen refueling pumps would remain at a 30% credit percentage; however, the cap for hydrogen refueling pumps will be increased to \$200,000. In addition, this provision would increase the 30% alternative refueling property credit for individuals (capped at \$1,000) to 50% (capped at \$2,000).

How to Apply: Participants will be able to file for this tax credit on their tax return. Visit www.irs.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Tax Credit Bond Option for State and Local Governments (“Build America Bonds”)

Description: The federal government provides significant financial support to state and local governments through the federal tax exemption for interest on municipal bonds. Both tax credit bonds and tax-exempt bonds provide a subsidy to municipalities by reducing the cash interest payments that a state or local government must make on its debt. Tax credit bonds differ from tax-exempt bonds in two principal ways: (1) interest paid on tax credit bonds is taxable; and (2) a portion of the interest paid on tax credit bonds takes the form of a federal tax credit. The federal tax credit offsets a portion of the cash interest payment that the state or local government would otherwise need to make on the borrowing. For 2009 and 2010, this proposal provides state and local governments with the option of issuing a tax credit bond instead of a tax-exempt governmental obligation bond. Because the market for tax credits is currently small given current economic conditions, the bill would allow the state or local government to elect to receive a direct payment from the federal government equal to the subsidy that would have otherwise been delivered through the federal tax credit for bonds.

Please check www.treasury.gov for more information as they implement this program.

Program: Tax Credits for Energy-Efficient Improvements to Existing Homes

Description: This provision would extend the tax credits for improvements to energy-efficient existing homes through 2010. Under current law, individuals are allowed a tax credit equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements installed during the taxable year. This tax credit is capped at \$50 for any advanced main air circulating fan, \$150 for any qualified natural gas, propane, oil furnace or hot water boiler, and \$300 for any item of energy-efficient building property. For 2009 and 2010, this provision would increase the amount of the tax credit to thirty percent (30%) of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements during the taxable year. This provision would also eliminate the property-by-property dollar caps on this tax credit and provide an aggregate \$1,500 cap on all property qualifying for the credit. This provision would update the energy-efficiency standards of the property qualifying for the credit.

How to Apply: Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return.

Program: Temporary Assistance to States with Advances to Unemployment Trust Funds

Description: This provision temporarily waives interest payments and the accrual in interest on loans received by state unemployment trust funds through December 31, 2010.

How to Apply: Application not necessary as interest payments are waived as this program is implemented.

Program: Temporary Election to Claim the Investment Tax Credit in Lieu of the Production Tax Credit.

Description: Under current law, facilities that produce electricity from solar facilities are eligible to take a thirty percent (30%) investment tax credit in the year that the facility is placed in service. Facilities that produce electricity from wind, closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation, hydropower, landfill gas, waste-to-energy, and marine renewable facilities are eligible for a production tax credit. The production tax credit is payable over a ten-year period. Because of current market conditions, it is difficult for many renewable projects to find financing due to the uncertain future tax positions of potential investors in these projects. The bill would allow facilities to elect to claim the investment tax credit in lieu of the production tax credit.

How to Apply: Participants will be able to file the tax credit on their tax return. Visit www.irs.gov/recovery for more information.

Program: Temporary Reduction of Small Business Corporation Built-In Gains Holding Period from 10 Years to 7 Years

Description: Under current law, if a taxable corporation converts into an S corporation, the conversion is not a taxable event. An S Corporation pays no corporate level tax. Instead a loss of gain goes directly to their shareholders. When a company converts to an S corporation, they must hold its assets for ten years in order to avoid a tax on any built-in gains that existed at the time of the conversion. The bill would temporarily reduce this holding period from ten years to seven years for sales occurring in 2009 and 2010.

How to Apply: This provision will go into effect for businesses for taxable year beginning after December 31, 2008.

Program: Temporary Suspension of Taxation of Unemployment Benefits

Description: Under current law, all federal unemployment benefits are subject to taxation. The average unemployment benefit is approximately \$300 per month. The proposal temporarily suspends federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits per recipient. Any unemployment benefits over \$2,400 will be subject to federal income tax. This proposal is in effect for taxable year 2009.

How to Apply: The provision will take effect and suspend the withholding of federal income tax on unemployment benefits automatically.

Program: Treasury Department Energy Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits

Description: Under current law, taxpayers are allowed to claim a production tax credit for electricity produced by certain renewable energy facilities and an investment tax credit for certain renewable energy property. These tax credits help attract private capital to invest in renewable energy projects. Current economic conditions have severely undermined the effectiveness of these tax credits. As a result, this provision would allow taxpayers to receive a grant from the Treasury Department in lieu of tax credits. This grant will operate similarly to the current-law investment tax credit.

How to Apply: The Treasury Department will issue a grant in an amount equal to thirty percent (30%) of the cost of the renewable energy facility within sixty days of the facility being placed in service or, if later, within sixty days of receiving an application for such grant.

Program: Unemployment Compensation Modernization

Description: This provision provides one-time grants to reward and encourage states enacting specific reforms designed to increase UC coverage among low-wage, part-time and other jobless workers, as well as provides an additional \$500,000,000 in administrative funding to all states.

How to Apply: states will receive this funding to support unemployment compensation modernization.

Program: Work Opportunity Tax Credit

Description: Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups. The bill would create two new targeted groups of prospective employees: (1) unemployed veterans; and (2) disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6 months.

How to Apply: Companies can claim this credit when filing their taxes.

NOTE: Continue to check www.treasury.gov/recovery and www.irs.gov/recovery for further information on tax provisions as it becomes available.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Program: National Surface Transportation Supplemental Discretionary Grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Federal Funding: \$1.5 billion with no more than 20% allocated to any state.

Description: These funds will be used to award grants on a competitive basis for projects across all surface transportation modes that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

How to Apply: Please visit www.grants.gov and http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/ for more information.

Program: Transit Capital Assistance Grant

Funding Agency: Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Federal Funding: \$6.9 billion

Colorado Funding: \$102,687,210

Description: These funds will be administered through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). 80% of the funding will be distributed through the FTA's urbanized formula, 10% of the funding will be through FTA's rural formula, and 10% will be through FTA's growing states and high density formula.

5307 Urban (90% of funds above- distributed via formula directly to recipients)
Total: \$90,223,469 (numbers below based off most recent allocation formula)

- Denver/Aurora - \$64,160,000
- Colorado Springs - \$9.09 ,000,000
- Fort Collins - \$3,630,000
- Boulder - \$3, 410,000
- Grand Junction - \$1,20,000
- Greeley - \$2,120,000
- Lafayette/Louisville - \$1,310,000
- Longmont - \$2,350,000
- Pueblo - \$2,520,000

5311 Rural Formula (10% of funds above-CDOT controlled)
Total: \$11,011,624

How to Apply: This money will go through the FTA's formula funding to states and qualifying cities. Visit <http://www.dot.state.co.us/arra/> for more information.

Program: Intercity and High Speed Passenger Rail Transportation

Funding Agency: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

Federal Funding: \$8 billion for three existing intercity passenger rail capital grant programs.

Description: Funds will be for the Capital Assistance to States Program, the High Speed Passenger Rail Program, and Congestion Mitigation grants. The Capital Assistance to States Program is open for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service.

How to Apply: Grant information will be available at www.grants.gov and <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>.

Program: Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment

Federal Agency: Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Federal Funding: \$750,000,000

Colorado Funding: \$753,399 for the Regional Transportation District (RTD)

Description: Funds will be distributed through an existing authorized formula for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems. States and qualifying cities are eligible to apply for this funding.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www.dot.state.co.us/arra/> for more information.

Program: New Starts Capital Investment Grants

Federal Agency: Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Federal Funding: \$750,000,000

Description: The New Starts program is the federal government's primary financial resource for supporting locally planned, implemented, and operated major transit capital investments. The New Starts program funds new and extensions to existing fixed guideway transit systems in every area of the country. These projects include commuter rail, light rail, heavy rail, bus rapid transit, streetcars, and ferries. Funds will be distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction.

How to Apply: Visit www.dot.gov/recovery or <http://www.dot.state.co.us/arra/> for more information.

Program: High Speed Rail Bonds

Funding Agency: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Description: Division B, Section 1504 lowers the minimum speed a high-speed rail project can maintain to be eligible for high-speed rail bonds by changing the wording from being able to "operate at speeds in excess of", to "be capable of attaining a maximum speed in excess of".

Program: Grants-in-Aid for Airports

Federal Agency: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Federal Funding: \$1.1 billion

Description: The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public agencies and, in some cases, to private owners and entities for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). Funds will be used by the FAA to provide discretionary airport grants to repair and improve critical infrastructure at our nation's airports.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/> or www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Facilities and Equipment

Federal Agency: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Federal Funding: \$200,000,000

Description: This money is to be used for necessary investments in FAA infrastructure.

Upgrade the FAA's power systems: \$50,000,000

Modernize aging en route air traffic control centers: \$50,000,000

Replace air traffic control towers and TRACONS: \$80,000,000

Install airport lighting, navigation, and landing equipment: \$20,000,000

How to Apply: Visit <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/> or www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK)

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Federal Funding: \$1.3 billion

Description: This funding will be provided solely to Amtrak. Funds will be used by the U.S. Department of Transportation for improvements to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK). \$450,000,000 will be spent for security improvements. No more than 60% of the remaining funds will be spent in the Northeast Corridor. Also, \$5,000,000 will go towards Amtrak's Inspector General's office.

How to Apply: Visit www.dot.gov/recovery or www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Highways and Bridges Formula Funds**Federal Funding:** \$26.8 billion**Colorado's Discretion:** \$270,629,000 Please note this number may change if Colorado entities apply for federal grant money under this program.**Description:**

- Sub-Allocation - \$121,177,000
- Colorado Springs - \$13,131,818
- Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - \$55,919,268
- North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) - \$5,824,860
- State Controlled - \$46,302,000 (in addition to number above)
- 3% for enhancements - \$12,118,000

Additional funding may be available through these competitive grant programs.:

- \$310,000,000 for Indian Reservation Roads Program
- \$170,000,000 for Forest Highway Program
- \$10,000,000 for Refuge Roads Program
- \$20,000,000 for highway surface transportation and technology training

How to Apply: Visit www.dot.gov/recovery or <http://www.dot.state.co.us/arra/> for more information.**Program: Aviation Security Grants****Federal Agency:** Transportation Security Administration (TSA)**Federal Funding:** \$1 billion**Description:** For the purchase and installation of explosive detection systems (EDS) and emerging checkpoint technologies in airports.**How to Apply:** Visit <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm> or www.grants.gov for more information.**Program: Port and Maritime Security Grants****Federal Agency:** Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**Federal Funding:** \$150,000,000**Description:** For the purchase and installation of equipment to make the ports more secure.**How to Apply:** Visit <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm> or www.grants.gov.**Program: Port and Maritime Security****Federal Agency:** Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**Federal Funding:** \$160,000,000**Description:** For the purchase of Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) equipment, with \$60,000,000 for communication equipment and radios.**How to Apply:** Visit <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm> and www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: Passenger and Cargo Land Border Ports of Entry Security

Federal Agency: Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

Federal Funding: \$420,000,000

Description: For the planning, management, design, alteration, and construction of CBP-owned land border ports of entry.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm> for more information.

Program: Transit and Rail Security Grants

Federal Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Federal Funding: \$150,000,000

Description: Grants for mass transit and intercity freight and passenger rail security.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www.femarecovery.gov/> or www.grants.gov for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Program: Community Development Financial Institution Programs

Funding Agency: Department of Treasury

Federal Funding: \$200,000,000

Description: The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program was established by the Reigle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 to use federal resources to invest in and build the capacity of CDFIs to serve low-income people and communities lacking adequate access to affordable financial products and services.

How to Apply: An organization wishing to apply must be either already certified as a CDFI or be able to become certified by the Fund within two years of its application. For further details on how to become certified and to apply visit [http://www.cdfifund.gov/what we do/programs_id.asp?programID=7](http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7).

Agency: IRS Health Insurance Tax Credit Administration

Federal Funding: \$80,000,000

Agency: Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

Federal Funding: \$7,000,000

Agency: Financial Management Service:

Federal Funding: \$7,000,000

Program: Internal Revenue Service

Federal Funding: \$124,000,000

Visit <http://www.treasury.gov/recovery/> for more information regarding funding to the Department of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Program: Improving the Hospitals for our Veterans

Federal Funding: \$1,000,000,000

Description: Funding for non-recurring maintenance, including energy efficiency projects, to address deficiencies and avoid serious maintenance problems at the 153 VA hospitals across the country.

Program: Increasing the number of VA Claims Processors

Federal Funding: \$150,000,000

Description: Funding for an increase in VA claims processing staff, in order to address the large backlog in processing veterans' claims.

Program: Constructing Extended Care Facilities for Veterans

Federal Funding: \$150,000,000

Description: Funding for state grants for the construction of additional extended care facilities for veterans.

Program: Improving Automation of VA Benefit Processing

Federal Funding: \$50,000,000

Description: Funding to improve the automation of the processing of veterans' benefits, to get benefits out sooner and more accurately.

Program: Providing Businesses a Tax Credit for Hiring Unemployed Veterans

Description: Provides a tax credit to businesses for hiring unemployed veterans.

Specifically, veterans would qualify if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the previous five years and received unemployment benefits for more than four weeks before being hired.

More information can be found in the Tax Provisions section of this document and at www.irs.gov/recovery.

Program: Providing Disabled Veterans a payment of \$250

Description: Provides a payment of \$250 to all disabled veterans receiving benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. (This \$250 payment, which also goes to retirees, SSI beneficiaries and Railroad Retirement beneficiaries, is targeted to those who are likely not to benefit from the Making Work Pay tax credit.) No action is required by beneficiary. More information can be found in the Tax Provisions section of this document and at

www.irs.gov/recovery.

Visit <http://www.va.gov/recovery/> for more information on the above programs as it becomes available.

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The following is extracted from the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) implementing guidance memorandum about the role of **Grants.gov** in the Recovery Act. The guidance establishes requirements for various aspects of the Recovery Act's planning and implementation intended to meet the following crucial accountability objectives:

- Funds are awarded and distributed in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner;
- The recipients and uses of all funds are transparent to the public, and the public benefits of these funds are reported clearly, accurately, and in a timely manner;
- Funds are used for authorized purposes and instances of fraud, waste, error, and abuse are mitigated;
- Projects funded under this Act avoid unnecessary delays and cost overruns; and
- Program goals are achieved, including specific program outcomes and improved results on boarder economic indicators.

For the full document please go to:

<http://www.recovery.gov/files/Initial%20Recovery%20Act%20Implementing%20Guidance.pdf>

For additional information, please visit <http://www.grants.gov>. Follow the link to Find Recovery Act Opportunities.

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