



Authoritative Resources on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

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Summary

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Full Text of the Law

P.L. 111-5 (H.R. 1) was signed by the President on February 17, 2009.

Conference Report (H.Rept. 111-16) was passed by the House and Senate on February 13, 2009. This includes the Joint Explanatory Statement.

Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Cost Estimates

Estimates of ARRA's impact on the budget and a detailed analysis of the budgetary effects by title.

<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/99xx/doc9989/hr1conference.pdf>

White House Information

Fact Sheets

Provides general fact sheets on broad policy areas within the stimulus (e.g., education, energy, health, infrastructure) and estimates by state the number of jobs that will be created or saved.

http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/state_by_state_employment_impact/

Recovery.gov

The Administration's website that is intended to be a repository for information related to implementation and oversight of the stimulus. It currently includes overview information about the legislation, a timeline for implementation, a frequently asked questions page, and an announcement page that will be regularly updated. The Administration's intent is to develop the site to encompass information about available funding, distribution of funds, and major recipients.

<http://www.recovery.gov>

Each federal agency receiving funds from the act will submit weekly cumulative reports on their recovery activities. Updated reports are submitted each Tuesday, and detail major actions taken by each agency and how much money has been spent.

Weekly Agency Reports: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/agency-weekly-reports>

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance

OMB issued a detailed guidance document on February 18, 2009, directing executive branch agencies to develop a dedicated portion of their websites for information related to the recovery. This document was updated based on input from the various stakeholders on April 3, 2009, and June 22, 2009. All three guidance documents are available on the recovery.gov website, in the featured news section:

Original document (February 18, 2009): <http://www.recovery.gov/files/Initial%20Recovery%20Act%20Implementing%20Guidance.pdf>

Amended document (April 3, 2009): <http://www.recovery.gov/sites/default/files/m09-15.pdf>

Amended document (June 22, 2009): <http://www.recovery.gov/sites/default/files/OMB+Final+Cover+Memo.pdf>

OMB has created a nationwide data collection system for recipients of ARRA funds to use for submitting their required data. It is expected to be available on October 10, 2009.

<http://www.federalreporting.gov/>

Congressional Sources

The House Committee on Ways and Means provides instructions for requesting various benefits from the funding provided by the act. It also contains fact sheets on some of the tax provisions of the act:

<http://waysandmeans.house.gov/MoreInfo.asp?section=50>

Government Accountability Office Reports

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is required to conduct bimonthly reviews of selected funding recipients and to report on the use of funds. These GAO reviews currently include 16 states and the District of Columbia and are available on the GAO website at <http://www.gao.gov/recovery/bimonthly/>.

GAO has developed a website covering not only the above-mentioned fund recipient reviews, but also links to other GAO products and instructions for reporting fraud or misuse of ARRA funds. Following the Money: GAO's Oversight of the Recovery Act is available at <http://www.gao.gov/recovery/>.

Other available GAO products include the following:

GAO-09-453T, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: GAO's Role in Helping to Ensure Accountability and Transparency: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09453t.pdf>

GAO-09-515T: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: GAO's Role in Helping to Ensure Accountability and Transparency for Science Funding: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09515t.pdf>

GAO-09-580, Recovery Act: As Initial Implementation Unfolds in States and Localities, Continued Attention to Accountability Issues is Essential: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09580.pdf>

Federal Agency Websites

Corporation for National and Community Service: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp>

Department of Agriculture: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB/.cmd/ad/.ar/sa.retrievecontent/.c/6_2_1UH/.ce/7_2_5JR/.p/5_2_4TV/.d/0/_th/J_2_9D/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?PC_7_2_5JR_navid=USDA_ARRA#7_2_5JR

Department of Agriculture – Plans: http://www.usda.gov/documents/FY09_Stimulus_Enacted.pdf

Department of Commerce: <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm>

Department of Commerce – National Institute of Standards and Technology: <http://www.nist.gov/recovery/>

Department of Defense: <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery>

Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

Department of Energy: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/index.htm>

Department of Energy – Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/daily.cfm/hp_news_id=156

Department of Energy – Western Area Power Administration: <http://www.wapa.gov/newsroom/sec402.htm>

Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

Department of Health and Human Services – state Medicaid funding: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmap.html>

Department of Housing and Urban Development: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/index.cfm>

Department of the Interior: <http://recovery.doi.gov>

Department of Justice: <http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>

Department of Labor: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/>

Department of Labor – Employee Benefits Security Administration (COBRA information): <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/COBRA.html>

Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/recovery/>

Department of Transportation – Federal Transit Administration: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Department of Transportation – press release regarding distribution and monitoring of economic recovery funds: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot1409.htm>

Department of Transportation: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

Department of Treasury: <http://www.ustreas.gov/recovery/>

Department of Veteran Affairs: http://www.va.gov/recovery/Implementing_the_Recovery_Act.asp

Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>

General Services Administration: http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?contentType=GSA_OVERVIEW&contentId=25761&noc=T

Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): <http://www.nasa.gov/recovery/>

National Endowment on the Arts: <http://www.nea.gov/recovery/index.html>

National Institutes of Health: <http://www.nih.gov/recovery/>

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Director’s statement: http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm

National Science Foundation: <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

National Science Foundation, Director’s statement: http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=114277&org=OLPA&from=news

Small Business Administration: <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

Small Business Administration – press release: http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/news_release_09-10.pdf

Social Security Administration: <http://www.ssa.gov/recovery/>

State Government Websites

(The list below reflects states that currently post ARRA information on the Web. CRS will update the list regularly as more information becomes available.)

Alabama: <http://www.stimulus.alabama.gov/>

Alaska: http://omb.alaska.gov/10_omb/budget/IndexEconomicStimulus.htm

Arizona: <http://az.gov/recovery>

Arkansas: <http://recovery.arkansas.gov>

California: <http://www.recovery.ca.gov>

Colorado: <http://www.colorado.gov/recovery>

Connecticut: <http://www.recovery.ct.gov>

Delaware: <http://recovery.delaware.gov/default.shtml>

Florida: <http://www.flarecovery.com/>

Florida-transportation: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economicstimulus/>

Florida-Workforce: http://www.floridajobs.org/about%20awi/open_government/ARRA_plans_reports_OEL.htm

Georgia: <http://stimulusaccountability.ga.gov>

Georgia-transportation: <http://www.dot.state.ga.us/informationcenter/gastimulus/Pages/default.aspx>

Hawaii: <http://hawaii.gov/gov/recovery>

Idaho: <http://accountability.idaho.gov>

Illinois: <http://recovery.illinois.gov/default.htm>

Indiana: <http://www.in.gov/gov/2985.htm>

Iowa: <http://www.iowa.gov/recovery/>

Kansas: <http://www.governor.ks.gov/Recovery/default.htm>

Kentucky: <http://kentuckyatwork.ky.gov/>

Louisiana: <http://www.stimulus.la.gov/>

Louisiana-energy: http://dnr.louisiana.gov/sec/execdiv/tehasmt/programs/arra_2009/index.htm

Maine: <http://www.maine.gov/recovery/>

Maryland: <http://statestat.maryland.gov/recovery.asp>

Massachusetts: <http://www.mass.gov/recovery>

Michigan: <http://www.michigan.gov/recovery/>

Minnesota: <http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/stimulus>

Mississippi: <http://stimulus.ms.gov>

Missouri: <http://transform.mo.gov/>

Montana: <http://recovery.mt.gov/>

Nebraska: <http://www.recovery.nebraska.gov/>

Nevada: <http://nevada.gov/recovery/>

New Hampshire: <http://www.nh.gov/recovery>

New Jersey: <http://nj.gov/governor/home/plan.html>

New Mexico: <http://www.recovery.state.nm.us/index.html>

New York: <http://www.recovery.ny.gov/>

North Carolina: <http://www.ncrecovery.gov/>

North Dakota: <http://www.nd.gov/recovery>

Ohio: <http://recovery.ohio.gov/>

Oklahoma: <http://www.ok.gov/recovery/>

Oregon: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/PT/PROGRAMS/arra.shtml>

Pennsylvania: <http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt?>

Rhode Island: <http://www.ri.gov/press/view.php?id=8310>

South Carolina: <http://stimulus.sc.gov/>

South Dakota: <http://recovery.sd.gov/>

Tennessee: <http://www.tnrecovery.gov>

Texas: <http://txstimulusfund.com/>

Utah: <http://www.recovery.utah.gov/>

Vermont: <http://recovery.vermont.gov/>

Virginia: <http://stimulus.virginia.gov/>

Washington: <http://recovery.wa.gov/>

West Virginia: <http://www.recovery.wv.gov/>

Wisconsin: <http://www.recovery.wisconsin.gov/>

Wyoming: <http://wyoming.gov/recovery/>

State Funding Allocations

Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/recovery.html>

Department of Health and Human Services-Community Health Center Grants:
<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/napawards.html>

Department of Health and Human Services-Medicaid: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefunds.html>

Department of Health and Human Services-State Funding: <http://transparency.cit.nih.gov/RecoveryGrants/>

Department of Housing and Urban Development: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Department of Justice-Justice Assistance Grant Program: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>

Department of Justice-Crime Victims Fund Compensation and Assistance Programs:
<http://www.ovc.gov/fund/recoverycvfa2009.html>

Department of Justice-Stop Violence Against Women Formula Grant Awards:
<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery-grants-awards.htm>

Department of Labor-Workforce Investment Act Youth Activities: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090249-chart.pdf>

Department of Transportation-Funds for Highway Infrastructure Investment:
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/notices/n4510705t2.htm>

Department of Transportation-Public Transportation Programs: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/docs/E9-4745.pdf>

Environmental Protection Agency-Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Fund:
http://www.epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/Final_SRF_eco_recovery_allotments.pdf

State and Municipal Sources

The Council of State Governments has compiled information on executive orders and state legislation related to ARRA, as well as key deadlines and grants information:
<http://www.staterecovery.org/> and <http://www.staterecovery.org/state-responses>

The US Conference of Mayors has prepared a summary of the act, highlighting those provisions they consider to be important for cities: <http://www.usmayors.org/recovery/>

State-by-State Breakdown of ARRA Dollars: <http://www.usmayors.org/recovery/documents/report-stateprog.pdf>

Key Program Summaries: <http://www.usmayors.org/recovery/documents/program-summaries.xlsx>

The National Conference of State Legislatures has prepared overview summaries of selected sections of the package (e.g., Medicaid, transportation, labor and economic development, energy and water, broadband, etc): <http://www.ncsl.org/?tabid=16779>

Non-Government Sources

The sources below provide information that your constituents may find useful.

The Onvia Corporation has created a site geared to the business community which is dedicated to tracking every recovery dollar in real time: <http://recovery.org>

Protiviti, a business consulting firm, has prepared a Q&A document which outlines the responsibilities of the recipients of ARRA funds, including reporting requirements:

http://www.energywashington.com/ewblogdocs/april2009/ew04302009_arra.pdf

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