

Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



***Job Preservation & Creation ♦ Infrastructure Investment ♦ Energy Efficiency
& Science ♦ Assistance to the Unemployed ♦ State & Local
Fiscal Stabilization***

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Dear Fellow Coloradan:

My top priority as your U.S. Senator is to help get our economy back on track. That is why I worked to improve and pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, a historic \$787 billion economic recovery package. For our state, this funding could not come at a more critical moment. Unemployment is rising. Home prices are declining. Colorado communities, struggling to maintain critical jobs and services, are faced with state revenue shortfalls that are hindering our ability to provide basic services. Funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is intended to help reduce the length and severity of this recession for Colorado families and businesses.

It is imperative that our families, businesses and municipalities have the information they need to access these funds as quickly as possible. To assist in this effort, and to provide information about the programs and funding opportunities available to individuals, communities and businesses in Colorado, I have assembled this resource guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

I hope you'll find this information useful. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Doug Young or Heather Fox in my Colorado state office at 303-650-7820. I also encourage you to visit www.recovery.gov for more information. The road toward economic recovery will be challenging, but by working together we are confident that a stronger, more prosperous Colorado lies ahead.

Mark Udall
United States Senator

This document describes major initiatives funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The following information does not summarize all funding or tax provisions in the bill, nor does it contain information on federal funding that is not part of the ARRA. This document will be updated regularly to reflect the most current available information.

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TRANSPORTATION

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Highway Improvement Programs

\$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment.

Administrator:	Colorado Department of Transportation
Purpose:	For transportation projects eligible under the Federal-aid Highway Program's Surface Transportation program and could also include rail infrastructure activities.
Description:	Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub allocated by population areas.
Website:	www.dot.gov/recovery

Transit Capital Assistance

\$6.9 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.

Administrator:	Colorado Department of Transportation
Type:	
Description:	Funds are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas. These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities
Website:	www.dot.gov/recovery

Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants

\$100 million was included for transit capital assistance grants.

Agency:	Federal Transit Administration U.S. Department of Transportation
Description:	Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.
Website:	www.fta.dot.gov www.dot.gov/recovery

National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants

\$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System. Minimum grant--\$20 million

Agency:	U.S. Department of Transportation
Description:	Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments
Website:	http://www.dot.gov/recovery

Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service

\$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program.

Agency:	Federal Railroad Administration U.S. Department of Transportation
Description:	The Capital Assistance to States—Intercity Passenger Rail Service program provides grants on a discretionary basis to states to fund necessary capital improvements to improve intercity passenger rail service. Grants under this program are awarded to the most meritorious projects as measured against statutory criteria. Discretionary grants to States to provide capital assistance for improving intercity passenger rail service as well as maintaining existing passenger rail corridors.
Website:	www.fra.dot.gov http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954 www.dot.gov/recovery

ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Administrator:	Colorado Environmental Department Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Clean Water Fund Management Office
Provisions:	Waives mandatory 20 % matching requirements for revolving funds
	Directs the Administrator to reallocate Revolving Fund monies where projects are not under contract or construction within 12 months of the date of enactment
	Directs priority funding to projects on State priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment
	Requires at least 50% of the capitalization grants each State receives be used to provide assistance for additional subsidization (forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, or grants, or any combination of these).
	Requires at least 20% of each Revolving Fund be available for projects for green infrastructure, water and/or energy efficiency, innovative water quality improvements, decentralized wastewater treatment, storm water runoff mitigation and water conservation, unless states lack applicants with these types of projects
Purpose:	To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater Federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for States to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.
Description:	Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities
Activities:	Loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants; agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control, including storm water and sewer overflows; alternative treatment technologies; and water reuse and conservation projects.
Website:	www.epa.gov/recovery

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

\$2 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Administrator:	Colorado Finance Authority Construction Programs Bureau
Provisions:	The mandatory 20 % matching requirements for revolving funds is waived
	Directs the Administrator to reallocate Revolving Fund monies where projects are not under contract or construction within 12 months of the date of enactment
	Directs priority funding to projects on State priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment
	Requires at least 50% of the capitalization grants each State receives be used to provide assistance for additional subsidization (forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, or grants, or any combination of these).
	Requires at least 20% of each Revolving Fund be available for projects for green infrastructure, water and/or energy efficiency, innovative water quality improvements, decentralized wastewater treatment, storm water runoff mitigation and water conservation, unless states lack applicants with these types of projects
Purpose:	To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater Federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for States to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.
Description:	Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities
Activities:	Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems
Website:	www.epa.gov/recovery

Brownfields Grants

\$100 million was included for Brownfields projects.

Agency:	Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Provision:	Waives cost-share requirement
Description:	Funds are provided for Brownfields 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.
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/ www.epa.gov/recovery

Diesel Emission Reduction Program

\$300 million was included for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants.

Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Provision:	Waives the State Grant and Loan Program matching incentive provisions of DERA.
Purpose:	Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.
Description:	Funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs - 70% of the funding supports nation-wide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to states with approved programs
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ www.epa.gov/recovery

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

\$2 billion was included for United States Army Corps of Engineers for construction activities.

Agency:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Description:	Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and storm protection, ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array of other purposes. Funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.
NM Profile:	http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/projects/
Website:	http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance

\$2 billion was included United States Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance activities.

Agency:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Description:	Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of facilities constructed by the Corps. Work to be accomplished consists of dredging, repair, and operation of structures and other facilities.
NM Profile:	http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/projects/
Website:	http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/

ENERGY

Energy Efficiency ◇ Renewable Energy ◇ Energy Consumption ◇ Research & Development

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State Energy Program

\$3.1 billion was included for the State Energy Program.

Agency:	Governor's Energy Office
Description:	States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies
Website:	www.energy.gov/recovery http://www.colorado.gov/energy/

Weatherization Assistance Program

\$5 billion was included for the Weatherization Assistance Program. Provisions also expand the eligibility of low income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program and increasing the funding assistance level per dwelling (from \$2,500 per dwelling to \$6,500)

Administrator:	Governor's Energy Office
Description:	Provides energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free of charge
Purpose:	To assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient
Website:	www.energy.gov/recovery http://www.colorado.gov/energy/

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

\$3.2 billion was included for EECBG.

Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purpose:	To reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy consumption, Improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other energy consuming sectors of the economies of eligible entities
Description:	Assists states and local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes

	(LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources.
Website:	www.energy.gov/recovery

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

\$16.8 billion was included for EERE

Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Programs:	10 energy programs, including the Biomass Program; Building Technologies Program; Federal Energy Management Program; Geothermal Technologies Program; Hydrogen, Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Program; Industrial Technologies Program; Solar Energy Technologies Program; Vehicle Technologies; Wind & Hydropower Technologies Program; and Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program
Activities:	EERE's programs conduct activities in partnership with the private sector, state and local government, DOE national laboratories, and universities
NM Profile:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_information.cfm/state=NM
Website:	www.energy.gov/recovery

Biomass Program

\$800 million to be dedicated to projects related to biomass

Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Activities:	For research, development and demonstration for converting biomass resources to biofuels
Website:	www.energy.gov/recovery

Geothermal Technologies Program

\$400 million to be dedicated for geothermal activities and projects

Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Activities:	Research, development and demonstration efforts that emphasize the advancement of enhanced geothermal systems
Website:	www.energy.gov/recovery

Advanced Battery Manufacturing

\$2 billion was included for Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components

Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Activities:	For the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components; and to provide facility funding to manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries that are produced in the United States, including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component manufacturers, and software designers
Type:	Competitive Grants
Website:	www.energy.gov/recovery

Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program

\$300 million was included for the Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program

Office:	Clean Cities Program Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	To establish a grant program through the DOE Clean Cities Program to encourage the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles or other emerging electric vehicle technologies.
Recipients:	State governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities.
Activities:	May be used for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles, including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, or hybrid vehicle project funded by the grant is also eligible.
Type:	Competitive Grant
Website:	www.energy.gov/recovery

Transportation Electrification

\$400 million for Transportation Electrification grant projects.

Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	To implement a grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions, including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground support equipment and cargo handling equipment
Recipients:	States, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities
Type:	Competitive Grant
Website:	www.energy.gov/recovery

Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program and Energy Star Program

\$300 million was included for the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate program and the Energy Star Program.

Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	Approximately 15 states have appliance rebate programs currently operating to incentivize the purchase of energy efficient appliances. This program would add federal funds to increase the effectiveness of these programs and to encourage the remaining states to adopt similar programs. This will speed the rollout of appliances that will be able to take advantage of smart meters and spur consumer purchases of smart and energy-efficient appliances.
Website:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/alternatives/rebates.cfm http://www.energystar.gov/

Smart Grid Investment Program

\$4.5 billion was included for the Smart Grid Investment Program.

Office:	Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	To modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, energy storage research, development, demonstration and deployment, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply, and authorized purposes.
Activities:	For research and development, pilot projects, and federal matching funds for the Smart Grid Investment Program to meet the goal of a modern electric grid, enhance security and reliability of energy infrastructure, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply. The Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability projects are planned and implemented in concert with partners from other Federal programs; electric utilities; equipment manufacturers; regional, state, and local agencies; national laboratories; and universities.
Website:	www.oe.energy.gov www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm www.energy.gov/recovery

Fossil Energy Research and Development Program

\$3.4 billion was included for Fossil Energy Research and Development Program.

Office:	Office of Fossil Energy
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	Research and Development programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently store greenhouse gases.
Activities:	Research and development (R&D) partnerships, cooperative R&D agreements, financial assistance, and contractual arrangements with universities and the private sector.
Website:	www.fossil.energy.gov www.energy.gov/recovery

Science Program

\$1.6 billion was included for the science program.

Office:	Office of Science
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	The Office of Science manages fundamental research programs in basic energy sciences, biological and environmental sciences, and computational science.
NM Profile:	http://www.sc.doe.gov/SC_Funding/nm/nm.htm
Website:	www.science.doe.gov http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html www.energy.gov/recovery

Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)

\$400 million included for the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E).

Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	To support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy
Background:	In 2007, Congress approved (PL 110-69) the creation of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E). Modeled after the Defense Research Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), ARPA-E will develop and deploy advanced energy technologies by identifying and promoting revolutionary advances in fundamental sciences, translating those discoveries into technological innovations, and accelerating transformational technological advances in areas that industry by itself is not likely to undertake.
Eligibility as Authorized:	Awards to institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research and development centers.
Website:	www.energy.gov www.energy.gov/recovery

HOUSING

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Public Housing Capital Fund

\$4 billion to be distributed to public housing agencies for capital repairs and improvements to federally-subsidized public housing. \$1 billion was also included for competitive grants for priority investments, including that leverage private-sector financing for renovations and energy conservation retrofits.

Office:	Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements
Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	Provides funding to local housing agencies to repair and replace aging housing.
Purpose:	To make capital repairs and improvements to public housing, including energy conservation measures
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/index.cfm www.hud.gov/recovery

Homelessness Prevention Fund

\$1.5 billion was included in funding distributed through the Emergency Shelter Grants program to prevent and combat homelessness during the economic crisis.

Agency:	Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Purpose:	Funding to provide assistance to individuals and families to avoid or escape homelessness
Description:	Formula funding provided to the State of Colorado to be used for short- or medium-term rental assistance; housing relocation and stabilization services such as housing search and security or utility deposits; and other homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/ www.hud.gov/recovery

Community Development Block Grants

\$1 billion was included in formula funds to be distributed to local communities and states for community development and affordable housing activities.

Administrator:	State of Colorado, Local Government Division
Description:	Provides flexible funding to Colorado for a variety of community development, economic development, and affordable housing purposes.
Purpose:	To develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. Grantees must ensure that at least 70 percent of its Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) grant funds are used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
Helpful Link:	http://www.hud.gov/local/nm/community/cdbg/index.cfm
Website:	www.hud.gov/recovery

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

\$2 billion was included in competitive grants to States, local governments, and non-profit entities or consortia of nonprofit entities in areas with the greatest number of foreclosed homes to provide emergency assistance for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes.

Office :	Office of Community Planning and Development
Agency:	U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To assist states, local governments, and nonprofit organizations in the purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed properties in order to create affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight.
Description:	Funds can be used by grantees to purchase and redevelop foreclosed homes, purchase and rehabilitate abandoned or foreclosed-upon homes, establish land banks, demolish blighted structures, and redevelop demolished or vacant properties as housing.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/

Lead Hazard Reduction Program

\$100 million for grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to remove lead paint hazards in low-income housing

Office:	Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
Agency:	U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To remove lead paint hazards in low-income housing.
Description:	Funds will be used to remove lead paint hazards in low income housing. First priority for available funding will be given to 2008 grant applicants who were qualified but unfunded due to funding limitations.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/index.htm
Phone:	(202)708-1112

SMALL BUSINESS

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Micro-Loan Program

\$6 million was included for direct loans provided under the Microloan program.

Agency:	Small Business (SBA)
Description:	Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level.
Website:	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html www.sba.gov/nm www.sba.gov/recovery

7(a) Loan Guarantee Program

\$375 million was included for temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program.

Agency:	Small Business Administration (SBA)
Provision:	Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans
Purpose:	To ensure small businesses maintain have access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business.
Website:	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/ www.sba.gov/nm www.sba.gov/recovery

504 Loan Program

\$375 million was included for the temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program.

Agency:	Small Business (SBA)
Provision:	Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 504 loan program
Purpose:	To ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans for fixed asset projects. 504 loans may be used for purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities, or modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities; or purchasing long-term machinery and equipment.
Description:	Fees total approximately three (3) percent of the debenture and may be financed with the loan.
Website:	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html www.sba.gov/nm www.sba.gov/recovery

Business Stabilization Program

\$225 million was included for loan subsidies and loan modifications for loans to small business that are experiencing immediate financial hardship.

Agency:	Small Business Administration (SBA)
Purpose:	To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that have a qualifying small business loan and are experiencing immediate financial hardship
Activities:	To be used to make periodic payment of principal and interest, either in full or in part, on an existing small business loan for no more than 6 months
Website:	www.sba.gov www.sba.gov/nm www.sba.gov/recovery

JOB TRAINING & UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

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Employment Training Services – Adult

\$500 million was included for the Adult State Grants.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Formula funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations
Purpose:	To train unemployed adults and ensure that supportive services and needs-related payments are available to support the employment and training needs of priority populations, including recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals.
Website:	www.doleta.gov/recovery

Employment Training Services - Dislocated Workers

\$1.25 billion was included for the Dislocated Workers State Grants.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Purpose:	To assure that supportive services and needs-related payments that may be necessary for an individual's participation in job training are a part of the dislocated worker service strategy.
Website:	www.doleta.gov/recovery

Employment Training Services – Youth

\$1.2 billion was included for the Dislocated Workers State Grants. Provisions also raise the age of eligibility for youth services provided with the additional funds through age 24 to allow local programs to reach young adults who have become disconnected from both education and the labor market.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Purpose:	To create summer employment opportunities for youth and language applying the work readiness performance indicator to such summer jobs is included as an appropriate measure for those activities. Year-round youth activities are also envisioned.
Website:	www.dol.gov/recovery

Employment Services

\$250 million was included for Wagner-Peyser employment services.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Formula funding to states for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment and training opportunities that will facilitate their reentry to employment.
Website:	www.doleta.gov

Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve

\$200 million was included for DOL National Emergency Grants.

Office:	Employment & Training Administration
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/grants/ www.dol.gov/recovery

YouthBuild

\$50 million was included for the YouthBuild Program. The conference agreement includes language to allow YouthBuild grantees to serve individuals who have dropped out of school and reenrolled in an alternative school, if that reenrollment is part of a sequential service strategy.

Office:	Employment & Training Administration
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Provides services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm www.dol.gov/recovery

Green Jobs Training

\$500 million was included for grants to train workers in energy efficiency and renewable energy jobs.

Office:	Employment & Training Administration
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	These funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.
Website:	www.doleta.gov/recovery

Job Corps Program

\$250 million for the office of Job Corps

Office:	Office of Job Corps
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth. The funds will allow the Office of Job Corps to move forward on a number of ready-to-go rehabilitation and construction projects, including those where competitions have already been concluded.
Website:	http://www.jobcorps.gov/

Unemployment Insurance

Included provisions to extend the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program and provides \$25 more a week in Unemployment Insurance benefits to recipients

Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Unemployment Insurance (UI) is temporary income for workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own and who are either looking for new jobs, in approved training, or awaiting recall to employment. Regular UI is a state funded program that provides up to 26 weeks of benefits. Emergency UI is a federal funded program created in 2008 to provide additional benefits of up to 33 weeks of benefits for those living in states with high unemployment. Both are administered by the New Mexico Department of Labor.
Provisions:	<p>Encourage Unemployment Insurance (UI) Modernization: would provide up to \$7 billion to reward and encourage States enacting specific reforms designed to increase UI coverage among low-wage, part-time and other jobless workers, as well as provide an additional \$500 million in UI administrative funding.</p> <p>The current federally-funded emergency UI program (which provides up to 33 weeks of extended benefits) is scheduled to begin to phase out at the end of March 2009. The proposal would use general revenues to extend the program through December 31, 2009.</p> <p>The proposal would provide federal funding to increase both regular and emergency unemployment benefits by \$25 a week through calendar year 2009.</p>
Information	http://www.wia.state.co.us/dws-mainoffice.html

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers

Included provisions to expand the eligibility and benefits of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and reauthorizes the program through December 31, 2010

Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Purpose:	To assist workers at firms who have become (or are threatened to become) fully or partially separated from employment due to trade with foreign countries. Workers (3 or more) must apply for a TAA eligibility designation from the Secretary of Labor.
Provisions:	Extends TAA program to cover workers at affected public agencies, as well downstream service providers. The program provides qualified workers with compensation, health care tax credits, relocation allowances, training allowances, alternative TAA benefits (for workers over 50) and other services.
Website:	http://www.wia.state.co.us/dws-mainoffice.html

Sector Partnership Grants

\$40 million was included for the Sector Partnership Grant.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Establishes a Sector Partnership Grant program that allows the Secretary of Labor to award industry or sector partnership grants to facilitate efforts of the partnership to strengthen and revitalize industries.
Purpose:	To facilitate partnerships between industry, State and local governments, firms, local labor and workforce investment boards, and educational institutions to strengthen and revitalize industries. Grants may be used to help the partnerships identify the skill needs of the targeted industry or sector and any gaps in the supply of available, skilled workers in the community impacted by trade. They may also be used to implement and develop strategies for small-and medium-sized firms to increase their productivity and retain workers.
Website:	www.dol.gov www.dol.gov/recovery

Community College and Career Training Grants

\$40 million included for the Community College and Career Training Grants program.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Purpose:	Allows Educational Institutions to apply for grants which will be used to develop or improve a program for workers eligible for the TAA for Workers Program.
Description:	Grant proposals must include information regarding the manner in which the grant will be used to improve or develop an education or training program, the extent to which the program will meet the needs of workers in the community, the extent to which the proposal fits into a communities strategic plan or Sector Partnership Grant, and any previous experience of the institution in providing such services to TAA eligible workers.
Website:	www.dol.gov www.dol.gov/recovery/

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms

Reauthorizes the program through 2010, and increases to \$50 million the funding authorization for Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010 for the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms program

Agency:	Department of Commerce
Purpose:	Provides consulting services to firms whose workers have been certified TAA eligible. Consulting services are administered through non-profit Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAACs). There are 11 TAACs Nationally, which receive funding through the Economic Development Agency.
Description:	When workers are certified by the DOL to be TAA benefit eligible, the Secretary of Commerce is required to reach out to the firm to notify it of its potential TAA eligibility. A final determination of eligibility is then made by the Secretary of Commerce. Grants for those eligible firms are made available by the Secretary to the 8 regional Economic Development Administrations, who then divide funding to the 11 regional TAACs, which provide various services to firms in order to increase their competitiveness.
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/Research/TradeAdj.xml
Phone:	(800) 677-3791 (Rocky Mountain Trade Adjustment Assistance Center)

HEALTH

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Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

\$86.6 billion was included for the Medicaid program. States will be required to maintain at least current eligibility for the Medicaid program in order to receive this funding.

Administrator:	Colorado Human Services Department
Purpose:	To prevent reductions in Medicaid funded health care to low-income children and families, and to provide fiscal relief for other state priorities.
Description:	Provides each state with an increase in federal matching funds for state Medicaid expenditures in order to assist states with budget shortfalls avoid states' having to cut back Medicaid Assistance and other state programs.
Website:	http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/

Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants

\$1.5 billion was included for Community Health Centers.

Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements.
Description:	These funds are to be used for construction, renovation, and equipment, and for the acquisition of health information technology systems for community health centers, including health center controlled networks receiving operating grants under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act.
Website:	http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm

Community Health Center Services Grants

\$500 million was included for Community Health Centers.

Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare.
Description:	These funds are to be used to support new sites and service areas, to increase services at existing sites, and to provide supplemental payments for spikes in uninsured populations.
Website:	http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm

National Health Service Corps

\$300 million was included for the National Health Service Corps.

Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment
Purpose:	To address shortages of primary healthcare providers in specific health professional shortage areas.
Description:	Funds will be used for training primary healthcare providers including doctors, dentists, and nurses as well as helping pay medical school expenses for students who agree to practice in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps
Website:	http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/

Health Care Workforce

\$200 million was included for programs under Title VII and Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act.

Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment
Purpose:	To provide for training of health professions
Description:	These funds are to be used for all the disciplines trained through the primary care medicine and dentistry program, the public health and preventive medicine program, and the scholarship and loan repayment programs for nurses and health professions.
Website:	http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm

Biomedical Research

\$8.7 billion was included for expanding biomedical research funded by National Institute of Health.

Agency:	National Institutes of Health
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To expand jobs in biomedical research to study diseases.
Description:	\$7.4 million will be distributed to specific Institutes and Centers and to the Common Fund for biomedical research grants. \$800 million will be used by the Office of the Director for purposes that can be completed within two years, including short-term grants focused on specific scientific challenges, new research that expands the scope of ongoing projects, research on public and international health priorities, and to enhance central research support activities, centralized information support systems.
Website:	http://www.nih.gov/
Webform:	grantsinfo@od.nih.gov
Phone:	(301) 435-0714 (General Grant Information)

University Research Facilities

\$1.3 billion was included for the National Institute of Health to renovate and equip university research facilities.

Agency:	National Institutes of Health
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To renovate and equip university research facilities.
Description:	Funding will be used for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities and for the acquisition of shared instrumentation and other capital research equipment.
Website:	http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/
Phone:	(301) 435-0888 (National Center for Research Resources)

Prevention and Wellness Program

\$950 million was included for the Center for Disease Control for evidence based clinical and community prevention and wellness programs.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To support state and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and infectious diseases.
Description:	Funds will be used to carry out evidenced based clinical and community-based prevention and wellness strategies and public health workforce development activities, including immunization programs and state efforts to reduce healthcare-related infections. The Department has not decided which agencies will take the lead but the CDC is likely to be central to these efforts.
Website:	http://www.cdc.gov/ http://www.hhs.gov/

Comparative Effectiveness Health Research

\$1.1 billion was included for HHS, the Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and NIH

Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To compare the effectiveness of different medical treatments
Description:	This funding will be used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition. This research will not be used to mandate coverage decisions or impose "one-size-fits-all" medicine on patients. It will be designed to enable medical professionals and patients improve treatment. \$300 million will be administered by AHRQ, \$400 million will be transferred to NIH, and \$400 million will be allocated at the discretion of the Secretary of HHS.
Website:	http://www.ahrq.gov/ http://www.nih.gov/

Health Information Technology Grants

\$2 billion was included for discretionary grants to promote the adoption and use of interoperable health information technology (HIT).

Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To promote the use and exchange of electronic health information in a manner consistent with the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology's strategic plan. To award planning and implementation grants to states or qualified state-designated entities to facilitate and expand electronic health information exchange. To award grants to states or Indian tribes to establish loan programs for health care providers to purchase certified electronic health record technology, train personnel in the use of such technology, and improve the secure electronic exchange of health information. To provide financial assistance to universities to establish or expand medical informatics programs.
Description:	To authorize the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology in order to promote the use and exchange of electronic health information.
Website:	http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/

Health Information Technology Improvements

\$17 billion was included to improve investments and incentives through Medicare and Medicaid to ensure widespread adoption and use of interoperable health information technology (HIT).

Agency:	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Description:	Provides incentives for the early adoption and use of interoperable HIT to Medicare and Medicaid providers and penalties in future years for providers not demonstrating meaningful use of Electronic Health Records.
Purpose:	Provides eligible professionals who show meaningful use of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) in 2011 or 2012 with incentive payments of \$18,000 in the first year. Payment adjustments for eligible professionals not demonstrating meaningful use of an EHR would begin in 2015. Provides eligible hospitals (including Critical Access Hospitals) with incentive payments starting in Fiscal Year 2011 and payments adjustments for hospitals not demonstrating meaningful use of an EHR in Fiscal Year 2015.
Website:	www.cms.hhs.gov http://www.cms.hhs.gov/RegionalOffices/

COBRA Continuation Coverage

\$24.7 billion was included for COBRA Continuation Coverage.

Agency:	Department of Labor (Regulatory)
Type:	Mandatory Spending
Purpose:	<p>To provide individuals and their families with a premium subsidy of 65 percent of the COBRA continuation premiums for a maximum of 9 months of coverage only with respect to involuntary terminations that occurs on or after September 1, 2008, and before January 1, 2010. The full premium subsidy is limited by a taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI), \$125,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for joint filers and is phased out for individuals with an AGI between \$125,000 and \$145,000 and families with an AGI between \$250,000 and \$290,000. It provides a special 60-day election period for a qualified beneficiary who is eligible for a subsidized premium and who has not elected COBRA continuation coverage as of the date of enactment or who is no longer enrolled on the date of enactment, for example, because the beneficiary was unable to continue paying the premium.</p> <p>Note—Individuals need not apply for this subsidy prospectively. Beginning March 1st, qualified recipients who elect COBRA coverage should see the subsidy reflected in their monthly COBRA bill. The subsidy will be available for the next nine months, but is only available to individuals (1) who involuntarily lost their jobs, (2) whose AGI is less than \$12,000 in 2009, and (3) who have not been offered insurance from a subsequent employer.</p>
Description:	<p>Recession-related job loss threatens health coverage for many families. This provision is intended to provide targeted assistance to individuals and families who have been involuntarily terminated to enable them to afford premium payments for health insurance coverage under COBRA. The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that this provision would help 7 million people maintain their health insurance by providing a vital bridge for workers who have been forced out of their jobs in this recession.</p>
Website:	<p>http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204505,00.html</p>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police and Fire Protection Services ♦ Support Services & Infrastructure

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State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

\$8.8 billion was included in State Fiscal Stabilization funds for other government services, including public safety.

Administrator:	The Governor must submit applications to the Department of Education describing how Colorado will use its allocations
Purpose:	To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services
Description:	State Fiscal Stabilization Funds provide assistance to local school districts and public colleges and universities in New Mexico an additional funding for other high-priority needs such as public safety and other critical services.
Website:	www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

\$210 million was included for the firefighter assistance grant program for fire station construction. Each grant may not exceed \$15 million.

Agency:	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Department of Homeland Security
Type:	Competitive Grant
Purposes:	To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations
Website:	www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/

SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant Program

Agency:	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Department of Homeland Security
Type:	Competitive Grant
Provision:	<i>The Recovery bill waives the cost-share requirement for SAFER grants awarded with fiscal year 2009 and 2010 funding</i>
Purpose:	To help fire departments increase the number of trained "front-line" firefighters available in their communities.
Website:	www.firegrantsupport.com/safer/

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants

\$2 billion included for Byrne/JAG program.

Agency:	Colorado Department of Public Safety
Purpose:	Formula funding to state and local police forces to help prevent, fight, and prosecute crime.
Activities:	Programs for law enforcement programs; prosecution and courts; prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement; crime victim and witness programs. Funds can be used to pay for personnel, overtime, and equipment. Funds provided to states can be used for statewide initiatives, technical assistance and training, and support for local and rural jurisdictions
Website:	www.usjoj.gov/recovery

Byrne Competitive Grants Program

\$225 million to be used for the Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant Program

Office:	Office of Justice Assistance
Agency:	Department of Justice
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crime, support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth, and for other similar activities.
Description:	In order to stabilize state and local governments and fight crime, funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including equipment, operations and support for other associated law enforcement personnel (such as prosecutors, public defenders, etc.). These funds can also be used to pay overtime expenses of officers on multi-jurisdictional task forces.
Website:	www.usjoj.gov/recovery

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants

\$1 billion included for the COPS Hiring Grants program. The \$75,000 per officer salary cap and the 25% local match requirement is waived for funding provided in the stimulus, fiscal year 2009 and 2010 bills.

Office:	Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
Agency:	Department of Justice
Type:	Competitive Grant
Purposes:	For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers
Website:	www.usjoj.gov/recovery

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

\$175 million in STOP Violence Against Women Formula Assistance Program.

Agency:	U.S Department of Justice
Type:	Formula funding to state agency
Description:	The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. The STOP Program encourages the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and strengthening of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.
Purposes:	STOP formula grants are intended for use by states and territories; state, local and tribal courts (including juvenile courts); Indian tribal governments; local governments; and nonprofit, nongovernment victim services programs. Recipients are required to meet one or more of 14 statutory purpose areas. These areas include, but are not limited to: training law enforcement officers, judges, court personnel and prosecutors; developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs; developing, installing or expanding data collection; and developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
Website:	http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm

Transitional Housing Assistance Program

\$50 million to be used for transitional housing assistance grant.

Office:	Office on Violence Against Women
Agency:	U.S. Department of Justice
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	Provides competitive, peer-reviewed grants to assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services.
Activities:	May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support services designed to enable individuals who are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community by providing those individuals with services such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance.
Eligibility:	States, units of government, Indian tribes, and other organizations, including domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers, domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, or community-based and culturally specific organizations
Website:	http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm www.usjoj.gov/recovery

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program

\$50 million was included for the Internet Crimes Against Children Program.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Justice
Type:	Formula funding to state agency
Purposes:	To 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.
Website:	http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/index.html

CHILD CARE

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Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

\$2 billion was included for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program.

Administrator:	Colorado Children Youth and Families Department
Description:	Provides subsidized child care services through vouchers or contracts with providers to low-income working families and low-income families in which parents are engaged in education or training.
Website:	www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/nonpublic/childcare

Head Start Program

\$2.1 billion was included for Head Start Program funding and the expansion of the Early Head Start Program.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Purpose:	Funding is administered directly to Head Start programs in states to provide development, educational, health, nutritional, social and other activities that prepare children to succeed in school.
Website:	www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

\$1 billion was included for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Provides funding to local community action agencies for services for the growing number of low-income families hurt by the economic crisis, such as housing and mortgage counseling, jobs skills training, food pantry assistance, as well as benefits, outreach, and enrollment.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbq/>

EDUCATION

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State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund provides \$53.6 billion to provide fiscal relief to states

Administrator:	The Governor must submit applications to the Department of Education describing how Colorado will use its allocations
Purpose:	To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services. To provide funding for elementary, secondary, and higher education, and for public safety and other government services, including higher education modernization.
Description:	The Governor may use the stabilization funds to support elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and some school construction, and for public safety or other government services, which can include education and higher education modernization, renovation, and repair.
Website:	www.ed.gov www.recovery.gov

Special Education

\$12.2 billion was included for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Agency:	Colorado Department of Education Department
Description:	The IDEA Part B, Grants to States program provides formula grants to assist the States in meeting the excess costs of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities.
Purpose:	To assist States and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special education for students with disabilities.
Website:	www.ed.gov

Education for the Disadvantaged

\$13 billion was included for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Agency:	Colorado Department of Education
Description:	Provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with supplemental education funding, especially in high-poverty areas.
Purpose:	Provides funding for programs that provide extra academic support to help raise the achievement of students at risk of educational failure or to help all students in high-poverty schools meet challenging State academic standards.
Website:	www.ed.gov

Education Technology

\$650 million was included for the Enhancing Education through Technology program.

Agency:	Colorado Department of Education
Description:	The Enhancing Education through Technology program supports State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology into curricula in order to improve teaching and learning. Funding shall be used for technology hardware, software applications, professional development and related instructional technology staff and services.
Purpose:	These funds should be used to improve student academic achievement and ensure that students are college and workforce ready by ensuring that every student has 21st century skills and is technology literate. In addition, the funds should be used to increase ongoing and meaningful professional development around technology that leads to changes in teaching and curriculum and improves student achievement.
Website:	www.ed.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation

\$540 million was included for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants.

Administrator:	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Description:	This program provides grants to states to support a wide range of services. Eligible individuals are those who have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment, who can benefit from vocational rehabilitation (VR) services for employment, and who require VR services. Priority must be given to serving individuals with the most significant disabilities if a state is unable to serve all eligible individuals.
Purpose:	To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.
Website:	http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/DVR/

Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants

\$100 million was included for the Teacher Quality State Grants program.

Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Purpose:	To provide grants to States to improve the quality of the teaching workforce.
Description:	States may use grant funds to reform teacher licensing and certification requirements; provide alternative methods of teacher preparation; and provide alternative routes to State certification. The funds provided in the economic recovery bill will assist States in modernizing the teaching workforce, address teacher shortages, and provide new routes to teaching for jobless individuals seeking to enter the teaching field.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html www.ed.gov/recovery

Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

\$250 million was included in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program.

Office:	Institute of Education Sciences
Agency:	Department of Education
Purpose:	To make competitive grants to States to enable them to design and develop statewide longitudinal data systems that use individual student data for reporting and improving student achievement, and to facilitate research to improve student achievement and close achievement gaps.
Description:	With these grants, states could increase the capacity of their data systems, provide teachers the information they need to tailor instruction to help each student improve, and give administrators the resources and information to effectively and efficiently manage their data systems.
Website:	http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slids/ www.ed.gov/recovery

Student Financial Assistance

\$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. \$200 million was included for work-study programs. These additional funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn.

Office:	Office of Federal Student Aid
Agency:	Department of Education
Purpose:	To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.
Description:	Students may fill out the <i>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</i> (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html www.ed.gov/recovery

ARTS

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National Endowment of the Arts (NEA)

National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

\$30 million included for competitive awards through the NEA

Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	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
Note:	Matching requirement waived
Website:	www.nea.gov
Helpful Link:	http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Rural Business Program

\$150 million included for rural business projects.

Source:	USDA Rural Development Administration
Purpose:	To fund for loans and grants to regional, state, local, and tribal organizations for improving business, industry, and employment opportunities in economically-distressed rural communities.
Phone:	(800) 670-6553 (505) 761-4950
bsite:	www.nefa.org www.usda.gov/recovery

Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program

\$1.3 billion included for rural water and waste disposal programs.

Source:	USDA Rural Development Administration
Purpose:	To fund loans and grants to regional, local, non-profit, and tribal organizations for the development of water and waste disposal systems in rural areas and towns with a population below 10,000.
Website:	www.rurdev.usda.gov/ www.usda.gov/recovery

Rural Community Facilities Program

\$130 million included for rural community facilities.

Source:	USDA Rural Development Administration
Purpose:	For loans and grants to regional, state, local, and tribal organizations for the construction or maintenance of rural community facilities, including hospitals, health clinics, and child and elder care facilities.
Website:	www.rurdev.usda.gov/ www.usda.gov/recovery