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# A GUIDE TO THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT IN PENNSYLVANIA



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## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

*Creating Jobs, Cutting Taxes and Promoting Economic Revitalization in Pennsylvania*

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was just enacted with my support, will help President Obama to get our economy out of the ditch, create jobs and aid those hardest hit by the economy. The package includes many components to accomplish these goals such as tax relief for working families, infrastructure investments, aid to states and additional unemployment insurance as well as other improvements like increased funding for law enforcement.

**This bill is good for Pennsylvania.** It will invest in the Commonwealth's infrastructure—our roads and bridges, mass transit, rail, air, clean water and broadband—and provide crucial resources that will help alleviate budget shortfalls on the state level. It will provide an immediate injection of local community development and housing projects. These immediate and substantial investments will thwart pressures on state and local governments to raise taxes. **Most importantly, it should help save or create jobs in Pennsylvania.**

### SUMMARY INFORMATION ON HOW THIS BILL WILL BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### Job Creation in Pennsylvania

Since the recession began in December 2007, the nation has lost more than 3.6 million jobs, with 50 percent of those losses occurring within the last three months, and the national unemployment rate has skyrocketed to 7.6 percent. Without swift action, economists estimate that an additional five million job losses could occur this year and the unemployment rate could rise to 10 percent.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will create or save 3.5 million good paying jobs nationally over the next two years, more than 90 percent of which will be in the private sector. According to the White House, approximately **143,000 of these jobs will be in Pennsylvania.**

#### Tax Relief for Pennsylvania Families and Business

According to the White House and Senate Committee on Finance, the following are examples of tax provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that will help Pennsylvania businesses and families, create jobs and get Pennsylvania's economy moving:

- Up to **\$400** for workers (or **\$800** for married couples) in the new Making Work Pay Tax Credit for **4.9 million** workers and their families



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- **\$250** to Social Security beneficiaries, SSI recipients and disabled veterans
- **\$2,500** for **138,000 additional families** in Pennsylvania who will qualify for the new American Opportunity Tax that makes college more affordable for 3.8 million families nationwide
- Extended and increased **Homebuyer Tax Credit** to both help aspiring homeowners and stabilize plummeting home prices
- Extended **Bonus Depreciation and Small Business Expensing** through 2009, allowing businesses that make capital investments to immediately deduct one-half the cost. Small businesses can immediately deduct 100 percent of the cost of these investments

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 would protect over 26 million working families across the nation from the **Alternative Minimum Tax**, representing thousands of dollars in additional income taxes. According to the Congressional Research Service, **972,000 Pennsylvanians** will be protected from the Alternative Minimum Tax in 2009.

### Extended Unemployment Insurance for Pennsylvania

Unemployment in Pennsylvania stood at 6.7 percent in December 2008 (the last month for which we have data). The Department of Labor estimates that Pennsylvania could receive **\$275 million** in new funding if Pennsylvania fully enacts the Unemployment Insurance modernization incentives that the legislation would provide.

According to the National Employment Law Project, this means that an additional **\$100** in unemployment insurance benefits will be offered to approximately **1.1 million workers** who have lost their jobs in this recession.

In addition, the economic recovery plan will alleviate the tax burden for already struggling Americans collecting unemployment benefits by **temporarily suspending the federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of benefits per recipient in 2009**.

### Transportation and Infrastructure for Pennsylvania

- **\$1 billion** in funding for **highways and bridges** to be used on activities eligible under the Federal-aid Highway Program's Surface Transportation Program. Funding could also be used for rail and port infrastructure activities at the discretion of the states



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- **\$343 million** for **mass transit projects**, including \$80,303,844 for rail modernization projects, \$233,190,181 for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and \$30,209,184 for public transportation in areas of less than 50,000 in population
- **The bill also provides \$4.6 billion nationwide for funding for the Corps of Engineers.** While these dollars will be administered on the federal, as opposed to state, level, the four Corps districts with jurisdiction over Pennsylvania have numerous projects that are “ready to go” and will likely receive an injection of new funding
- **Pennsylvania will also be able to compete for \$1.5 billion for new competitive grants** available to state and local governments for transportation investments
- **\$223.8 million for clean water and drinking water projects.** Of this total, the bill provides **\$66.2 million** through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to address the backlog of drinking water infrastructure needs and **\$157.6 million** through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to address the backlog of clean water infrastructure needs

### Economic and Community Development

- **\$1 billion nationwide for the Community Development Block Grant** program for community and economic development projects including housing and services for those hit hard by tough economic times

### Law Enforcement in Pennsylvania

- **\$73.2 million** in **Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants** to support state and local law enforcement efforts
- **\$1 million** in **Internet Crimes Against Children Grants** to help law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative response to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems or other computer technology to sexually exploit children
- **\$6.4 million** in **Violence Against Women Grants** for victim services programs to improve the criminal justice system’s response to violent crimes against women and 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



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### Energy for Pennsylvania

- **\$100.8 million** through the **State Energy Program**, which provides grants to states and directs funding to state energy offices. States, in turn, use grants to address their energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies
- **\$258.8 million** through the **Weatherization Assistance Program**, which enables families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient

### Housing

- **\$213.2 million** through the **Public Housing Capital Fund** to enable local public housing agencies to address a national \$32 billion backlog in capital needs – especially those improving energy efficiency in aging developments – in this critical element of the nation’s affordable housing infrastructure
- **\$95 million** in **HOME Funding** to enable state and local government, in partnership with community-based organizations, to acquire, construct and rehabilitate affordable housing and provide rental assistance to poor families
- **\$90.4 million** through the **Homelessness Prevention Fund** to be used for prevention activities, which include: short or medium-term rental assistance, first and last month’s rental payment or utility payments. As such, most of this funding will go directly into the economy of local communities, as the funds will be used to pay housing and other associated costs in the private market

### Education and Training in Pennsylvania

- **\$1.6 billion** through the **State Fiscal Stabilization Fund** to local school districts and public colleges and universities in addition to incentive grants as a reward for meeting key education performance measures and additional funding for other high priority needs such as public safety and other critical services, which may include education
- **\$426.6 million** for **Special Education Part B State Grants** to help improve educational outcomes for individuals with disabilities, raising the federal contribution to nearly 40 percent, the level established when the law was authorized more than 30 years ago



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- **\$25.4 million** in **education technology funds** to purchase up-to-date computers and software and provide professional development to ensure the technology is used effectively in the classroom
- **\$523.8 million** for **Title I Education for the Disadvantaged** to help close the achievement gap and enable disadvantaged students to reach their potential
- **\$15.4 million** in **State Employment Service Grants** to match unemployed individuals to job openings through state employment service agencies and allow Pennsylvania to provide customized reemployment services
- **\$34.4 million** in **Dislocated Workers State Grants**, particularly for grants that support immediate strategies for regions and communities to meet their need for skilled workers, as well as longer-term plans to build targeted industry clusters with better training and a more productive workforce
- **\$16.7 million** for **Department of Labor's Adult State Grants**
- **\$41.1 million** for **Department of Labor's Youth State Grants**
- **\$20.9 million** for **Vocational Rehabilitation** to help individuals with disabilities prepare for and sustain gainful employment

According to the White House, the economic recovery plan provides funding sufficient to modernize at least 412 schools in Pennsylvania so that our children have the labs, classrooms, and libraries they need to learn to compete in the 21st century economy. The economic recovery package also includes more Pell Grants for the **244,000 Pell Grant recipients** in Pennsylvania.



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**Helping Those Affected by the Economic Downturn in Pennsylvania**

- **\$3.4 million** for National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance
- **\$4 million** through the Emergency Food Assistance Program
- **\$754.1 million** in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits (formerly Food Stamps)
- **\$3.8 million** for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, which provides grants to nonprofit and faith-based organizations at the local level to supplement their programs for emergency food and shelter to provide for the immediate needs of the homeless
- **\$60.1 million** in Child Care and Development Block Grants to provide quality child care services for in low-income families who increasingly are unable to afford the high cost of day care
- **\$22.9 million** for Head Start to allow additional children to participate in this program, which provides development, educational, health, nutritional, social and other activities that prepare children to succeed in school
- **\$42.6 million** in Community Services Block Grants to local community action agencies for services to the growing numbers 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

**Source: Democratic Policy Committee, United State Senate**

*\* The benefits described in this fact sheet represent estimates of highlights of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. It is not a complete listing of all the programs included in the legislation. Due to rounding, the sum of the programs may not equal the estimated total.*



## OVERVIEW OF SPENDING PROVISIONS IN THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT AS IT RELATES TO PENNSYLVANIA

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contains approximately **\$10.4 billion** in federal funding for various programs, projects, and initiatives in Pennsylvania. The following pages provide summary information of many of the funding provisions in the bill. Where possible, the summaries provide details on the amount of funding Pennsylvania is expected to receive. Where numbers on Pennsylvania's share is not available, the nationwide allocation is provided.

**Preliminary Summary** - Because some of the departments and agencies have not yet posted all applicable details regarding how funds will be distributed, the summaries include as much information as is currently available. As more information becomes available, this document will be updated and posted on Senator Casey's website at [www.casey.senate.gov](http://www.casey.senate.gov). The Obama Administration has also developed a website designed to help Americans track implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act at [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

**How will these funds flow to Pennsylvania?** In the vast majority of case, the Act requires federal funding to be allocated before September 30, 2010. The manner in which Federal departments and agencies will distribute federal dollars allocated through the recovery plan will vary from program to program.

- **Formula Funding to States:** Some dollars will flow to Pennsylvania state agencies via a statutorily established formula. Under these circumstances, the Pennsylvania state agency that receives funding through the Act from the federal government will in turn allocate dollars to eligible local entities.
- **Direct funding to local governments** – funding in this category will flow directly to eligible municipal governments or school districts.
- **Competitive Grants:** Other dollars will be distributed via a competitive grant process that will be administered by the federal department or agency that is charged under the Act with allocating the funding.
- **Discretionary Grants** – Some of the programs in the Act will be distributed at the discretion of the Secretary of the particular department or agency that receives the funding. The federal department or agency will need to promulgate regulations defining the criteria by which the funds will be distributed. These funds may ultimately be distributed a competitive process, but that information has not yet been determined.

**The following page provides a breakdown of how this funding will be allocated. This chart will be updated as more information becomes available.**



<b>FORMULA FUNDING TO STATES</b>	<b>COMPETITIVE GRANTS</b>
<p>Highways and bridges (p. 11)            Mass transit (p.13)            Clean water/drinking water (p.19)            Byrne/Justice Assistance (p.24)            Violence Against Women Grants (p.26)            Crime Victims Compensation &amp; Assistance (p.27)            State Energy Program (p.27)            Weatherization Assistance Program (p.30)            Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (p.29)            Homelessness Prevention Fund (p.38)            State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (p.39)            Workforce Investment Act Job training funds (p.42)            Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (p.45)            Child Care and Development Block Grant (p.47)            Head Start/Early Start (p.48)            Senior Meals Program (p. 51)</p>	<p>National Transportation (p.16)            EPA Brownfields (p.22)            Broadband Grants (p.20)            Community Oriented Policing Services (p. 23)            Byrne/Justice Assistance (p.24)            (program has both a formula &amp; competitive element)            FEMA Fire Grants (for non-federal fire stations)            (p.28)            Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants            (program will include a competitive component)            (p.31)            Advanced Battery manufacturing (p.32)            Diesel Emission Reduction Grants (p.33)            Lead Hazard Control (p.37)            National School Lunch Program (p.45)            Rural Law Enforcement (p.54)            Watershed Rehabilitation Program (p.53)</p>
<b>DISCRETIONARY GRANTS</b>	<b>FUNDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS</b>
<p>Aviation (p.14)            High Speed Rail (p. 15)            Corps of Engineers (p.18)            Health Information Technology grants (p.55)</p>	<p>Community Development Block Grants (p.21)            Public Housing Capital Fund (p.34)            HOME Program (p.35)            Special Education Grants (to school districts) (p.40)            Title I Education funding (to school districts) (p.40)            Community Services Block Grants (p.50)</p>



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## TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PENNSYLVANIA

In order to rebuild our weakening economy, these investments in our physical and cyber infrastructure will put Pennsylvanians immediately to work rebuilding our crumbling roads and bridges and will also enable the creation of a stronger and more efficient infrastructure for the 21st century economy. According to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, our economic recovery package includes the following estimated benefits for Pennsylvania:\*

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**\$1 billion** in funding for **highways and bridges in Pennsylvania**

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**Overview:** The bill provides a total of **\$27.5 billion nationwide** for the Federal Highway Administration to invest in federally-eligible highways and bridge activities eligible under the Federal-aid Highway Program’s Surface Transportation Program. Funding can also be used for rail and port infrastructure activities at the discretion of the states.

**Funding Details:** Funds are distributed by **formula**, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub-allocated by population areas. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, working in coordination with the Metropolitan Planning Organization in urban areas and the Rural Planning Organization in rural areas, will plan a central role in prioritizing and distributing these dollars in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Act.

The Act provides that 50 percent of the funds awarded to a State must be obligated within 120 days. Funds not obligated within this time frame are subject to recapture by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Funds not obligated by September 30, 2010 will lapse.

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**For more information:** The Federal Highway Administration has established a website dedicated to providing information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Visit <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm> for more details. The FHWA website also includes a wealth of helpful information, such as:

- **Urbanized Populations – Funding Distribution:** For information on estimated apportionment of funds for highway infrastructure investment including a breakdown of the estimated distribution of funds to areas within a state with an urbanized area greater than 200,000, you can visit <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/estapportionment.pdf>.
- **Questions and Answer on funding -** <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/qandas.htm>
- **Actions That Can Be Taken to Expedite -** <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/expedite.htm>



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**\$343 million** for mass transit projects in Pennsylvania

**Overview:** The bill provides over **\$6.9 billion nationwide** for the Federal Transit Administration for mass transit projects. Of this total, Pennsylvania will receive **\$343 million**, including \$80,303,844 for rail modernization projects, \$233,190,181 for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and \$30,209,184 for public transportation in areas of less than 50,000 in population

**Funding Details:** Funds will be distributed through pre-existing, statutorily-defined **formulas**. For information on eligibility, you should visit [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_Allocation.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_Allocation.html) or contact the FTA Regional Office using the contact information below.

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**For more information:** The FTA has established a website dedicated to providing guidance on the transit portion of the Recovery & Reinvestment Act at [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html).



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**\$1.1 billion nationwide** for aviation projects

**Overview:** The Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$1.1 billion “to provide **discretionary airport grants** to repair and improve critical infrastructure at our nation’s airports.” The intent of this funding is to address safety and capacity needs. The bill does not set aside a specific allocation of funding for the States. Funding will remain available through September 30, 2010

**Funding Details:** This funding will be allocated through a **discretionary** grant program. The Federal Aviation Administration will administer this grant program. The Act states that “the Secretary shall award grants totaling not less than 50 percent of the funds made available . . . within 120 days of enactment of this Act, and award grants for the remaining amounts not later than 1 year after enactment of this Act.” The federal share of grant will be 100 percent, therefore waiving the requirement of a non-federal match.

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**\$1 billion nationwide** for high speed rail corridors and intercity passenger rail service

**Overview:** The Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides **\$8 billion nationwide** for capital assistance for high speed and intercity passenger rail service.

**Funding Details:** This funding will be allocated through a **competitive discretionary grant** process over which the Secretary of Transportation will have considerable flexibility. The new law provides the following specific guidelines regarding the application process. Key benchmarks are as follows:

- Within 60 days of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary “shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a strategic plan that describes how the Secretary will use the funding provided under this heading to improve and deploy high speed passenger rail systems”
- Within 120 days of enactment of this Act, the Secretary “shall issue interim guidance to applicants covering grant terms, conditions, and procedures until final regulations are issued: That such interim guidance shall provide separate instructions for the high speed rail corridor program, capital assistance for intercity passenger rail service grants, and congestion grants

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**For more information:** The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has developed a website dedicated to providing information on the FRA’s role in administering Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/2153>.



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**\$1.5 billion** for a new **nationwide competitive grant program** for transportation investments

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**Overview:** The Act creates a new supplemental discretionary grant program. **State and local governments will be eligible to compete for these grants.**

**Funding Details:** This is a new national competitive grant program. The U.S. Secretary of Transportation will administer this program. The Act specifies that funds will remain available through September 30, 2011.

The following language is taken directly from page 89-90 of the Act:

“... the Secretary of Transportation shall distribute funds provided under this heading as 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:

The Act further states that projects eligible for funding provided under this program shall include, but will not be limited to:

- highway or bridge projects eligible under title 23, United States Code, including interstate rehabilitation, improvements to the rural collector road system, the reconstruction of overpasses and interchanges, bridge replacements, seismic retrofit projects for bridges, and road realignments;
- public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, including investments in projects participating in the New Starts or Small Starts programs that will expedite the completion of those projects and their entry into revenue service; passenger and freight rail transportation projects;
- and port infrastructure investments, including projects that connect ports to other modes of transportation and improve the efficiency of freight movement

Additionally, the Act requires:

- The Secretary to take such measures so as to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural communities
- That not more than 20 percent of the funds made available under this paragraph may be awarded to projects in a single State
- That the Federal share of the costs may be up to 100 percent;



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Finally, with regard to the timing of the application process, the Act requires:

- That the Secretary shall publish criteria on which to base the competition for any grants awarded under this heading not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act; and
- That the Secretary shall require applications for funding provided under this heading to be submitted not later than 180 days after the publication of such criteria, and
- That the Secretary shall announce all projects selected to be funded from such funds not later than 1 year after enactment of this Act

**THIS SECTION WILL BE UPDATED AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE**



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**\$4.6 billion nationwide for funding for the Corps of Engineers.**

**Overview:** While these dollars will be administered on the federal, as opposed to state, level, the four Corps districts with jurisdiction over Pennsylvania have numerous projects that are “ready to go” and will likely receive an injection of new funding.

**Funding Details:** The Army Corps will administer and allocate all Corps funding. The Corps is in the process of finalizing its plan for funding distribution. If you have not already done so, you should contact the Corps District that serves your community.

The Act provides that that the Secretary shall submit a report on planned spending and actual obligations describing the use of these funds not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and quarterly thereafter until all funds are obligated. This requirement is designed to ensure that the Corps obligates this funding in a timely manner.

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**\$223.8 million** for clean water and drinking water projects in Pennsylvania

**Overview:** The Act provides **\$6 billion for clean water and drinking water projects nationwide** through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Of this total, **Pennsylvania will receive an estimated \$223.8 million** including **\$66.2 million** through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to address the backlog of drinking water infrastructure needs and **\$157.6 million** through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to address the backlog of clean water infrastructure needs.

**Funding Details:** Federal funding will flow via a codified *formula* determines the amount of block grant award to Commonwealth for Clean Water and Drinking Water projects:

- 1) Projects not under construction or contract within 12 months will have their funding reprogrammed. The law directs priority funding to projects on the State Priority List that are construction-ready within 12 months.
- 2) 20% set-aside required for each state’s Revolving Fund for green infrastructure, water and/or energy efficiency, innovative water quality improvements, decentralized wastewater treatment, stormwater runoff mitigation, and water conservation (there is a waiver if there are not sufficient applications).
- 3) The use of funds to purchase land or easements is prohibited.
- 4) The 20% state match for federal capitalization grants is waived, but the new bill requires at least 50% of capitalization grants received be used to provide additional subsidization in form of principal forgiveness, negative interest loans, grants, or combination of the aforementioned.

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**For more information:** EPA has established a website dedicated to providing information about the recovery plan at <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>.



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**\$7.2 billion nationwide** for broadband technologies

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**Overview:** The Act provides a total of **\$7.2 billion nationwide** for grants to expand broadband capacity. The purposes of the program are to provide access to broadband services to consumers in unserved and underserved areas of the country, to expand broadband education opportunities and to improve access to broadband services for public safety agencies.

Of the \$7.2 billion total, the U.S. Department of Commerce will administer \$4.7 billion for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Rural Utilities Service, will administer the remaining \$2.5 billion

**Funding Details:**

- **U.S. Department of Commerce** – the Act directs the Department of Commerce to establish a national grant competition for these funds. The Department recently announced in the Federal Register that it will begin holding public meetings to afford interested parties the opportunity to discuss implementation of the Broadband Grant Programs. You can read more about the purpose of these meetings by visiting
  - [http://www.ntia.doc.gov/frnotices/2009/broadbandmeetings\\_090224.pdf](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/frnotices/2009/broadbandmeetings_090224.pdf)
  - The Act directs the Department to “ensure that all awards are made before the end of fiscal year 2010”
  - **For more information:** The Department of Commerce has established a website dedicated to providing information regarding the implementation of the Recovery Act at <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm>.
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture** – The Act directs the Department of Agriculture Rural Development Office, through the Rural Utilities Service, to provide grants, loans and loan guarantees to encourage broadband deployment. The new law requires that “at least 75 percent of the area to be served by a project receiving funds from such grants, loans or loan guarantees shall be in a rural area without sufficient access to high speed broadband service to facilitate rural economic development”
  - **For more information:** Contact the USDA Rural Development Office servicing your community. You can find this information at [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa/Contact\\_Us.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa/Contact_Us.htm)



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## ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

This package provides new resources to help local governments revitalize their communities. The vast majority of these funds will flow directly to eligible local governments according to a pre-existing formula. The new law provides:

### **\$1 billion nationwide** for the **Community Development Block Grant**

**Overview:** The Recovery Act includes new funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Recovery Act funds will be used for community and economic development projects including housing and services for those hit hard by tough economic times. According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD.

**Funding Details:** The CDBG program provides annual grants on a **formula basis** to 1180 general units of local government and States. Smaller communities that do not receive a direct allocation of funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development should contact the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for information on how the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania intends to utilize the allocation of CDBG funds that will be provided directly to the Pennsylvania State Government. **HUD recently posted information regarding CDBG allocations to eligible local governments in the recovery package. You can review this information at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdbg.xls>.**

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Brenda Laroche Deputy Regional Director Philadelphia Regional Office 100 Penn Square, East Philadelphia, PA 19107-3380 Ph: (215) 656-0500 / Fax: (215) 656-3445 Email: <a href="mailto:PA_Webmanager@hud.gov">PA_Webmanager@hud.gov</a>	F. Edward Geiger III, Director PA Department of Com. & Ec. Dev. 400 North St. Commonwealth Keystone Bldg., Fourth Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225 Ph: (717) 720-7407 / Fax: (717) 214-5416 Email: <a href="mailto:egeiger@state.pa.us">egeiger@state.pa.us</a>

For more information visit <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/>.



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**\$100 million nationwide for Brownfields Remediation**

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**Overview:** EPA's Brownfields Program assists communities with the cleanup of abandoned, idled, or underutilized commercial and industrial properties. EPA estimates that there are more than 450,000 brownfields sites throughout the country. The bill provides \$100 million nationwide for the program.

**Funding Details:** *Competitive grants*; cost share requirements are waived.

**Contact Information:**

Federal Contact	Alternate Federal Contact
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 3 215-814-5534 <a href="http://www.epa.gov/region03/index.htm">http://www.epa.gov/region03/index.htm</a>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations 202-564-5200 <a href="http://www.epa.gov">http://www.epa.gov</a>

**For more information** visit the EPA’s Brownfields page at <http://epa.gov/brownfields/>. EPA has also established a website dedicated to providing information about the Recovery and Reinvestment Act at <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview>.



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## FIRST RESPONDERS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Nearly every sector of the American job market has suffered job loss and programming cuts, including state and local law enforcement. Cuts in this field can have a devastating direct and indirect effect on the health of a community by way of increased crime, lowered property values, business closings and the loss of good paying, middle class jobs. According to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the recovery plan includes \$84.4 million for law enforcement and crime prevention programs in Pennsylvania. The bill also includes an estimated \$1 billion in new funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program for a national competitive program.

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**\$1 billion nationwide** for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program.

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**Funding Details:** *national* competitive application process administered by the U.S. Department of Justice’s COPS office; application process opens **March 16**.

**Overview:** This program is “**a competitive grant program** that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts. Funding will be available for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers. There is no local match requirement for CHRP, but grant funding will be based on current entry-level salary and benefits packages and therefore any additional costs for higher salaries or benefits for particular individuals hired will be the responsibility of the grantee agency.” (Source: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>)

### Contact Information

Federal Contact
Grant Program Specialist - Discretionary/Non-Targeted: Lynette Chambliss U.S. Department of Justice – COPS Office Phone: 202.353.9790 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ask.Cops@usdoj.gov">ask.Cops@usdoj.gov</a>

**For more information** visit <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>. The COPS office has posted specific information about the Recovery Act at this site.



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**\$73.2 million** in Pennsylvania for State and Local law enforcement Grants

**Overview:** The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program “allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. JAG replaces the Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs with a single funding mechanism that simplifies the administration process for grantees. The procedure for allocating JAG funds is a formula based on population and crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share. (Source: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html>)

**Funding Details:** This program has both a formula element and a competitive element.

Funding for the **formula** element of the program is distributed via a statutorily established *formula* based on population and crime statistics. In Pennsylvania, these funds will be distributed via formula to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, which will in turn allocate funds in accordance with the formula.

The Recovery Act also includes \$225 million for a **competitive grant program**. The Office of Justice Assistance is in the process of developing the criteria for the application process. You can monitor this process by visiting <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>.

**Contact Information**

Federal Contact	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Eileen M. Garry, Deputy Director Bureau of Justice Assistance 810 Seventh Street NW. Washington, DC 20531 202-307-6226 Fax: 202-514-5956 E-mail: <a href="mailto:Eileen.Garry@usdoj.gov">Eileen.Garry@usdoj.gov</a>	Sally Hitz Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency P.O. Box 1167 Harrisburg , Pennsylvania 17108 Ph: 717-265-8466 / Fax: 717-772-0551 <a href="mailto:sahitz@state.pa.us">sahitz@state.pa.us</a>
* for this program, you should first contact the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency	

**For more information** visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>. The Bureau of Justice Assistance office has posted specific information about the Recovery Act at this site.



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**\$1 million** for the **Internet Crimes Against Children Grants Program**

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**Overview:** This program is designed to help law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative response to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems or other computer technology to sexually exploit children

**Contact Information:**

Federal Contact	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
<p><b>Jeffrey Gersh</b> Program Manager 202-514-5535 <a href="mailto:jeffrey.gersh@usdoj.gov">jeffrey.gersh@usdoj.gov</a></p>	<p>Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Lieutenant David Peifer 610-891-470 <a href="http://www.onlinesafety.com/home.html">http://www.onlinesafety.com/home.html</a> (Delaware County; ICAC Grant Recipient)</p>

**For more information** visit <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html> and <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/ProgSummary.asp?pi=3>. Full information about implementation has not yet been posted.



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## **\$6.4 million** in Violence Against Women Grants in Pennsylvania

**Overview:** The Act includes funding for victim services programs to improve the criminal justice system’s response to violent crimes against women (otherwise known as the **STOP** [Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors] program) and 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 (otherwise known as the **Transitional Housing Assistance Grant Program**)

The **STOP Formula** Grant Program (STOP 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.” (Source: U.S. Department of Justice, [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm))

According to the Department of Justice’s website, the OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grant for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program (Transitional Housing Assistance Program) “focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to provide transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing. Grants made under this grant program support programs that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services. (Source: U.S. Department of Justice, [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm))

**Funding Details:** The STOP program funds flow via *formula*. For information on eligibility, visit: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/ovwgrantprograms.htm>. The Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women has dedicated a portion of its website to the Recovery Act at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/>.

### **Contact Information**

<b>Federal Contact</b>	<b>Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</b>
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) 800 K Street, N.W., Suite 920 Washington, D.C. 20530 Ph: 202-307-6026 / Fax: 202-307-3911 TTY: 202-307-2277 Website: <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw">www.usdoj.gov/ovw</a>	OVC Victim Assistance for Pennsylvania Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) OVC Victim Assistance for Pennsylvania Ph: 717-787-2040 / Fax: 717-783-7713 <a href="http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/site/default.asp">http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/site/default.asp</a>



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**\$3.8 million** for crime victims compensation and assistance in **Pennsylvania**

**Overview:** The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is a federal agency within the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Congress formally established OVC in 1988 through an amendment to the 1984 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to provide leadership and funding on behalf of crime victims (Source: <http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/>)

**Funding Details:** The Recovery Act “provides for \$100 million in funding for victim compensation and assistance. Of that \$100 million, \$47.5 million in formula funding will be directed to state agencies that administer VOCA-funded crime victim compensation programs, and an additional \$47.5 million in formula funding will be directed to state agencies that administer VOCA-funded crime victim assistance programs. OVC will provide detailed guidance to the eligible state agencies on application and reporting requirements in the solicitations that are currently being developed.” (Source: <http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/>)

Five million dollars of the \$100 million will be directed to discretionary grant projects. See <http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/> for more information.

**Contact Information**

Federal Contact	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
<p><b>Office for Victims of Crime</b> U.S. Department of Justice 810 Seventh Street NW., Eighth Floor Washington, DC 20531 Ph: 202-307-5983 / Fax: 202-514-6383 Web site: <a href="http://www.ovc.gov">www.ovc.gov</a></p>	<p>OVC Victim Assistance for Pennsylvania Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) OVC Victim Assistance for Pennsylvania Ph: 717-787-2040 / Fax: 717-783-7713 <a href="http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/site/default.asp">http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/site/default.asp</a></p>

**For more information** visit <http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/>.



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**\$210 million** for a **nationwide** program to improve non-Federal fire stations

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**Overview:** The Recovery Act provides \$210 million to modifying, upgrading, and constructing non-Federal fire stations. The maximum grant amount for any one project cannot exceed \$15 million per grant. The legislation does not require a non-federal match.

**Funding Details:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency will administer this program, likely via a **competitive** application process. More details will follow.

### Contact Information

Federal Contact
DHS/FEMA/Grant Programs Directorate Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Tech World Bldg - South Tower 5th Floor 500 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20472 Ph: 1-866-274-0960 Email: <a href="mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov">firegrants@dhs.gov</a>

**For more information**, contact the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program **help desk** at 1-866-274-0960 or [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov).



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## ENERGY INVESTMENTS FOR PENNSYLVANIA

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 would provide investments in areas critical to the development of clean, efficient, American energy, including modernizing energy transmission, research and development of renewable energy technologies, and modernizing and upgrading government buildings and vehicles.

**\$100.8 million** through the **State Energy Program** for **Pennsylvania**

**Overview:** The State Energy Program provides grants to states and directs funding to state energy offices. States, in turn, use grants to address their energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

**Funding Details:** *formula* grant funding to state plus *grants* for special projects.

### Contact Information:

Federal Contact	Pennsylvania Contact
U.S. Department of Energy Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy <a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/</a>	Pennsylvania Office of Energy and Technology Development 717-783-0540 <a href="http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/energy/cwp/view.asp?a=3&amp;q=482723">http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/energy/cwp/view.asp?a=3&amp;q=482723</a>  State Energy Office Director Dan Griffiths Director, Office of Energy, Innovations, and Technology Development 717-783-0542 / e-mail: <a href="mailto:dgriffiths@state.pa.us">dgriffiths@state.pa.us</a>  State Energy Program Manager Carmen LaRosa Energy Program Specialist 717-772-5991 / e-mail: <a href="mailto:clarosa@state.pa.us">clarosa@state.pa.us</a>



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**\$258.8 million** through the **Weatherization Assistance Program in Pennsylvania**

**Overview:** This program provides funding to allow weatherization providers to install energy efficiency measures (heating and cooling systems, electrical systems, appliances, etc) in the homes of qualifying low-income homeowners. This enables families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.

**Funding Details:** Grants given to the state to administer. The average expenditure limit is \$2,826 per home.

**Contact Information:**

Federal Contact	Pennsylvania Contact
U.S. Department of Energy general program information: <a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/</a>	PA Department of Community and Economic Development Weatherization Program contact: Karl A. Kimmel Chief, Weatherization Unit Phone: 717-720-7439 Email: <a href="mailto:kkimmel@state.pa.us">kkimmel@state.pa.us</a>

**For more information** on how to apply for funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Office of Community Services, call: 717-787-1984.



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**\$3.2 billion nationwide for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants**

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**Overview:** These grants are provided to states, cities and counties to reduce total energy use, reduce fossil fuel emission, or improve energy efficiency in transportation, building and other sectors.

**Funding Details:** *formula grants* set by the Secretary of Energy and \$400 million for *competitive grants*.

**Contact Information:**

Federal Contact
U.S. Department of Energy EERE Information Center 1-877-337-3463 <a href="mailto:eereic@ee.doe.gov">eereic@ee.doe.gov</a> <a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm</a>



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**\$2 billion nationwide for Advanced Battery Manufacturing**

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**Overview:** This will provide grants for manufacturing of advanced batteries and components.

**Funding Details:** *Competitive grants.*

**Contact Information:**

<b>Federal Contact</b>
U.S. Department of Energy Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies Program <a href="http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/">http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/</a>



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**\$300 million nationwide for Diesel Emission Reduction Grants**

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**Overview:** These grants help offset the cost of retrofitting heavy-duty vehicles with clean diesel technology: retrofitting includes refueling with cleaner fuel; rebuilding with engine upgrades; repowering with new engines; retrofitting with the addition of emissions control technologies; and replacing vehicles with new ones.

**Funding Details:** This funding will be provided through *competitive grants*; 50% of the funds will go to public fleets, including privately-owned fleets under contract to a public entity.

The grant application is available online at <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/>. Competitive announcements will be available in **early March**, and it is expected that the application period will last for 45 days.

The following website provides guidance on putting together a competitive application for the program: <http://www.dieselforum.org/multimedia/webinars>.

**Contact Information:**

<b>Federal Contact</b>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clean Diesel Campaign e-mail: <a href="mailto:cleandiesel@epa.gov">cleandiesel@epa.gov</a>



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## HOUSING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Helping local communities address the foreclosure crisis and make housing more affordable is key to stemming the economic downturn. While Congress needs to do more to stabilize the housing market, the recovery plan includes several important provisions designed to address this problem. These items include:

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### **\$213 million** for Public Housing Capital Fund in **Pennsylvania**

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**Overview:** Grants to public housing agencies to carry out capital and management activities, particularly improving energy efficiency in aging structures and developing affordable housing infrastructure. The funding is expected to enable local public housing agencies to address a national \$32 billion backlog in capital needs – especially those improving energy efficiency in aging developments – in this critical element of the nation’s affordable housing infrastructure

**Funding Details:** The total amount of funds through the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is \$4 billion. The first \$3 billion will be distributed under the existing HUD **formula**; \$1 billion will be in **competitive** grants. Pennsylvania is expected to receive at least \$213 million.

#### **Contact information:**

<b>Federal Contact</b>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing (800) 955-2232 <a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/index.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/index.cfm</a>

**For more information visit:** <http://www.hud.gov/local/pa/news/pr2009-02-19.cfm>

- The Obama administration \$84.9 million in homeless grants to 351 local housing and service programs in Pennsylvania.



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**\$95 million** for the **HOME Investment Partnership Program in Pennsylvania**

**Overview:** This program enables state and local government, in partnership with community-based organizations, to acquire, construct and rehabilitate affordable housing and provide rental assistance to poor families

**Funding Details:** Funding will flow as a block grant to State and local governments.

With regard to eligibility, HUD’s website states the following: “States are automatically eligible for HOME funds and receive either their formula allocation or \$3 million, whichever is greater. Local jurisdictions eligible for at least \$500,000 under the formula (\$335,000 in years when Congress appropriates less than \$1.5 billion for HOME) also can receive an allocation. Communities that do not qualify for an individual allocation under the formula can join with one or more neighboring localities in a legally binding consortium whose members' combined allocation would meet the threshold for direct funding. Other localities may participate in HOME by applying for program funds made available by their State. Congress sets aside a pool of funding, equivalent to the greater of \$750,000 or 0.2 percent of appropriated funds, which HUD distributes among insular areas.”

**Contact Information**

Federal Contact	Pennsylvania Contact
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**For more information,** visit <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/index.cfm>;



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### **Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit Investments**

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**Overview:** The bill provides over \$2.25 billion **nationwide** - \$2 billion for payments to owners for 12- month periods and \$250 million for grants or loans for energy retrofit and green investments in assisted housing. Additional funding for Section 202 or Section 8 properties for payments to owners, and grants or loans for energy retrofit and green investments.

**Funding Details:** Grants made to eligible owners by HUD.

**Contact information:**

<b>Federal Contact</b>
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Affordable Housing Preservation <a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/index.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/index.cfm</a>



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**\$100 million nationwide** to the Office of **Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes**

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**Overview:** The bill provides \$100 million nationwide for grants for lead-based paint hazard reduction in targeted housing.

**Funding Details:** State and local governments can apply to HUD for grants who will allocate funding with priority going to FY08 applicants who were found to be qualified but were not awarded because of funding limitations. Any remaining funding will be added to the amount awarded for FY09.

**Contact information:**

Federal Contact
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control <a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/">http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/</a>



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**\$90.4 million** for the **Homelessness Prevention Fund** in **Pennsylvania**

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**Overview:** The bill provides over **\$1.5 billion nationwide** for the Homelessness Prevention Fund. Of this amount, Pennsylvania is expected to receive \$90.4 million. Funding will be used for a wide range of prevention activities, including: short or medium-term rental assistance, first and last month's rental payment or utility payments. As such, most of this funding will go directly into the economy of local communities, as the funds will be used to pay housing and other associated costs in the private market

**Funding Details:** Funding will be made available to state and local governments under the **formula** established by section 413 of subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Act.

**Contact information:**

<b>Federal Contact</b>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community Planning and Development Homelessness Assistance Programs <a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/index.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/index.cfm</a>



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## EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN PENNSYLVANIA

In order to compete in the 21st Century, we must have a well-educated workforce, capable of adapting to an ever-changing economic environment. Investing in education now will ensure that the next generation of Pennsylvania's workers are ready and able to meet the challenge of global competition. In the near-term, millions of workers have seen their jobs disappear and find themselves unable to match their skill sets with existing opportunities. Providing job training in new and expanding fields will help to lower the unemployment rate and help today's workers better compete against foreign competition. According to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, our economic recovery package includes the following estimated benefits for Pennsylvania:\*

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**\$1.6 billion** to Pennsylvania through the **State Fiscal Stabilization Fund**

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**Overview:** The Act provides a total of **\$53.6 billion nationwide** for a State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. The U.S. Department of Education will administer the program and will allocate funding directly to the States. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is slated to receive \$1.6 billion through this Fund.

The Act specifies that the Governor shall use 81.8 percent of the State's allocation of stabilization funding for the support of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education as well as early childhood education programs and services. The Act directs the Governor to use the remaining 18.2 percent for other high priority needs such as public safety and other critical services, which "may include assistance for elementary and secondary education and public institutions of higher education, and **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.**"

**Funding Details:** These funds will flow directly to the Governor's office as a **block grant**

**For more information:** The U.S. Department of Education has established a website dedicated to the Recovery Plan, which you can visit at

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

For more about the stabilization fund, visit

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/index.html>

For more about the school modernization element of the stabilization fund, visit

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/modernization/index.html>



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**Funding To Local School Districts:** The Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes significant funding for local education agencies. Details on key elements of the Act are as follows:

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### **\$523.8 million** for **Title I Education for the Disadvantaged in Pennsylvania**

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**Overview:** This funding will help close the achievement gap and enable disadvantaged students to reach their potential

**Funding Details:** These funds will be allocated directly to local education agencies. You can review the allocation of funds to local school districts in Pennsylvania by visiting:  
<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/pennsylvania.pdf>

**For more information:** The U.S. Department of Education has established a website dedicated to the Recovery Plan, which you can visit at

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

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### **\$426.6 million** for **Special Education Part B State Grants in Pennsylvania**

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**Overview:** This allocation will provide supplemental funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to educate school aged and preschool children with disabilities. This funding will raise the federal contribution for special education funding to nearly 40 percent, the level established when the law was authorized more than 30 years ago. This funding will reduce the budgetary pressures facing local school districts.

**For more information:** The U.S. Department of Education has established a website dedicated to the Recovery Plan, which you can visit at

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

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=oc>

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### **\$25.4 million** in **education technology funds in Pennsylvania**

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**Overview:** Funding can be used to purchase up-to-date computers and software and provide professional development to ensure the technology is used effectively in the classroom

**Funding Details:** Funds will flow via formula to State educational agencies (SEAs) and Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

**For more information,** visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/edtech/index.html>



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## Federal Funding for **College Affordability** Provisions in **Pennsylvania**

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The Act includes significant funding to help families offset the cost of a college education. The most notable provisions are as follows (these are nationwide numbers):

- \$17 billion to close the shortfall in the Pell Grant program and boost grant amounts by \$500 to \$5350 in the first year and more in the second year, serving an estimated 7 million low and moderate-income young people and adults
- \$200 million for the College Work Study
- \$13.8 billion to boost the tuition tax credit from \$1800 to \$2500 for families earning up to \$180,000

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**\$878 million** for **Pell Grants** for **Pennsylvania's students** (estimated)

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**Overview:** The Act provides significant funding for the Federal Pell Grant Program, which are grants for low-income undergraduate students to help offset costs associated with postsecondary education. For fiscal 2009-10, the maximum Pell Grant award per student will be \$5,350, with a discretionary maximum award amount of \$4,860. This funding will translate into 244,000 Pell Grant recipients in Pennsylvania

**For more information,** visit

<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

**If you have specific questions on the student financial aid process, please contact Senator Casey's Harrisburg Office.**



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### Federal Funding for **Job Training** Programs in **Pennsylvania**

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- **\$15.4 million** in **State Employment Service Grants** to match unemployed individuals to job openings through state employment service agencies and allow Pennsylvania to provide customized reemployment services
- **\$34.4 million** in **Dislocated Workers State Grants**, particularly for grants that support immediate strategies for regions and communities to meet their need for skilled workers, as well as longer-term plans to build targeted industry clusters with better training and a more productive workforce
- **\$16.7 million** for **Department of Labor's Adult State Grants**
- **\$41.1 million** for **Department of Labor's Youth State Grants**
- **\$20.9 million** for **Vocational Rehabilitation** to help individuals with disabilities prepare for and sustain gainful employment

**Funding Details:** These funds will flow via formula grants to states. Local Workforce Investment Boards may award contracts to institutions of higher education or other eligible training provider if it determines that it would facilitate the training of multiple individuals in high demand occupations

For more information, visit <https://www.cwds.state.pa.us/>

**If you have specific questions on utilizing federal job training funding, please contact Senator Casey's Harrisburg Office.**



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## HELPING THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DOWNTURN IN PENNSYLVANIA

The current economic crisis has affected all Pennsylvanians, but none more so than the most vulnerable among us. The spending proposed here will serve to lessen the blow of the current recession, providing immediate relief for children, the poor and others who may find themselves struggling to put food on the table or a roof over their head. It will also address the urgent need to provide safe and secure places to live, even in neighborhoods that are struggling with high unemployment and surging foreclosure rates. According to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, our economic recovery package includes the following estimated benefits for Pennsylvania:\*

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### **\$3.4 million** for National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance in Pennsylvania

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**Overview:** This funding provides grants for state agencies to give to schools to purchase foodservice equipment.

**Funding Details:** The funds will be distributed to states based on the proportion of School Lunch meals served per state; state agencies will then award **competitive grants** to schools based on need with priority given to schools with 50% or more students eligible for free or reduced price meals.

**Contact Information:**

Federal Contact
U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (609) 259-5091 <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/AboutLunch/ProgramHistory_6.htm">http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/AboutLunch/ProgramHistory_6.htm</a>



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**\$4 million** through the **Emergency Food Assistance Program in Pennsylvania**

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**Overview:** This program provides grants through USDA to nonprofit and faith-based organizations at the local level to supplement their programs for emergency food and shelter to provide for the immediate needs of the homeless.

**Funding Details:** USDA uses the funds to purchase food that is donated to food agencies; there is no direct funding to states or local agencies.

**Contact Information:**

<b>Federal Contact</b>
U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (609) 259-5091 <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/AboutLunch/ProgramHistory_6.htm">http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/AboutLunch/ProgramHistory_6.htm</a>



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**\$754.1 million** in **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** benefits in **Pennsylvania**

**Overview:** SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps) provides grants to states for distribution to low-income families and individuals to pay for groceries; the law makes a temporary change to increase the maximum monthly benefit for participating a four-, two-, and one-person households. The program change is in effect **April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009**.

**Funding Details:** The funds will be distributed via a **formula** grant to states based on states' shares of SNAP households in last 12 months (75 percent) and of SNAP increases in last 12 months (25 percent)

**Contact Information:**

Federal Contact	Pennsylvania Contact
U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (609) 259-5091 <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/">http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/</a>	Pennsylvanians can apply for SNAP benefits online: <a href="https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/compass/CMHOM.aspx">https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/compass/CMHOM.aspx</a>  Find your local county assistance office here: <a href="http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/CashAsstEmployment/003670281.htm">http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/CashAsstEmployment/003670281.htm</a>



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**\$3.8 million** for the **Emergency Food and Shelter Program in Pennsylvania**

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**Overview:** This program provides grants to nonprofit and faith-based organizations at the local level to supplement their programs for emergency food and shelter to provide for the immediate needs of the homeless.

**Funding Details:** Grants

**Contact Information:**

Federal Contact
FEMA
<a href="http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm">http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm</a>



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**\$60.1 million** in Child Care and Development Block Grants

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**Overview:** These grants will provide quality child care services for in low-income families who are increasingly unable to afford the high cost of day care

**Funding Details:** block grant award to state to supplement (not supplant) existing state funding

**Contact Information:**

Federal Regional Contact	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Dave Lett Administration for Children and Families Philadelphia Regional Office Public Ledger Building- Suite 864 150 S. Independence Mall West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 Phone#: 215-861-4000 Fax#: 215-861-4070	PA Department of Public Welfare 333 Market Street, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126 Ph: 717-346-9320 Website: <a href="http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/ChildCareEarlyEd/">http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/ChildCareEarlyEd/</a>

**For More Information:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/index.html>



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**\$22.9 million** for **Head Start** and **Early Head Start** programs in **Pennsylvania**

**Overview:** This funding will allow additional children to participate in these programs, which provide development, educational, health, nutritional, social and other activities that prepare children to succeed in school

**Funding Details:** block grant award to state to supplement (not supplant) existing state funding

**Contact Information:**

Federal Regional Contact	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
<p>Nancy Elmore Head Start Regional Program Manager Administration for Children and Families Philadelphia Regional Office Public Ledger Building- Suite 864 150 S. Independence Mall West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 Phone: 215-861-4048 Fax: 215-861-4070 <a href="mailto:nancy.elmore@acf.hhs.gov">nancy.elmore@acf.hhs.gov</a></p>	<p>PA Department of Public Welfare 333 Market Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126 Ph: 717-346-9320 Website: <a href="http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/ChildCareEarlyEd/">http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/ChildCareEarlyEd/</a></p>

**For More Information:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/index.html>



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**\$99.5 million** for **Child Support Enforcement**\*\*

**Overview:** Child support is a critical safety net for struggling families and a reliable source of economic stimulus because those families reinvest the money into the local economy for basic needs

**Funding Details:** Federal matching funds are provided to states through the existing Child Support Enforcement program.

\*\*estimate from the Center for Law and Social Policy

**Contact Information:**

Federal Regional Contact	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Juanita DeVine Child Support Enforcement Program Manager Administration for Children and Families Philadelphia Regional Office Public Ledger Building- Suite 864 150 S. Independence Mall West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 Phone: 215-861-4054 Fax: 215-861-4070 <a href="mailto:juanita.devine@acf.hhs.gov">juanita.devine@acf.hhs.gov</a>	Daniel N. Richard, Director Bureau of Child Support Enforcement Department of Public Welfare P.O. Box 8018 Harrisburg , PA 17105 Phone: (800) 932-0211 (Press "5" to talk to a person) Website: <a href="https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/cs/ws/index.aspx">https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/cs/ws/index.aspx</a>



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**\$42.6 million** in **Community Services Block Grants** funding for **Pennsylvania**

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**Overview:** The Act provides funding through the Community Services Block Grant program to local community action agencies for services to the growing numbers 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.

**Funding Details:** Funding will flow to local community action agencies via a pre-existing, statutorily-defined *formula* based on each State's poverty population.

**Contact Information:**

<b>Federal Regional Contact</b>
<b>HHS – ACF Region III</b>
<b>Program Specialist:</b> James Gray
<b>Telephone:</b> (202) 401-5705
<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:James.Gray@acf.hhs.gov">James.Gray@acf.hhs.gov</a>

For more information, visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/>.



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**\$2 million** for the **Senior Meals Program**

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**Overview:** The Senior Meals Program provides funding to help meal programs for elders cover their increased food and fuel costs; includes both delivered meals and meals served in congregate settings.

**Funding Details:** Funding is provided through **grants** to states based on state plans under the requirements of the Older Americans Act.

**Contact Information:**

<b>Federal Contact</b>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging <a href="http://www.aoa.gov/oa2006/Main_Site/">http://www.aoa.gov/oa2006/Main_Site/</a>



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## SUPPORTING RURAL PENNSYLVANIA

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides over \$4.2 billion nationwide for rural communities. The prime elements of the funding provisions are as follows:

- **\$200 million** in budget authority nationwide for the **Rural Housing Insurance Fund**, which supports \$11.472 billion in direct and guaranteed single family housing loans in rural areas. The funding will be through loans made to individuals, corporations, associations, trusts or partnerships as applicable; repayable in terms up to 30 years; limited to rural areas with a maximum population of 10,000 which are not part of an urban area.
- **\$130 million** in budget authority nationwide for **Rural Community Facilities**, which will support \$1.234 billion in loans and grants for essential rural community facilities, including hospitals, health clinics, health and safety vehicles equipment, public buildings, child and elder care facilities.
- **\$1.380 billion** in budget authority for **Rural Water and Waste Disposal** to support \$3.788 billion in loans and grants for water and waste disposal facilities. Funding will be provided through grants and loans for projects: \$968 million in grants; \$2.82 billion in direct loans.
- **\$2.5 billion** nationwide for **Rural Broadband, Distance Learning, and Telemedicine** loans and grants to expand rural broadband access and increase distance learning and telemedicine capabilities.

### Contact Information:

#### Federal Contact

U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Development - Pennsylvania State Office

Phone: 717-237-2299

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/states/pa.htm> / <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

The following website provides an interactive map to access local county office contact information: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa/Contact\\_Us.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa/Contact_Us.htm)

**Information on other key initiatives is as follows:**



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**\$340 million nationwide for Watershed and Flood Control Infrastructure Improvements**

**Overview:** This funding includes the following:

- **\$290 million** nationwide for **Watershed and Flood Prevention**; this funding will go towards federal purchase of floodplain easements and includes partial grants for projects that provide structural and non-structural watershed infrastructure improvements. Funding will be awarded through competitive grants. Project applications are prioritized based on the greatest public safety, flood protection, economic and environmental benefits.
- **\$50 million** nationwide for the **Watershed Rehabilitation Program**; this funding will go to grants to rehabilitate aging flood control infrastructure. There will be an application process for projects, with priority given to projects that can provide a non-federal funding match and demonstrate cost-effectiveness.

**Contact Information:**

Federal Contact	Pennsylvania Contact
U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service <a href="http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/">http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/</a>	U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Development Pennsylvania State Office Phone: 717-237-2299 <a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/states/pa.htm">http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/states/pa.htm</a> <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm</a>  The following website provides an interactive map to access local county office contact information: <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa/Contact_Us.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa/Contact_Us.htm</a>



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**\$125 million nationwide for Rural Law Enforcement**

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**Overview:** This funding is to combat drug-related crime in rural areas, including hiring police officers and community drug prevention and treatment programs.

**Funding Details:** *Competitive grants.*

**Contact Information:**

<b>Federal Contact</b>	<b>Pennsylvania Contact</b>
U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs <a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/</a>  Apply on-line by obtaining a Data Universal Number System number and registering with the Central Contractor Registration database through <a href="http://www.grants.gov/">http://www.grants.gov/</a>	Michael J. Kane Executive Director Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency 3101 N. Front Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108 717-265-8448 (telephone) 717-705-0891 (FAX) <a href="mailto:mikane@state.pa.us">mikane@state.pa.us</a>



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## IMPROVING HEALTH CARE QUALITY IN PENNSYLVANIA

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes over **\$32 billion** for medical research, health information technology, prevention and wellness efforts, comparative effectiveness research, and community health centers. This funding will create jobs in the information technology sector, and will jumpstart efforts to increase the use of health IT in doctors' offices, hospitals and other medical facilities, thereby reducing health care costs and improving the quality of health care for all Americans. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), approximately 90% of doctors and 70% of hospitals will adopt and use certified electronic health records within 10 years with the support this legislation provides.

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### **\$19 billion nationwide for health information technology**

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**Overview:** The intent of this initiative is to ensure widespread adoption and use of interoperable health information technologies. The language in the Act includes provisions to strengthen federal privacy and security laws to protect identifiable health information from misuse.

**Funding Details:** Of the total allocation, **\$17 billion** will be distributed via investments and tax incentives; **\$2 billion** will be distributed via a discretionary process developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

### **Contact Information:**

<b>Federal Regional Contact</b>
Acting Regional Director: Dalton Paxman The Public Ledger Building 150 South Independence Mall West - Suite 436 Philadelphia, PA 19106-3499 Office: (215) 861-4633 Fax: (215) 861-4625 Email: <a href="mailto:Dalton.paxman@hhs.gov">Dalton.paxman@hhs.gov</a>



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## Other key health provisions in the Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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### **\$10 billion nationwide** for **Biomedical Research** at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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**Overview:** This funding, of which **\$8.2 billion** is for research grants, is to conduct biomedical research in areas such as cancer, Alzheimer's and heart disease, and to improve NIH facilities. **\$7.4 billion** will be transferred to the Institutes and Centers of NIH in proportion to regular appropriations; the remaining **\$800 million** is available at Director's discretion, with an emphasis on short (2-year) projects.

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### **\$1.1 billion nationwide** for **Comparative Effectiveness Research**

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**Overview:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included comparative clinical effectiveness provisions to improve the quality and performance of the health care system. Comparative effectiveness research is a rigorous scientific evaluation of how different treatment options work in a particular set of patients. These provisions create a council of federal health experts - half of whom must be physicians or clinical experts - to help the government develop and use comparative effectiveness research.

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### **\$1 billion** for the **Prevention and Wellness Fund**

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**Overview:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included funding for programs to address chronic disease, immunization and reduction of healthcare-associated infections.

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### **\$2 billion** for **Community Health Centers**

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**Overview:** Of the \$2 billion allocated for this program, \$1.5 billion is for the renovation and repair of health centers and the acquisition of health information technology systems and \$500 million is for center grants.

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### **\$500 million** for **Health Workforce** programs

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**Overview:** The allocation of funding will be divided as follows: \$300 million for the National Health Service Corps and \$200 million for education and training programs authorized in Title VII (Health Professions) and Title VIII (Nursing Training) of the PHS Act. Funds may also be used to develop interstate licensing agreements to promote telemedicine.

**\*More information will be posted as it becomes available. Visit [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov) for more.**



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