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The Recovery Act: An Update on Our Path to Progress

The *Recovery Act* enacted in February 2009 represented an extraordinary and timely response by Democrats to an inherited economic crisis unlike any since the Great Depression. The legislation represents an ongoing, unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create and save millions of jobs, and begin solving our nation's long-term economic challenges. While Democrats know that many Americans are still struggling and the road to economic recovery will be a long one, the *Recovery Act* is already working to pull the nation out of recession and put us back on the path to economic prosperity.

In only a few short months, the *Recovery Act* has prevented the nation from sliding into a deeper economic recession by providing immediate and direct fiscal relief to American families hard-hit by the economic crisis, tax incentives to businesses and first time home-buyers, aid to state and local governments struggling with budget shortfalls, and investments that encourage jobs saved and much-needed job creation.

The following provides an update on the progress the Obama Administration has made in implementing the *Recovery Act*, including reports from the Departments of [Agriculture](#), [Commerce](#), [Defense](#), [Education](#), [Energy](#), [HHS](#), [Homeland Security](#), [HUD](#), [Interior](#), [Justice](#), [Labor](#), [Transportation](#), [Treasury](#), and the [EPA](#) and [SBA](#).

For more information on the progress that the Recovery Act has already made, refer to the DPC Special Reports entitled, [The Recovery Act: A Report on Our Path to Progress \(5/21/09\)](#) and [The Recovery Act: A Report on Our Accelerated Path to Progress \(6/26/09\)](#). For specific examples of local projects initiated or planned and jobs created and saved in your state, please refer to the DPC online feature, [The Recovery Act: Success Stories in the States](#), which is updated every week.

Creating and Saving Jobs in Rural America

The *Recovery Act* provides USDA with approximately \$28 billion, which represents \$52 billion in program funding through loan programs. This funding will ensure that farmers continue to contribute to local economies, take steps to build and preserve critical infrastructure in communities across America, and implement new resource conservation measures. This includes investments in Conservation and Forestry (1.49 billion), Farm Investment (\$1.17 billion); Infrastructure (\$272.5 million); Nutritional Assistance (\$20.89 billion); and Rural Community Investments (\$28.1 billion). [[Office of the Vice President](#), 7/09]

The Department of Agriculture recently:

- **Co-hosted public forum for broadband grant and loan applicants in Lonoke, AR and Memphis, TN.** The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service held two of 10 public forums designed to help prospective grantees apply for \$4 billion in broadband grants and loans under the *Recovery Act*. The forums followed Vice President Biden's announcement that \$4 billion in *Recovery Act* loans and grants were available to help bring broadband service to unserved and underserved communities across America. This is the first round of funding aimed at expanding broadband access to help bridge the technological divide and create jobs building out Internet infrastructure. [USDA, 7/16/09; USDA, 7/15/09]
- **Announced funding available for communities to assess future water and wastewater infrastructure projects.** The \$14.2 million in *Recovery Act* funding will help rural communities to access technical expertise to identify water and wastewater infrastructure needs. [USDA, 7/9/09]
- **Announced \$63.8 million in *Recovery Act* funding for 330 community facilities projects in rural areas.** Projects include libraries, food distribution centers, equipment for first responders. [USDA, 7/8/09]
- **Announced *Recovery Act* funding for projects that will address safety hazards and environmental damage at abandoned mines.** \$19.88 million in *Recovery Act* funding will address safety hazards and environmental damage caused by abandoned mines. The 14 projects receiving *Recovery Act* funds are located in National Forests in Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Michigan, and Montana. [USDA, 6/23/09]
- **Announced \$176 million in *Recovery Act* funding to improve research capacity at laboratories in 29 states.** USDA is distributing \$176 million in *Recovery Act* funding to upgrade laboratory buildings and support facilities at research locations across the country. Not only will these projects further important research being conducted at USDA laboratories in 29 states, these funds will help revitalize local economies by creating jobs and supporting local businesses that supply needed construction products and services. [USDA, 6/19/09]
- **Announced *Recovery Act* projects for wood-to-energy grants and biomass utilization projects.** 30 projects, funded at \$57 million - \$49 million for wood-to-energy grants and \$8 million for biomass utilization - are located in 14 states. [USDA, 6/11/09]
- **Announced \$42.3 million in *Recovery Act* funding for watershed projects.** Building on USDA's efforts to create jobs, help rural communities and conserve natural resources, the nearly \$42.3 million in *Recovery Act* funding to 14 states will improve water quality, increase water supply, decrease soil erosion, and improve fish and wildlife habitat while creating jobs in rural communities. [USDA, 6/2/09]
- **Launched *Recovery Act* projects for forest road maintenance and associated watershed and ecosystem restoration.** The 106 projects, funded at more than \$228 million, are located on Forest Service land in 31 states. [USDA, 6/2/09]

- Selected first *Recovery Act* floodplain easements.** USDA selected 289 applications for the first national sign-up for floodplain easements, covering more than 36,000 acres of land in 36 states. Secretary Vilsack: “The floodplain easements made possible through the *Recovery Act* generated tremendous interest and response from across the country, which underscores the need to restore flood-prone areas to their natural state. We are working to create jobs and ensure the most effective use of the funds by enrolling land with the greatest benefit to protect against future floods, improve water quality, enhance wildlife habitat and reduce the need for future disaster assistance.” [USDA, 6/2/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by USDA to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Agriculture Buildings and Facilities and Rental Payments	\$ -	\$ -
Agriculture Disaster Assistance Transition	\$ -	\$ -
Aquaculture Assistance	\$ 48,270,329	\$ 44,631,904
Buildings and Facilities	\$ 4,300,430	\$ -
Capital Improvement and Maintenance	\$ 55,038,446	\$ 7,682,165
Commodity Assistance Program	\$ 125,000,000	\$ 105,881,648
Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program	\$ -	\$ -
Food Stamp Program	\$ 3,207,272,523	\$ 2,799,894,035
Rural Business Program Account	\$ -	\$ -
Rural Community Facilities Program Account	\$ 13,693,942	\$ 525,534
Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account	\$ 78,814,433	\$ 62,280,613
Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account	\$ 393,936,352	\$ -
Salaries and Expenses	\$ 3,482,304	\$ 689,495
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Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and C	\$ 38,221,749	\$ 38,192,157
State Child Nutrition Programs	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 2,559,027
Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers	\$ -	\$ -
Credit Insurance Fund Direct Loan Financing Account	\$ 20,412,189	\$ 20,412,189
Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations	\$ 44,282,841	\$ 4,193,241
Watershed Rehabilitation Program	\$ 16,504,017	\$ 586,841
Wildland Fire Management	\$ 38,024,661	\$ 7,659,069
TOTAL	\$ 4,193,726,338	\$ 3,097,001,320

[OMB, 7/28/09; for more information, visit www.recovery.gov]

Creating and Saving Jobs and Boosting Economic Development in our Communities

The *Recovery Act* provided \$7.9 billion to Department of Commerce programs. These investments include funding for business development, innovative research, construction projects, expanding broadband services, and other programs that will create jobs in a broad range of occupations and industries. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

The Department of Commerce recently:

- **Launched an initiative to bring broadband, jobs to more Americans.** Commerce Secretary Locke and Vice President Biden announced the availability of \$4 billion in *Recovery Act* loans and grants to help bring broadband service to unserved and underserved communities across America. This is the first round of *Recovery Act* funding aimed at expanding broadband access to help bridge the technological divide and create jobs building out Internet infrastructure. This comprises \$1.6 billion of the total \$4.7 billion in DOC Broadband competitive grant funding. [DOC, 7/1/09]
- **NTIA unveils program to help states map internet infrastructure.** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced details of a *Recovery Act*-funded grant program to fund collection of state-level broadband data, as well as state-wide broadband mapping and planning, which will assist NTIA in creating a national broadband map. This initiative will provide consumers with better information on the broadband services available to them and inform efforts to increase broadband availability nationwide. [DOC, 7/1/09]
- **Announced \$167 million in recovery act funding for 50 coastal restoration projects.** Commerce Secretary Gary Locke announced today 50 habitat restoration projects that will restore damaged wetlands, shellfish beds, coral reefs and reopen fish passages that boost the health and resiliency of our nation's coastal and Great Lakes communities. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration was provided \$167 million for marine and coastal habitat restoration. [DOC, 6/30/09]
- **Announced millions in *Recovery Act* grants through the Economic Development Agencies that will create jobs and boost development in:**

 - Ladysmith, WI, to help expand the Meadowbrook Industrial Center and the Fritz Avenue Manufacturing Plant industrial sites to meet an increased need for affordable leased operating space by the manufacturing sector (\$1.26 million grant); [DOC, 7/27/09]
 - Kennedy, MN, to help renovate a vacated school building for use as a business incubator (\$184,000 grant); [DOC, 7/27/09]
 - Village of Milledgeville, IL, to help build roadways and sewer service for a new industrial park (\$616,441 grant); [DOC, 7/27/09]
 - Richland Center, WI, to provide infrastructure improvements needed to expand the North Industrial Park (\$600,000 grant); [DOC, 7/8/09]
 - Muskogee County and the city of Muskogee, OK, to help make roadway improvements to serve the Harris-Shawnee Corridor Development Project (\$843,052 grant); [DOC, 7/8/09]
 - Fremont, OH, to help make water infrastructure improvements to serve business needs (\$2.96 million grant); and [DOC, 6/23/09]
 - Port of Pasco in Pasco, WA, to help improve nine large warehouse bays at the Big Pasco Industrial Center (\$1.5 million grant). [DOC, 6/23/09]

- Awarded \$55.5 million in grants for four new university research facilities**
 The U.S. Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology announced that it is awarding grants totaling more than \$55.5 million to four universities to provide cost-shared support for the construction of new scientific research facilities. The cost-shared awards include:
 - \$15 million to the University of Miami (Miami, FL) for a Marine Technology and Life Sciences Seawater Research Building, matched by \$28.8 million;
 - \$14.4 million to Auburn University (Auburn, AL) for a Center for Advanced Science, Innovation and Commerce, matched by an equal amount;
 - \$11.1 million to the Rice University (Houston, TX) for the new Brockman Hall for Physics, matched by \$33.4 million; and
 - \$15 million to the University of North Carolina Wilmington (Wilmington, NC) for a new facility for the Marine Biotechnology in North Carolina program, matched by an equal amount. [DOC, 7/20/09]
- Announced *Recovery Act* funding for habitat restoration in Oregon.** NOAA announced more than \$7 million in *Recovery Act* funding to restore habitat projects throughout coastal Oregon. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife proposed these projects to employ off-season commercial fishermen to remove 180 metric tons of derelict crab pots and other fishing gear along the Oregon coast. [DOC, 7/10/09]
- Hired 2,027 Decennial Census partnership program staff.** [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]
- Announced 4 grant award selections for its *Recovery Act* Construction Grants Program.** The awards include:
 - \$15 million to the University of Miami (Miami, FL) for a Marine Technology and Life Sciences Seawater Research Building, matched by \$28.8 million;
 - \$14.4 million to the Auburn University (Auburn, AL) for a Center for Advanced Science, Innovation and Commerce, matched by an equal amount;
 - \$11.13 million to the William Marsh Rice University (Houston, TX) for the new Physics Building, matched by \$33.4 million; and
 - \$15 million to the University of North Carolina Wilmington (Wilmington, NC) for a new facility for the Marine Biotechnology in North Carolina (MARBIONC) program, matched by an equal amount. [DOC, 8/3/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays by DOC to date:

Program	Appropriation	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Gross Outlays
DTV Converter Box Coupons	\$ 650,000,000	\$478,662,063	\$264,515,188
NTIA Broadband	4,700,000,000	66,402,973 ²	63,918,967 ²
Census Decennial	1,000,000,000	8,559,661	8,291,208
NOAA	830,000,000	422,431,389 ³	141,988,343 ³
NIST	610,000,000	67,192,044	353,659
EDA	150,000,000	25,507,734	16,121
TOTAL	\$7,940,000,000	\$1,068,755,864	\$479,083,486

NOTES:

¹NTIA DTV Converter Box Coupon obligations fluctuate as coupons which expire without being redeemed are de-obligated.

²NTIA transferred approximately \$63 million to Department of Interior Acquisition Services Division to manage a procurement of grant support services. This contract action has not yet been completed.

³NOAA transferred approximately \$140 million to the Department of the Navy for continued construction on the NOAA Pacific Regional Center in Oahu, HI.

[DOC ARRA Cumulative Financial Report as of July 31, 2009]

Creating and Saving and Supporting Our Soldiers

The *Recovery Act* provided \$7.4 billion to the Department of Defense. By August 31, the Department of Defense plans to have construction and facility repair projects underway in 49 states, plus Guam and the District of Columbia, using \$1.9 billion of *Recovery Act* funds. This means construction has started, not merely that a contract has been awarded.

About 225 of these projects should be completed by Labor Day. These are roads, roofs, windows, and air conditioning systems that will be fixed in the first 200 days of the *Recovery Act*. [DoD, visited 8/2/09]

Examples of early *Recovery Act* Army projects to help soldiers, families, and the environment include:

- **Barracks Repair, Fort Wainwright, AK.** Initially awarded in May 2009, work is ongoing at Fort Wainwright to repair two barracks buildings for the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. This unit will return from deployment in November of this year. The renovation work in the first building will be completed August 2009; work in the second building will be completed November 2009.
- **Roof Repair, Fort Leavenworth, KS.** The Army will complete about \$1 million of work on roofs across Fort Leavenworth by August 2009. This long deferred maintenance will improve working conditions for soldiers and civilians at the installation.
- **Bachelor Officers Quarters Construction, Camp Ripley, MN.** Seven projects, which total over \$3 million, will replace fourteen 45-year old tin hut billets at Camp Ripley with modern, energy efficient billets that sleep the same number of people. Soldiers will not only be more comfortable during pre-mobilization, deployment, and post-mobilization, they will be able to use these billets year-round, rather than suffer through extreme cold and heat.
- **Barracks Renovation, Fort Drum, NY.** Initially awarded in June 2009, work is ongoing at Fort Drum to repair or replace floor tiles, windows, doors, ceiling tiles, electrical, and plumbing fixtures for the barracks in order to improve quality of life for soldiers at Fort Drum. This project will be completed prior to Labor Day.
- **Sanitary Sewer System Assessment and Improvements and Sewer Line Replacement, Fort Indiantown Gap, PA.** Both projects will dramatically improve the quality of local waterways surrounding Fort Indiantown Gap and the quality of the Chesapeake Bay region. Contracts for these projects total \$1.5 million and were awarded on March 23 and June 5, 2009. They will be completed by December 2009.

- **Warrior in Transition (WT) Complex, Ft Bliss, TX.** The project will construct a standard-design WT Complex that includes a barracks; an Administration and Operations Facility; and a Soldier and Family Assistance Center. This project is required to provide adequate permanent facilities to support the healing process for as many as 400 Warrior in Transition Soldiers.
- **Whole Facility Renovation, Fort McCoy, WI.** Awarded in June 2009, this project renovates 38 buildings. Facilities include barracks, dining facilities, classrooms, laundromat, administrative facilities, and arms vaults. Renovations will provide energy efficient, safe, and comfortable work and living areas for soldiers assigned to Fort McCoy. The project is being executed through numerous orders with estimated contract award dates from June until September 2009. All work will be completed by September 2010.

Examples of early *Recovery Act* Navy projects to help sailors, Marines, families, and the environment include:

- **Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) Repair, Camp Pendleton, CA.** This BEQ currently contains 154 rooms and billets 308 Marines. This project will perform a whole building rehabilitation which will fix these issues. Initially awarded in June 2009, project design will start in July, work is scheduled to start in December, and completion is scheduled for January 2011.
- **Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Repair, Camp Covington, GU.** This project will repair and alter two BEQ buildings to increase the quality of life and safety of personnel. Renovation will utilize energy efficient plumbing, mechanical equipment, and electrical systems. Initially awarded in June 2009, project design will also start in June. Work is scheduled to start in October, and completion is scheduled for December 2010.
- **Ground Floor and HVAC Renovation, Naval Operational Support Center Bronx, NY.** This project will renovate the entire ground floor including upgrades for offices, storage rooms, toilets, and vehicle maintenance bays; and will replace air conditioning for offices and classrooms throughout the facility. Initially awarded in April 2009, work is scheduled to start in June, and completion is scheduled for February 2010.
- **HVAC/Mechanical/Electrical/Roofs and Windows Repair, Camp Lejeune, NC.** This project will perform major repairs on six facilities at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. This project will not only make the building more energy efficient, but will provide a better working environment for Marines and civilian employees. Work is scheduled to start in August, and completion is scheduled for September 2010.
- **Vehicle Maintenance Facility & Tactical Vehicle and Equipment Storage Area Repair, Naval Operational Support Center Cincinnati, OH.** This project provides basic facilities for training, such as adding a vehicle maintenance bay, renovating the existing vehicle maintenance facility, adding a storage building, upgrading the communications building, and repairing the tactical parking area. Initially awarded in June 2009, work is scheduled to start in July, and completion is scheduled for May 2010.
- **Photovoltaic Systems Installation, Norfolk, VA.** This project will design and construct a 3 mega-watt photovoltaic (PV) grid, without energy storage, at Navy

installations in the Norfolk area. This project is intended to generate renewable energy at Navy shore facilities, which will be tied into the electrical distribution grid. Initially awarded in June 2009, project design will start July 2009. Work is scheduled to start in October, and completion is scheduled for July 2011.

Examples of early *Recovery Act* Air Force projects to help our Airmen, their families, and the environment include:

- **Child Development Centers (CDC), Hill Air Force Base, UT.** Across the Air Force, the *Recovery Act* is constructing seven new CDC facilities valued at \$80 million. The first facility will be built at Hill Air Force Base. This project will support military members and their families with child care for approximately 305 children. It is scheduled for award in August 2009 with construction projected to start in February 2010 and completion in early Fall 2011.
- **Dormitory Construction, Minot Air Force Base, ND.** The Air Force is spending \$100 million in *Recovery Act* funding to replace aging dormitories at three installations and correcting dorm room deficiencies at a major training base, including construction of a 168-person dormitory at Minot Air Force Base. This project will replace a 46-year old dormitory that has substandard living conditions and deficient force protection measures. This project is scheduled for award in August 2009, with construction projected to start in February 2010. Completion is scheduled in fall 2012.
- **Military Family Housing, Eielson Air Force Base, AK.** The Air Force is investing more than \$80 million in to improve quality of service to the families of Airmen. At Eielson Air Force Base, 76 family housing units will be built to replace housing that was constructed in 1962. The current houses are significantly deteriorated from age and high occupancy and have not had any major repairs since they were constructed. This project will provide modern and efficient homes for military members and their families, thereby greatly improving their quality of life. This project is scheduled for award in August 2009 with construction projected to start in February 2010 and completion in spring 2012.
- **Wind Generator Construction, Three Remote Sites in Alaska.** \$14 million in *Recovery Act* funding will be used to construct wind generators to supplement traditional power sources at remote locations. This initiative will significantly reduce costs associated with transporting fuel and maintenance personnel to these long-range radar sites. These projects are scheduled for award in September 2009 with design studies commencing shortly thereafter.
- **Solar Array Project, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO.** This project will construct solar power production capacity of approximately three megawatts through a partnership with the Colorado Springs Utility. This represents nearly 10 percent of the Academy's total power requirement and will reduce energy costs. The contract is scheduled for award in August 2009 with the project starting in late spring 2010.
- **Dormitory repair.** The Air Force is spending approximately \$21 million in *Recovery Act* funding for the repair, restoration, and modernization funds to repair and improve existing dormitories.

- **Anaerobic Bioreactor.** This project will develop and demonstrate a bioreactor that can efficiently and economically utilize organic waste from municipal garbage to generate energy and reduce the volume of waste material deposited to a landfill. Biogas from the anaerobic digestion of organic waste can be used to: 1) provide economical and sustainable power to an electricity grid to reduce installation energy costs; 2) produce a marketable by-product (e.g. compost); and 3) significantly reduce the volume of waste deposited to landfills. This project is scheduled for completion in January 2011.
- **Global Solar Prediction Model.** This *Recovery Act* project will develop a comprehensive solar power design and simulation software tool package that will enable the Air Force and DoD to design the optimum renewable energy strategies for deployed bases worldwide. This project is scheduled for completion in August 2011.
- **Greenhouse Gas Lifecycle Analysis.** This *Recovery Act* project will identify areas where alternative energy technologies may be used in concert to achieve synergies for larger systems on a case-study basis. This will enable accelerated deployment of new alternative fuels and alternative energy technologies and demonstrate that a particular class of alternative fuel has a lower lifecycle greenhouse gas “footprint.” This project is scheduled for completion in February 2010.

[DoD, 6/26/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by DoD to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Defense Health Program	\$ 40,128,053	\$ 11,924
Family Housing Construction, Air Force		
Family Housing Construction, Army		
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force	\$ 4,994,147	\$ 20,204
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army	\$ 610,246	\$ 4,897
Homeowners Assistance Fund	\$ 3,921,774	\$ 1,572,870
Military Construction, Air Force		
Military Construction, Air National Guard	\$ 6,665,605	\$ 94,005
Military Construction, Army	\$ 43,462,554	\$ 10,600
Military Construction, Army National Guard	\$ 26,822,110	
Military Construction, Defense-wide	\$ 5,859,475	\$ 361,071
Military Construction, Navy	\$ 67,113,722	\$ 26,584
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force	\$ 693,785,598	\$ 21,642,950
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve	\$ 7,422,964	
Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard	\$ 12,529,800	\$ 176,957
Operation and Maintenance, Army	\$ 158,733,945	\$ 3,325,986
Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard	\$ 154,651,329	\$ 2,831,422
Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve	\$ 31,277,951	\$ 72,688
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps	\$ 53,906,418	\$ 41,448
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve	\$ 3,690,578	\$ 9,081
Operation and Maintenance, Navy	\$ 224,756,683	\$ 2,604,728
Operation and Maintenance, Navy Reserve	\$ 7,483,485	\$ 48,832
Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force	\$ 35,671,236	\$ 5,265,996
Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army	\$ 14,541,865	

Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-wide			
Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy	\$	32,475,038	\$ 697,063
TOTAL		\$ 1,630,504,576	\$ 38,819,306

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Creating and Saving Education Jobs and Paving the Way for Education Reforms

The Department of Education developed a multi-phased strategy for making the \$98 billion in *Recovery Act* funding for education available to states and other grantees. This approach balances the need for rapid investment in the economy with the goals of promoting reform, providing accountability and transparency, and avoiding a “funding cliff” of unsustainable continuing commitments after the funding expires. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

Within the first 100 days of implementation, \$44 billion in *Recovery Act* funding was made available, and to date, \$47 billion has been obligated. This includes \$6.1 billion for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act programs, \$5 billion for Title I, \$34 billion in State Fiscal Stabilization Fund; \$270 million for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants; \$52.5 million for Independent Living; \$70 million for Homeless Youth; \$40 million for Impact Aid; and \$200 million for Federal Work Study. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

An additional \$49 billion will be made available in fall 2009. This will include \$3 billion for school improvement grants; \$6.1 billion for IDEA; \$5 billion for Title I; \$270 for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants; \$14 billion for State Fiscal Stabilization Fund; \$200 million for Teacher Incentive Fund; \$100 million for Teacher Quality Enhancement; \$650 for Educational Technology; \$60 million for Impact Aid Construction; \$250 for Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems; and \$87.5 million for Independent Living. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

The final tranche of funding will be comprised of \$5 billion for Race to the Top and Investing in What Works and Innovation Fund. These programs are specifically designed to reward and promoted reform. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

The Department of Education recently:

- **Launched a national competition to advance school reform.** President Obama and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced that states leading the way on school reform will be eligible to compete for \$4.35 billion in Race to the Top competitive grants to support education reform and innovation in classrooms. Between the 2009 budget and the *Recovery Act*, more than \$10 billion in grant money will be available to states and districts that are driving reform. President Obama: “Not every state will win and not every school district will be happy with the results. But America's children, America's economy, and America itself will be better for it,” President Obama said in a speech at the U.S. Department of Education headquarters in Washington.” [DoEd, 7/24/09]
- **Announced more than \$2.7 billion will be made available early to states.** More than \$2.7 billion is being made available early to help states as they face increasing budgetary pressures. This funding represents that last third of the government services fund which was initially scheduled to be made available with the completion of Phase II applications as part of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund under the *Recovery Act*. [DoEd, 7/1/09]

- Recently approved additional states to improve education programs and save education-related jobs.** Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming join the following states, which were previously approved for their first tranche of State Fiscal Stabilization Funds: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia and Washington. [DoED, visited 8/2/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by the Department of Education to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Compensatory Education for the Disadvantaged, Recovery Act	\$ 4,950,000,000	\$ 546,906,214
Higher Education	\$ -	\$ -
Impact Aid	\$ 39,637,232	\$ 39,545,411
Innovation and Improvement	\$ -	\$ -
Institute of Education Sciences	\$ -	\$ -
Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research	\$ 321,352,546	\$ 4,205,602
School Improvement Programs	\$ 710,131,809	\$ 33
Special Education	\$ 6,078,263,644	\$ 458,474,984
State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	\$ 34,304,991,769	\$ 9,019,506,438
Student Aid Administration	\$ 29,000,000	\$ -
Student Financial Assistance	\$ 8,659,784,146	\$ 2,134,247,717
TOTAL	\$55,093,161,146	\$12,202,886,399

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[Creating and Saving Jobs and Investing in a Clean, Secure Energy Future](#)

The Department of Energy recently:

- Announced new lending authority for renewable energy projects and to modernize the grid.** Up to \$30 billion in loan guarantees for renewable energy projects will help create new jobs while fostering clean energy innovation, depending on the applications and market conditions. Another \$750 million will support several billion dollars more in loan guarantees for projects that increase the reliability, efficiency and security of the nation's transmission system. The two new loan guarantee solicitations announced today are being funded partly through the *Recovery Act* and partly through 2009 appropriations. [DOE, 7/29/09]
- Announced more than \$3 billion in *Recovery Act* funds for renewable energy projects.** As part of an innovative partnership aimed at increasing economic development in urban and rural areas while setting our nation on the path to energy independence, the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Energy today announced an estimated \$3 billion for the development of renewable energy projects around the country and made available the guidance businesses will need to submit a successful application. Funded through the *Recovery Act*, the program will

provide direct payments in lieu of tax credits in support of an estimated 5,000 bio-mass, solar, wind, and other types of renewable energy production facilities. [DOE, 7/9/09]

- **Announced availability of \$3.9 billion to invest in smart grid technologies and electric transmission infrastructure.** The Department of Energy is soliciting applications for \$3.9 billion in grants to support efforts to modernize the electric grid, allowing for greater integration of renewable energy sources while increasing the reliability, efficiency and security of the nation's transmission and distribution system, as part of the *Recovery Act*. [DOE, 6/25/09]
- **Announced new *Recovery Act* funding to boost carbon capture, solar energy and high gas mileage cars and trucks.** More than \$300 million worth of investments that will boost a range of clean energy technologies - including carbon capture from coal, solar power, and high efficiency cars and trucks. The move reflects the Obama Administration's commitment to a broad based strategy that will create millions of jobs while transforming the way we use and produce energy. [DOE, 6/11/09]
- **Awarded more than hundreds of millions in *Recovery Act* funding for State Energy Programs in 28 States and Territories.** *Recovery Act* funding will speed adoption of efficiency and renewable energy technologies in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, the Virgin Islands, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Under DOE's State Energy Program, states and territories have proposed statewide plans that prioritize energy savings, create or retain jobs, increase the use of renewable energy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. [DOE, 7/27/09; DOE, 7/20/09; DOE, 7/10/09; DOE, 7/6/09, DOE, 6/26/09; DOE, 6/25/09]
- **Announced more than \$57 million in *Recovery Act* funding to advance smart grid development.** The eight projects will further smart grid demonstration projects in seven states. DOE also announced that \$10.5 million in *Recovery Act* funding is available for local governments to develop emergency preparedness plans for their electrical systems. Together, these efforts will help accelerate the development and implementation of a modernized and secure electrical grid, a critical piece in delivering renewable energy to American consumers and ensuring an effective, reliable and efficient electricity system across the country. [DOE, 7/20/09]
- **Issued report to advance FutureGen Project in Mattoon, IL.** The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Record of Decision to move forward toward the first commercial scale, fully integrated, carbon capture and sequestration project in the country was based on careful consideration of the proposed project's potential environmental impacts, as well as the program goals and objectives. [DOE, 7/14/09]
- **Announced two new projects to reduce emissions from coal plants.** Projects by Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Hydrogen Energy International LLC have been selected for up to \$408 million in *Recovery Act* funding will advance carbon capture and storage. The two projects selected -- an existing power plant in North Dakota and a new facility in California -- will incorporate advanced technologies to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. [DOE, 7/1/09]

- **Announced \$11 million for new solar energy grid integration systems.** The \$11.8 million investment, \$5 million from the *Recovery Act*, will fund five projects designed to advance the next stage of development of solar energy grid integration systems (SEGIS). The selections announced today are part of DOE's continuing work to help assure the nation's electrical grid reliability is maintained and improved as solar energy technologies reach cost competitiveness and increased levels of integration with the grid. [DOE, 7/29/09]
- **Delivered hundreds of millions in *Recovery Act* funding for weatherization programs in 24 states.** Recovery Act funding will expand weatherization assistance programs, create jobs and weatherize more than hundreds of thousands of homes in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. These funds, along with additional funds to be disbursed after the states meet certain Recovery Act milestones, will help to weatherize more than 125,000 homes, cutting energy costs for low-income families that need it, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and creating green jobs across the country. [DOE, 7/10/09; DOE, 7/6/09; DOE, 6/26/09]
- **Announced \$85 million in *Recovery Act* funding for at least 50 early career researchers.** Up to \$85 million in *Recovery Act* funding will be awarded in early 2010 to support at least 50 early career researchers for five years at U.S. academic institutions and DOE national laboratories. [DOE, 7/17/09]
- **Announced nearly \$14 million for 28 new wind energy projects.** The 28 new wind energy projects will receive up to \$13.8 million in funding - including \$12.8 million in *Recovery Act* funds. These projects will help address market and deployment challenges including wind turbine research and testing and transmission analysis, planning, assessments. Along with the new awards, Energy Secretary Chu announced the release of DOE's 2008 Wind Technologies Market Report, detailing \$16 billion in investment in wind projects made in the U.S. in 2008 - making the U.S. the leader in annual wind energy capacity growth, as well as cumulative wind energy capacity. [DOE, 7/16/09]
- **Announced up to \$22 million for community renewable energy deployment.** Up to \$22 million from the *Recovery Act* to support the planning and installation of utility-scale community renewable energy projects in up to four communities nationwide. This funding opportunity directly supports the Obama Administration's goals of developing clean, renewable energy supplies, and creating new jobs and economic opportunities. [DOE, 7/15/09]
- **Announced \$300 million rebate program to encourage purchases of energy efficient appliances.** Nearly \$300 million in *Recovery Act* funding for state-run rebate programs for consumer purchases of new ENERGY STAR® qualified home appliances will benefit every U.S. state and territory. The new program underscores the Obama Administration's commitment to make American homes more energy efficient, while helping to support the nation's economic recovery. [DOE, 7/14/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by DOE to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Activities	\$ 24,100,000	\$ 29,966
Production and Distribution Program Fund	\$ 1,675,000	\$ -
Science and Research Activities Reimbursable Work for Other Federal Agencies	\$ -	\$ -
7 Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program	\$ 2,262,744	\$ -
Bonneville Power Administration Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Rehabilitation, Operation and Maintenance, Western	\$ 1,039,116	\$ 631,862
Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program	\$ 4,667,927	\$ 541,827
Defense Environmental Cleanup	\$ 3,780,951,922	\$ 117,622,404
Efficiency and Renewable Energy	\$ 260,000	\$ -
Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability	\$ 51,571,952	\$ 10,103,336
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	\$ 3,471,414,911	\$ 62,226,896
Energy Transformation Acceleration Fund	\$ 95,156	\$ 38,975
Fossil Energy Research and Development	\$ 631,485	\$ 281,409
her Defense Activities - Recovery Act	\$ -	\$ -
Non-defense Environmental Cleanup	\$ 284,691,091	\$ 42,907,375
Administration	\$ 3,460,400	\$ -
Science	\$ 735,541,234	\$ 21,392,607
Title 17 Innovative Technology Direct Loan Financing Account	\$ -	\$ -
Title 17 Innovative Technology Guaranteed Loan Financing Account	\$ -	\$ -
Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund	\$ 111,983,306	\$ 15,673,988
Western Area Power Administration, Borrowing Authority	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 8,474,346,245	\$ 271,450,646

[OMB, 7/28/09; for more information, visit www.recovery.gov]

[Creating and Saving Medical Jobs and Expanding Access to Quality, Affordable Care](#)

As of July 3, 2009, the Department of Health and Human Services awarded \$40.5 billion or 33 percent of the \$122 billion in Recovery Act funds available to HHS for obligation in fiscal years 2009 and 2010. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

HHS has recently:

- Announced that it will fund 12 state efforts to reduce health care associated infections in stand-alone or same-day surgical centers.** The 12 states – Maine, New Jersey, Maryland, Florida, North Carolina, Indiana, Michigan, Arkansas, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and Kansas – will survey more than 125 ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) before September 30, 2009, at an estimated cost of up to \$1 million. The onsite reviews, paid for out of *Recovery Act* funds, are designed to ensure that the facilities are following Medicare’s health and safety standards. As part of the new initiative, state surveyors will employ a new CMS survey process that uses a tool developed in

conjunction with CDC. In addition, *Recovery Act* funds will increase the number of centers surveyed. [HHS, 7/30/09]

- **Made \$200 million in *Recovery Act* funding available to expand health professions training for 8,000 students and credentialed health professionals.** The funding is part of the \$500 million allotted by the *Recovery Act* to HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to address workforce shortages. Secretary Sebelius: "Health care reform cannot happen without an adequate supply of well-trained, well-distributed providers. These ARRA funds provide targeted investments in primary care, nursing, faculty development, and equipment purchases that will shore up the workforce as we prepare for reform." [HHS, 7/28/09]
- **Supported 23 fellowships for early career scientists.** Funding from the *Recovery Act* will allow the National Institutes of Health to create jobs for early career scientists and increase the ranks of researchers and clinicians working in the global health field. With \$3 million in funding over the next 18 months, the NIH's Fogarty International Center will be able to support 23 additional participants in its Clinical Research Training Scholars and Fellows Program. Fogarty Director Roger I. Glass: "Researchers in post-doctoral positions are vulnerable during this economic downturn. These newly created jobs are an example of the *Recovery Act*'s effectiveness in stimulating a crucial sector of the American economy, harnessing the enormous interest in global health among college students and ensuring the United States remains competitive in the biomedical research arena." [HHS, 7/22/09]
- **Established website and hotline to provide information for workers denied COBRA premium assistance.** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced a new web site (www.ContinuationCoverage.net) and helpline (1-866-400-6689), where certain unemployed workers may request expedited review of a denial by their former employers of eligibility for COBRA premium assistance under the *Recovery Act*. To help displaced workers maintain health care coverage for themselves and their families, the *Recovery Act* provides a 65 percent subsidy for health insurance premiums for workers who have elected COBRA after they have been involuntarily terminated from their jobs. [HHS, 7/17/09]
- **Helped states maintain Medicaid coverage for millions of Americans.** The *Recovery Act* temporarily increased the federal share of Medicaid expenditures by an estimated \$87 billion through a 6.2 percentage point increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for all states, plus additional increases for states facing high growth in unemployment. As of July 9, states drew down approximately \$23.1 billion in Medicaid FMAP funds. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]
- **Announced \$90 million in *Recovery Act* funds to bolster water services in Indian Country and create jobs.** The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Health and Human Service's Indian Health Service announced \$90 million in funds from the *Recovery Act* for improved access to vital drinking water and wastewater services in the American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The funds will be invested in "shovel ready" infrastructure projects designed to better protect human and environmental health in Indian Country and to create jobs. [HHS, 7/8/09]
- **Announced release of \$851 million to upgrade and expand community health centers to serve more patients.** On June 29, First Lady Michelle Obama

announced new grants from the Recovery Act Capital Improvement Program to support the construction, repair, and renovation of over 1,500 health center sites nationwide. More than 650 centers will use the funds to purchase new equipment or health information technology systems, and nearly 400 health centers will adopt and expand the use of electronic health records. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

- Reported on priorities for patient-centered research to Congress.** Recommendations for how the HHS Office of the Secretary will spend \$400 million in funds for patient-centered research, also known as comparative effectiveness research, were released by Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research. The report, mandated by the *Recovery Act*, is designed to help improve the quality of care for patients and provide patients and doctors the best information possible to make decisions about health care. After vigorous public outreach, the Council advises new research dollars to focus on populations who have been under-represented and better, more coordinated dissemination of information to patients and providers. [HHS, 6/29/09]
- Facilitated research in emerging infectious diseases.** The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases announced plans to award an additional \$20 million in Recovery Act funds over the next two years to the Regional Centers of Excellence for Biodefense and emerging Infectious Diseases Research. Among many projects, RCE researchers are developing new or improved ways to treat, diagnose, or prevent such illnesses as anthrax, West Nile fever, plague, and other emerging infectious diseases (June 8). [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* funding obligations and outlays announced by HHS to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Aging Services Programs	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 5,202,934
Building and Facilities	\$ 51,361,287	\$ 2,808,996
Children and Families Services Programs	\$ 1,408,236,420	\$ 17,740,085
Disease Control, Research, and Training	\$ 38,293,336	\$ 726,104
Emergency Contingency Fund for State TANF	\$ 506,243,005	\$ -
General Departmental Management	\$ -	\$ -
Grants to States for Medicaid	\$ 34,044,085,830	\$ 24,486,820,816
Health Resources and Services	\$ 1,343,630,814	\$ 57,073,300
Healthcare Research and Quality	\$ 1,607,914	\$ 77,048
Indian Health Facilities	\$ 2,420,043	\$ 281,881
Indian Health Services	\$ 31,471,950	\$ 1,036
John E. Fogarty International Center	\$ 4,462,540	\$ 5,515
National Cancer Institute	\$ 92,410,137	\$ 896,819
National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine	\$ 4,824,588	\$ 38,654
National Center for Research Resources	\$ 72,541,693	\$ 1,554,534
National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities - Recovery Act	\$ -	\$ -
National Eye Institute	\$ 34,540,833	\$ 190,248
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute	\$ 157,064,965	\$ 242,667
National Human Genome Research Institute	\$ 80,224	\$ -
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases	\$ 172,767,878	\$ 1,945,386
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal	\$ 3,080,708	\$ 2,739

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National Institute of Bioimaging & Bioengineering	\$	18,882,852	\$ 143,229
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development	\$	29,634,356	\$ 181,690
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	\$	11,436,114	\$ 321,115
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases	\$	40,649,310	\$ 152,005
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences	\$	10,274,412	\$ 86,123
National Institute of General Medical Sciences	\$	36,455,497	\$ 40,844
National Institute of Mental Health	\$	64,921,664	\$ 496,429
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke	\$	50,329,092	\$ 450,190
National Institute of Nursing Research	\$	3,741,683	\$ 14,500
National Institute on Aging	\$	14,976,084	\$ 87,669
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	\$	12,410,992	\$ 75,856
National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders	\$	39,425,980	\$ 75,860
National Institute on Drug Abuse	\$	56,029,419	\$ 589,246
National Library of Medicine	\$	17,952,234	\$ 36,880
Office of the Director	\$	31,616,824	\$ 688,136
Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology	\$	-	\$ -
Payment to States for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance	\$	346,581,442	\$ 205,961,214
Payments to States for Child Support Enforcement and Family Supp	\$	413,933,179	\$ 75,038,548
Payments to States for the Child Care and Development Block Grant	\$	1,985,570,558	\$ 72,386,623
Prevention and Wellness Fund	\$	572,250	\$ -
Program Management	\$	-	\$ -
Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund	\$	-	\$ -
TOTAL		\$41,254,518,107	\$24,932,434,917

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Creating and Saving Jobs and Securing Our Nation's Borders

The *Recovery Act* provided \$2.75 billion to be administered by the Department of Homeland Security. As of July 9, DHS has obligated \$586 million.

The Department of Homeland Security recently announced:

- **\$78 Million in *Recovery Act* funds for transit security officers and equipment.** Nearly \$78 million in *Recovery Act* Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) funding for approximately 240 new law enforcement officers at 15 transit systems across the country will enhance the nation's ability to guard against acts of terrorism. Secretary Napolitano: "Securing our mass transit systems requires well-trained personnel on the ground to protect against those who seek to cause harm. This *Recovery Act* money will create critical law enforcement jobs that will help our nation prevent terrorist attacks." [DHS, 7/29/09]
- **\$7.7 million in *Recovery Act* funds for airport surveillance.** Approximately \$7.7 million in *Recovery Act* funding will support the installation of new closed circuit

television systems at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International, Ronald Reagan Washington National, Spokane International, Gerald R. Ford International and Boise, Idaho airports. Secretary Napolitano: “State-of-the-art surveillance technology provides another critical layer of security at our airports. These projects will inject critical Recovery Act dollars into our local economies and create sophisticated security networks designed to detect threats and aid our emergency response efforts.” [DHS, 7/28/09]

- **\$15 million in Recovery Act funding for Orlando International Airport.** Funding will facilitate the construction of two new inline baggage handling systems at Orlando International Airport – a project designed to accelerate the passenger check-in process and enhance screening capabilities and airport safety. [DHS, 6/22/09]
- **\$6 million in Recovery Act funding for Jackson Hole Airport.** Funding will facilitate the construction of a new inline baggage handling system at Jackson Hole Airport. The inline baggage handling system will eliminate the need for passengers to walk their checked baggage to a screening location and wait before proceeding to the security checkpoint. The system incorporates enhanced explosive detection technology to provide on-screen viewing capabilities for Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers conducting baggage screenings and reduces the number of re-scans and physical bag searches. [DHS, 6/18/09]
- **\$26 million in Recovery Act funding for Philadelphia International Airport.** Funding will facilitate construction of two new inline baggage handling systems at Philadelphia International Airport—a project designed to infuse the local economy with Recovery Act dollars while increasing security and easing check-in procedures. [DHS, 6/15/09]
- **\$15 million in Recovery Act funding for San Francisco International Airport.** Funding will facilitate construction of a new inline baggage handling system at SFO. [DHS, 6/11/09]

The following is a summary of Recovery Act obligations and outlays announced by DHS to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements	\$ 7,473,838	
Alteration of Bridges	\$ 51,060,564	
Automation Modernization, Immigration and Customs Enforcement		
Aviation Security	\$ 120,371,428	\$ 20,450,236
Border Security Fencing, Infrastructure, and Technology		
Construction, Customs and Border Protection	\$ 213,541,382	\$ 33,770
Emergency Food and Shelter	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 40,698,184
Firefighter Assistance Grants		
Office of the Under Secretary for Management	\$ 199,597,470	\$ 569,203
Salaries and Expenses, Customs and Border Protection	\$ 1,944,478	\$ 12,517
State and Local Programs		
TOTAL	\$ 693,989,160	\$ 61,763,910

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[Creating and Saving Jobs and Providing Affordable Housing and Economic Development](#)

The *Recovery Act* included \$13.61 billion for projects and programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD categorizes its *Recovery Act* programs under three themes that align with the broader goals of the *Recovery Act*, with an overriding goal of creating and preserving thousands of jobs. The three themes are:

- **Promoting energy efficiency and creating green jobs.** This *Recovery Act* funding is aimed at “greening” the public and assisted housing stock, while contributing to the creation of a new industry for increasing residential energy efficiency.” Programs include public housing capital fund (\$4 billion); Native American Housing Block grants (.51 billion); Assisted Housing Energy and Green Retrofit Program (\$.25 billion); and Lead Hazard Reduction/Healthy Homes (\$0.1 billion);
- **Unlocking the credit markets and supporting shovel-ready projects.** This *Recovery Act* funding is aimed at addressing the sharp decline in the market for tax credits by providing “gap financing t” to existing tax credit projects that have been stalled or been delayed. Programs include the Tax Credit Assistance Program (\$2.25 billion) and Project-Based Rental Assistance (\$2 billion) to support the maintenance of properties that may have otherwise been neglected; and
- **Mitigating the effects of the economic crisis and preventing community decline.** This *Recovery Act* funding is targeted at stabilizing households at risk of homelessness and communities that have been impacted by the current economic and foreclosure crisis. Programs include the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (\$2 billion); Homelessness Prevention Fund (\$1.5 billion); and Community Development Block Grants (\$1 billion).

The Department of Housing and Urban Development recently:

- **Announced \$2.25 billion in *Recovery Act* funds now at work to jumpstart affordable housing construction.** HUD is approving the final round of plans submitted by state housing finance agencies totaling over a billion dollars to jumpstart affordable housing programs in 26 states throughout the country that are currently stalled due to the economic recession. This brings the total amount of funding now at work under this program to \$2.25 billion dollars in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This *Recovery Act* funding will stimulate the production of thousands of housing units stalled by recession while creating tens of thousands of jobs across the country. [HUD, 7/28/09]
- **Announced more than \$100 million in *Recovery Act* funds to improve Native American housing,** boost energy efficiency, and create jobs in Native American communities. HUD will award 50 grants, totaling \$100 million, to Native American communities across the country to improve housing and stimulate community development. [HUD, 7/28/09]
- **Announced \$360 million in *Recovery Act* grants to support community and economic development nationwide.** First rounds of awards made under the *Recovery Act* CDBG program will revitalize neighborhoods and create jobs across the

country. The nearly 700 grants totaling \$360 million represent over half of the *Recovery Act*-funded grants available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which primarily benefit low- to moderate-income families. CDBG enables state and local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide affordable housing and create economic opportunities. [HUD, 7/16/09]

- Awarded \$1.2 Billion to more than 400 communities to assist the homeless.** \$1.2 billion in *Recovery Act* funding to over 400 communities across the nation will rapidly re-house families who fall into homelessness, or prevent them from becoming homeless in the first place. The funding is provided through the *Recovery Act* to help persons and families facing a sudden financial crisis that could lead to homelessness. [HUD, 7/9/09]
- Awarded nine *Recovery Act* grants to improve Alaskan Native Housing, spur economic development.** HUD awarded the first round of grants to Alaskan native communities to improve housing and stimulate community development. The Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) and Native American Housing Block Grant (NAHBG) funds are provided through the *Recovery Act*. These grants will help native Alaskan tribes improve the quality of their housing stock, develop viable communities, promote energy efficiency and create jobs. [HUD, 7/9/09]
- Announced first *Recovery Act* award to support community development in Alabama.** In an effort to stimulate community development and job growth, U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan today announced \$1.8 million in *Recovery Act* funding to Birmingham, AL. This is the first of 1200 *Recovery Act*-funded grants awarded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which primarily benefit low- to moderate-income families living in these communities. CDBG enables state and local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide affordable housing and create economic opportunities. [HUD, 7/6/09]
- Established reporting system to monitor Neighborhood Stabilization Program progress.** The Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has conducted an audit to determine whether the department's Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting system (DRGR) can collect the required information to effectively monitor the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The audit found that the reporting system is capable of collecting the information HUD needs in order to monitor the program. [HUD, 6/25/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by HUD to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Administration, Operations, and Management	\$ 2,399,469	\$ 311,245
Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit Investments	\$ 10,500,000	\$ -
Community Development Fund	\$ 27,738,495	\$ -
Home Investment Partnership Program	\$ 1,375,670,882	\$ -
Homelessness Prevention Fund	\$ 106,488,777	\$ -
Housing Personnel Compensation and Benefits	\$ -	\$ -

Lead Hazard Reduction	\$ 99,500,000	\$ 1,194,871
Native American Housing Block Grant	\$ 261,132,246	\$ 42,340,204
Personnel Compensation and Benefits Community Planning and Development	\$ -	\$ -
Personnel Compensation and Benefits Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes	\$ -	\$ -
Personnel Compensation and Benefits Office of Public and Indian Housing	\$ -	\$ -
Project-Based Rental Assistance	\$ 1,912,510,363	\$ 863,505,997
Public Housing Capital Fund	\$ 2,982,132,788	\$ 65,160,818
Working Capital Fund	\$ 10,334,919	\$ 388,688
TOTAL	\$ 6,788,407,939	\$ 972,901,824

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[Creating and Saving Jobs and Protecting Our National Parks and Resources](#)

The Department of Interior recently:

- Announced *Recovery Act* award for Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region in California.** The Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region has issued a cooperative agreement award under the *Recovery Act* for a \$5.25 million award to the Red Bluff Fish Passage Improvement Project on the Sacramento River in northern California. Secretary Salazar: "Through the use of economic stimulus funds, we are protecting the region's farming economy and jobs while helping to provide safe passage for fish. This is a win-win project for both people and the environment and represents a vital component of the Obama Administration's effort to help the people of the Central Valley and other areas in California." [DOI, 7/2/09]
- Made a contract award for design and engineering services for new administrative headquarters and visitor contact station at San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex.** *Recovery Act* project will facilitate the to design a new administrative headquarters, visitor contact station, and service facility for the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex in San Diego, CA. Line and Space, LLC of Tucson, Arizona, was awarded the contract to plan and design the \$6 million construction project funded by the *Recovery Act*. The value of the design and engineering contract is \$820,255. Secretary Salazar: "The economic recovery investments that the Department of the Interior is making will create jobs by building trails, restoring habitat, upgrading visitors' centers, and protecting national treasures in communities across America, while leaving a lasting legacy for our children and grandchildren." [DOI, 7/1/09]
- Announced \$134.3 million in *Recovery Act* investments to improve water reclamation and reuse in the West.** The Bureau of Reclamation has identified 27 water reclamation and reuse projects that will share in a total of \$134.3 million under the *Recovery Act*. These water projects - known as "Title XVI" projects for the title of Public Law 102-575 that established the program - facilitate the reclamation and reuse of wastewater and naturally impaired ground and surface waters. These 27 projects will team non-federal sponsors with local communities and the federal government to provide growing communities with new sources of clean water while promoting water and energy efficiency and environmental stewardship. Federal funding will be leveraged to construct a total of more than \$675 million in Title XVI projects. [DOI, 7/1/09]

- **Announced \$6.1 Million for construction of new visitor center at Audubon National Wildlife Refuge.** The \$6.1 million *Recovery Act* investment for Audubon National Wildlife Refuge near Coleharbor, ND, will support the construction of an energy efficient administrative office and visitor facility, with an emphasis on renewable energy. [DOI, 6/30/09]
- **Announced \$93 million in *Recovery Act* investments to improve rural water in the Dakotas.** The Bureau of Reclamation has identified three Rural Water projects in North Dakota and South Dakota that will share \$93 million under the *Recovery Act*. The three projects are \$4.5 million to Perkins County Rural Water, South Dakota; \$32 million will be awarded to Garrison State Diversion Unit State Municipal Rural and Industrial programs in North Dakota and \$56.5 million to Lewis and Clark Rural Water serving South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota. [DOI, 6/26/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by Interior to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Central Utah Project Completion Account	\$ 48,957,000	\$ 2,773,526
Construction	\$ 2,449,834	\$ 482,048
Construction	\$ 76,356,250	\$ 921,234
Construction and Major Maintenance	\$ 58,416,312	\$ 2,509,374
Highway Infrastructure Investment	\$ 426,923	\$ 35,474
Historic Preservation Fund	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Historic Preservation Fund	\$ 95	
Indian Guaranteed Loan Program Account	\$ 160,000	\$ -
Management of Lands and Resources	\$ 1,078,372	\$ 344,466
Operation of Indian Programs	\$ 421,995	\$ 219,350
Operation of the National Park System	\$ 6,711,922	\$ 1,676,371
Resource Management	\$ 10,397,751	\$ 2,360,636
Surveys, Investigations, and Research	\$ 11,540,135	\$ 906,729
Surveys, Investigations, and Research	\$ 243,280	\$ 243,280
Training and Employment Services	\$ 5,030,521	\$ 2,864,680
Water and Related Resources	\$ 100,728,470	\$ 2,239,817
Wildland Fire Management	\$ 75,000	\$ 4,688
TOTAL	\$ 323,068,860	\$ 17,656,673

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Creating and Saving Law Enforcement Jobs and Keeping Our Neighborhoods Safe and Secure

To date, the Department of Justice has awarded \$3.05 billion, or 76 percent of its *Recovery Act* funding. [DOJ, 7/30/09] This includes:

- **Office of Justice Programs:** \$1,910,738,479 in *Recovery Act* funds awarded (69 percent of \$2.772 billion enacted).
- \$1,756,092,185 in **Byrne/JAG** Formula State & Local grants (88 percent of \$2 billion enacted) that allow states and local governments to support a broad range of

- activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. The procedure for allocating JAG grants is based on a formula of population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent is set aside for units of local governments;
- \$95 million in **Victims of Crime** Act formula grants (100 percent of \$95 million enacted);
 - \$47.5 million for in **Victim Compensation** formula grants to support the provision of crucial financial assistance to victims of crime;
 - \$47.5 million for **Victim Assistance** formula grants to support the provision of services to victims of crime. Services are defined as those efforts that: 1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims, 2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after a victimization, 3) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system, and 4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security such as boarding up broken windows and replacing and repairing locks;
 - \$41.5 million in **Internet Crimes Against Children** formula grants (100 percent of \$41.5 million enacted). The ICAC Task Force Program, a national network of 59 coordinated task forces, helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to cyber enticement and child pornography cases. This help encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education;
 - \$14,906,135 in assistance for **law enforcement along the southern border** and in high intensity drug trafficking areas (38 percent of \$39.7 million enacted – grant processing in progress);
 - \$2,243,425 in assistance for **rural law enforcement to combat drug-related crime** (2 percent of \$125 million enacted – grant processing in progress); and
 - \$996,734 for the **Tribal Crime Data Collection, Analysis and Estimate Project** (100 percent).

[DOJ, 7/17/09]

- **Office on Violence Against Women:** \$137,012,000 in *Recovery Act* funds awarded as of 7/30/09 (61 percent of \$225,000,000 enacted)
- \$131,112,000 in **STOP formula grants to states** (94 percent of \$140 million enacted). The STOP (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhancing advocacy and improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. It encourages the development and improvement of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and improvement of advocacy and services in cases involving violent crimes against women;

- \$5 million to **state coalitions** (57 percent of \$8,750,000 enacted), including \$2,734,375 to State Domestic Violence Coalitions and \$2,265,625 to State Sexual Assault Coalitions. The State Coalitions Program allows statewide sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions to provide direct support to local member programs (rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters and other domestic violence victim service providers) through funding, training and technical assistance, public awareness activities, and public policy advocacy;
- \$500,000 in **Transitional Housing Assistance** (one percent of out of \$43 million enacted); and
- \$400,000 to **Tribal Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions** (of \$2.8 million enacted).

[DOJ, 7/30/09]

- **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP):** \$1 billion in *Recovery Act* funding awarded (100 percent of enacted amount). CHRP provided \$1 billion directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs and increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.

On July 28, \$1 billion was allocated to create or preserve 4,699 sworn law enforcement positions for 3 years. These grants cover the full salary and benefits packages for highly trained public sector positions. The jobs created and preserved with the CHRP dollars will advance community policing at the local level, and contribute greatly to the quality of life of the citizens in each community.

[DOJ, 7/30/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by DOJ to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Community Oriented Policing Services	\$ 1,024,460	\$ 133,050
Salaries and Expenses	\$ 1,323,781	\$ 950,063
State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance	\$ 1,900,699,424	\$ 684,674,611
Violence against women prevention and prosecution	\$ 139,300,743	\$ 530,781
TOTAL	\$2,042,348,408	\$ 686,288,505

[OMB, 7/28/09; for more information, visit www.recovery.gov]

[Providing Worker Training and Easing the Burden of the Recession on Workers and Employers](#)

As of June 26, the Department of Labor has obligated more than \$3.5 billion in discretionary funds in support of the *Recovery Act*. An additional \$16.5 billion in mandatory funds has been provided to states to fund extended and additional unemployment benefits. [[Office of the Vice President](#), 7/09]

The Department of Labor recently:

- **Released unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to additional states** that qualified for their share of the funds available under the *Recovery Act*. Eligible states must provide for a variety of measures that make it easier for recent entrants to the workforce, workers seeking part-time work and people who are upgrading their skills to be eligible for benefits. These states can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services:
 - \$28,231,263 for Maine
 - \$57,049,761 for Oregon
 - 275.2 million for New York
 - 13 million for New Mexico
 - \$69,427,524 for Michigan

[DOL, 7/29/09]

- **Announced grants of:**
 - Nearly \$560,000 to assist manufacturing workers affected by layoffs at 8 manufacturing companies in New Hampshire [DOL, 7/30/09];
 - More than \$578,000 to assist workers in at Sauer Danfoss in Oregon affected by hydraulics industry layoffs [DOL, 7/30/09];
 - Nearly \$336,000 grant to assist workers in Iowa affected by layoffs at Atwood Mobile Products [DOL, 7/22/09];
 - \$664,000 to assist workers affected by layoffs at RR Donnelley in Iowa [DOL, 7/22/09]; and
 - Nearly \$470,000 to assist manufacturing workers affected by layoffs at ACE Precision Castings LLC and Lennox Industries Inc. located in Marshalltown, IA. [DOL, 6/23/09].
- **Certified more than 900 Michigan auto workers as eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance.** Dr. Ed Montgomery, executive director of the White House Council on Auto Communities and Workers: "We know that the economic downturn impacted workers across our auto communities, including suppliers and the communities that rely on auto employment. The White House council will continue to work with Secretary Solis and other members of the administration to deliver support to these workers and the communities in which they live and work." [DOL, 7/21/09]
- **Announced 1st Trade Adjustment Assistance certifications under new TAA law, which was expanded under the *Recovery Act*.** The Department of Labor announced the certification of 20 petitions for benefit eligibility for workers under the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, which provides training and employment services for workers who have lost their jobs due to competitive foreign trade. These are the first certifications under the new TAA law that took effect on May 18, 2009, which, among other changes, expanded program access to previously ineligible service industry workers. [DOL, 6/22/09]
- **Launched \$220 million competition to fund programs that prepare workers for careers in health care and other high-growth industries.** The competition

will result in grants to fund public entities and private, nonprofit organizations to train individuals for careers in the health care fields of nursing, allied health, long-term care and health information technology. Training also will be provided for careers in other growing industries based on specific regional needs. Approximately \$25 million of total funds will be reserved for projects serving communities impacted by automotive industry restructuring. [DOL, 7/21/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by DOL to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Community Service Employment for Older Americans	\$ 118,800,000	\$ 13,127,405
Federal Addtl Unemployment Compensation Program	\$ 4,242,838,854	\$ 4,238,766,888
Office of Job Corps	\$ 118,013,794	\$ 42,876
Payments to the Unemployment Trust Fund	\$ 11,516,000,000	\$ 5,869,400,000
Program Administration	\$ 4,682,509	\$ 4,031,380
Salaries and Expenses	\$ 4,769,406	\$ 732,355
Salaries and Expenses	\$ 492,869	\$ 229,620
State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations	\$ 396,000,000	\$ 9,931,559
Training and Employment Services	\$ 2,931,078,527	\$ 242,362,165
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$ 4,125,446,422	\$ 2,112,998,272
TOTAL	\$23,458,122,381	\$12,491,622,521

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Creating and Saving Jobs and Caring for Our Nation's Veterans

The *Recovery Act* provides over \$1.4 billion to the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve its medical facilities and national cemeteries, provide grants to assist states in acquiring or constructing nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to modify existing facilities in order to furnish care to veterans. The *Recovery Act* also provided an additional one-time \$250 economic recovery payment estimated at \$700 million in benefits for vets. As of July 3, the VA has obligated over \$561 million in *Recovery Act* funding.

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by the VA to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Compensation and Pensions	\$ 461,710,750	\$ 461,710,750
General Operating Expenses	\$ 6,930,530	\$ 4,111,032
Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities	\$ -	\$ -
Information Technology Systems	\$ 43,659,645	\$ 174,145
Medical Facilities	\$ 50,808,401	\$ 1,104,892
National Cemetery Administration	\$ 2,785,584	\$ 165,655
TOTAL	\$ 565,894,910	\$ 467,266,474

[OMB, 7/28/09; for more information, visit www.recovery.gov]

Creating and Saving Construction Jobs and Improving Our Nation's Infrastructure

To date, the Department of Transportation has made \$48.1 billion available for highway, road, transit, bridge and airport construction and repairs nationwide. Of that, \$22.7 billion already has been obligated to fund more than 6,800 approved projects in 53 states and territories.

Currently, more than 3,300 transportation projects are underway across the country. Many transportation projects funded by the *Recovery Act* are coming in under budget and ahead of schedule. State DOTs are routinely receiving low bids for highway and airport construction projects that are below initial estimates by 10 to 20 percent and, in some cases, 30 percent. These lower-than-expected bids are allowing states to stretch taxpayer dollars, complete additional projects, and create even more American jobs.

DOT has made more *Recovery Act* money available to states more quickly than any of its routine programs. The highway portion of the stimulus package is flowing at the rate of nearly \$4 billion a month.

In addition:

- The **Federal Aviation Administration** has allocated nearly all of its \$1.1 billion in *Recovery Act* funding to airports throughout the country. A total of 359 airport projects have been approved.
- The **Federal Highway Administration** has obligated \$17 billion to date for more than 6,000 projects.
- DOT is accepting applications until September 15 for \$1.5 billion in the **TIGER Discretionary Grants Program**. The DOT will award TIGER Grants on a competitive basis to projects that have a significant impact on the nation, a region or metropolitan area, in particular, those located in economically-distressed areas and with strong job-creation potential.
- The **Federal Transit Administration** has awarded 322 grants to transit agencies for a total obligation to date of \$3.9 billion in *Recovery Act* funds.
- As of July 15, the **Federal Railroad Administration** has approved \$1.1 billion worth of Amtrak projects under the *Recovery Act* capital grant program.
- On July 10, DOT received preliminary applications from those interested in the \$8 billion in competitive grants for **High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail**. Initial awards will be made by mid-September.

[DOT, 7/27/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* funding obligations and outlays announced by DOT to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service	\$ 2,279,933	\$ 978
Capital Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation	\$ 1,293,552,299	\$ 98,690,781
Facilities and Equipment	\$ 62,163,361	\$ 71,843
Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment	\$ 335,132,627	\$ 30,644,658
Grants-in-aid for Airports	\$ 859,585,630	\$ 28,783,799
Highway Infrastructure Investment	\$ 17,220,036,817	\$ 505,428,281
Operations and Training	\$ 85,724	\$ 24,773
Transit Capital Assistance	\$ 2,890,660,144	\$ 255,822,123
TOTAL	\$ 22,663,496,536	\$ 919,467,236

[OMB, 7/28/09; for more information, visit www.recovery.gov]

Implementing Tax Provisions and Providing Targeted Assistance

Under the *Recovery Act*, the Department of Treasury plays a pivotal role in implementing tax provisions and providing targeted assistance to people to reignite the economy.

The total estimated benefit in 2009 of the *Recovery Act* tax provisions is \$84.4 billion. The total estimated benefit for implementing tax provisions from 2009-2011 is \$313 billion. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

Tax provisions that were implemented immediately include:

- **Making Work Pay** tax credit that increases the take-home pay for 95 percent of working Americans. Through June 2009, the credit provided an estimated \$4.7 billion in benefits;
- **First time homebuyer credit** expansion for homebuyers who purchase a home in 2009. Through June 2009, an estimated 1.12 million tax returns have claimed this benefit, totaling \$9.6 billion);
- **New Markets Tax Credit** will facilitate the investment of \$1.5 billion of private capital into businesses and real estate projects in low-income communities. 32 awardees selected on May 27. Agreements were closed by June 30 – ahead of the target date of July 27;
- **Build America Bonds** for new capital projects. According to Bloomberg, \$14.00 billion in bonds have been issued by states and municipalities across the country through June 26. The IRS has paid or approved \$8 million in related credits; and
- **Other Treasury *Recovery Act* provisions.** The *Recovery Act* provided for Money Back for New Vehicle purchases, energy efficiency and renewable energy incentives, enhanced credits for the EITC, additional child tax credit, and American Opportunity credit for higher education. Under the *Recovery Act*, unemployment benefits are tax

free in 2009 and the Health Care Tax Credit is increased from 65 percent to 80 percent, with expanded eligibility. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

- **Business tax incentives.** The *Recovery Act* provided for myriad incentives to help businesses, including the extension of bonus depreciation, election to accelerate recognition of historic AMT/R&D credits; extension of enhanced small business expensing; 5 year carryback of net operating losses for small businesses; delayed recognition of certain cancellation of debt income; incentives to hire unemployed veterans and disconnected youth; small business capital gains; temporary small business estimated tax payment relief; temporary reduction of S corporation built-in gains holding period from ten years to seven years; repeal of Treasury Section 382 notice; and clarification of treatment of certain ownership changes. Manufacturing recovery provisions include the creation of Industrial Development Bonds and establishment of a new advanced energy investment credit. [Senate Committee on Finance, 2/12/09]

Other tax provisions and targeted assistance that Treasury is providing includes:

- **Cash Assistance in Lieu of Low Income Housing Tax Credit.** Treasury is providing targeted assistance of up to \$2.9 billion to state housing agencies in lieu of tax credits. To date, 27 applications have been received from 26 designated housing agencies requesting a total of \$1.2 billion.
- **Cash Assistance for Specified Energy Property in Lieu of Tax Credits.** Treasury is providing targeted assistance for investments in specific renewable energy property. Treasury expects to receive 3,000 to 5,000 applications for over \$3 billion in funding. In 2006, only 450 businesses took relevant energy tax credits, totaling \$550 million.
- **Community Development Financial Institutions grants.** CDFI awarded \$98 million in grants to 69 CDFIs, including ten serving Native communities. The funds will enable the CDFIs to continue their vital work of making loans to first-time homebuyers; providing loans and investments in small businesses and microenterprises; supporting the development of affordable housing and community facilities, such as charter schools and health care centers; and providing financial services to support the unbanked population.
- **Economic Recovery Act Payments.** One-time payments of \$250 were made for Social Security recipients, Veterans, and Railroad retirees. The payments began in May and were completed for all issuing agencies by June 30. The total number of payments disbursed was over 50 million, totaling more than \$13 billion. The electronic payment rate for these payments was 85 percent, compared to an average of 70 percent, yielding a savings of \$17 million in processing costs. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by Treasury to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Administrative Expenses	\$ 15,774,028	\$ 9,491,345
Community Development Financial Institution Fund Program Account	\$ 98,000,000	\$ 65,923,600

Grants for Specified Energy Property in Lieu of Tax Credits,	\$	-	\$	-
Grants to States for Low-Income Housing Projects	\$	1,227,166,242	\$	3,072,034
Health Insurance Tax Credit Administration	\$	22,610,571	\$	3,814,906
TOTAL	\$	1,363,550,841	\$	34,778,285

[OMB, 7/28/09; for more information, visit www.recovery.gov]

Creating and Saving Environmental Jobs and Protecting Our Health and Environment

The *Recovery Act* provided for \$7.22 billion for six programs administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. As of June 25, EPA had obligated 64.1 percent of its formula grant dollars and 62 percent of its total *Recovery Act* program obligation. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

To date, EPA has obligated:

- 67.7 percent of **Clean Water Revolving funds** and 63.3 percent of **Drinking Water State Revolving funds** which are used to repair or replace aging drinking water and wastewater infrastructure
- 98 percent of **Clean Diesel Program** noncompetitive grants (\$86.5 million out of \$88.2 million) and 4.8 percent of competitive grants (\$9.8 million out of \$206 million) for technologies that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions like increasing the use of biodiesel and retrofitting improvements to existing diesel engines;
- 65.6 percent of **Superfund** funding to facilitate further cleanup at Superfund National Priority List sites; and
- 3.6 percent of **Underground Storage Tank** funding for overseeing the assessment and cleanup of leaks from underground storage tanks or directly paying for assessment and cleanup of leaks from federally-regulated tanks. This includes \$190.7 million in *Recovery Act* funding for states and territories and \$6.3 million for Indian Country.

In addition, EPA's Brownfields Program is awarding \$5 million in cooperative agreements to provide training in the environmental field to unemployed and underemployed residents in communities impacted by Brownfields. [Office of the Vice President, 7/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by EPA to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Environmental Program and Management	\$ 6,373,822	\$ 3,689,109
Hazardous Substance Superfund	\$ 416,610,790	\$ 4,502,973
Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund	\$ 149,638,000	\$ -
State and Tribal Assistance Grants	\$ 5,338,111,748	\$ 29,887,295
TOTAL	\$ 5,910,734,360	\$ 38,079,377

[OMB, 7/28/09; for more information, visit www.recovery.gov]

Creating and Saving Jobs and Helping Small Businesses to Thrive

The SBA recently:

- **Announced that it can provide surety bond guarantees on federal contracts valued at up to \$10 million.** Building on Recovery Act provisions implemented earlier this year, the U.S. Small Business Administration announced today it can now provide surety bond guarantees on federal contracts valued at up to \$10 million, if the contracting officer certifies that the guarantee is in the best interests of the government. This will have a particular impact in aiding recovery in the construction and service sectors. [SBA, 7/23/09]
- **Issued a report on improving how it qualifies contracting officers to make Recovery Act purchases.** Qualified contracting officers are important to ensuring that the SBA gets the best value for goods and services purchased with its *Recovery Act* funds. A new report issued by the Office of Inspector General, notes that SBA gives contracting officers authority to make purchases on the agency's behalf without ensuring that they met required education, training, and experience. The OIG recommended that SBA establish better controls over the certification program and the process for authorizing contracting officers to buy goods and services. [SBA, 7/6/09]
- **Announced changes to SBA's 504 loan program that will allow businesses to refinance existing debt, expand, and create new jobs.** Small businesses seeking to expand will be able to refinance existing loans used to purchase real estate and other fixed assets as a result of permanent changes to the SBA's 504 Certified Development Company loan program. The changes were authorized in the *Recovery Act*. [SBA, 6/24/09]

The following is a summary of *Recovery Act* obligations and outlays announced by SBA to date:

Account	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Outlays
Business Loan and Investment Direct Loan Financing Account	\$ -	\$ -
Business Loans Program Account	\$ 166,073,121	\$ 54,172,584
Salaries and Expenses	\$ 3,196,178	\$ 754,261
Surety Bond Guarantees Revolving Fund	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 169,269,299	\$ 54,926,845

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