



# Special Report

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## **The Recovery Act: Creating Jobs and Making a Difference in Michigan**

Earlier this year, the Democratic Congress worked with President Obama to enact the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (the *Recovery Act*) in an effort to rescue, rebuild, and strengthen our struggling national economy. Eight years of failed fiscal policies and misguided economic priorities had left our national economy on the brink of disaster, and now – only nine months later – our economy is on the brink of recovery. The *Recovery Act* and the efforts of American businesses and workers, like those in Michigan, made this progress possible.

Despite this encouraging news, Democrats know that many Michiganders are still struggling, and unemployment – a lagging economic indicator – remains far too high. In response, Democrats are working to create and save millions of jobs with *Recovery Act* dollars and tax relief. Already, with more than half of the dollars yet to be spent, the recovery package has provided for more than one million jobs and the rate of job loss has slowed significantly. As we look toward the future, Democrats believe that the *Recovery Act*, combined with the American work ethic and ingenuity, will continue to make a difference for families in Michigan and will deliver on its promise to rebuild our economy and get Michiganders back to work.

### ***The Recovery Act is Creating Jobs and Making a Difference***

Last week, the White House announced that certain recipients of *Recovery Act* funds have reported the creation of 640,329 direct jobs. About 325,000 of these jobs are in education and over 80,000 are in construction. These numbers, however, represent only about 16 percent of expenditures through September 30 and do not reflect the majority of *Recovery Act* funding to date, which has gone directly to individuals and states, including:

- Tax relief for businesses and working families;
- Small business loans, which are exempt from reporting;
- The first-time homebuyer tax credit;
- Direct federal aid, including \$250 direct stimulus checks, enhanced unemployment benefits, increased food stamp benefits for vulnerable families; and
- State fiscal relief, which prevented job cuts at the state and local government level.

Moreover, the reported data does not capture indirect or induced jobs created when prime contractors hire suppliers or other companies to complete projects or when newly employed

workers spend their pay checks. It is estimated that, if included, indirect jobs would add another 50 percent or more to the direct jobs numbers and induced jobs would add an additional 36 percent. [Office of the Vice President, [10/30/09](#); CBPP, [10/28/09](#)]

Taken as a whole, the reported data confirms earlier estimates that the *Recovery Act* would create or save over one million jobs by now, even though less than half of the *Recovery Act* funds have been put to work. [Office of the Vice President, [10/30/09](#)]

Moreover, without the *Recovery Act*, economists believe that the economy and the unemployment rate would be much worse.

- According to Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projections, “The effect of the stimulus legislation on the level of economic activity will probably build during the second half of 2009 [and] have its maximum impact in the first half of 2010... CBO estimates that real GDP will be 1.4 percent to 3.8 percent higher in the fourth quarter of 2009 than it would have been without the stimulus, 1.1 percent to 3.4 percent higher in the fourth quarter of 2010, 0.4 percent to 1.2 percent higher in the fourth quarter of 2011, and zero to 0.3 percent higher by the fourth quarter of 2013.” [CBO, [8/09](#)]
- These estimates were bolstered by third quarter growth when, for the first time in more than a year, the economy expanded, and, at 3.5 percent, it expanded faster than expected. [*Wall Street Journal*, [10/29/09](#)]
- According to economist Mark Zandi, “The research of Moody’s Economy.com suggests that a million fewer jobs would exist today, while the unemployment rate would already have risen well into double digits.” [Testimony before the Joint Economic Committee, [10/29/09](#)]

## ***The Recovery Act is Creating Jobs and Making a Difference in Michigan***

In Michigan, this partial reporting indicates that 22,514 jobs have been created or saved by funding 1,834 awards worth \$5,210,979,620, of which \$1,246,886,826 has already been received. [Recovery, Accountability, and Transparency Board, accessed [11/2/09](#)]

Similar to the national number, this validates the White House’s earlier estimates that the *Recovery Act* is responsible for saving or creating 36,000 jobs so far for Michiganders (accounting for indirect and induced jobs). [Council of Economic Advisors, [9/2009](#)] **Michigan is on track to benefit from a total of 109,000 *Recovery Act* jobs.** [The White House, [2/2009](#)]

These numbers alone cannot adequately convey the human impact of the jobs that are supported by the *Recovery Act* – the real-life stories of local companies that can hire new employees, workers who are no longer faced with uncertainty, and families that no longer need to struggle to pay their bills. The following is a sampling of some of the local *Recovery Act* success stories in Michigan:

***Recovery Act* will help to ease per-pupil cuts that were imposed on Michigan schools last month, particularly for Dearborn Public Schools.** “Led by Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford Twp., who represents north Dearborn Heights) Wayne County lawmakers Thursday voted for a plan that state House of Representatives, will leverage \$184 million in federal stimulus money, helping to ease per-pupil cuts that were imposed on Michigan schools last month... The changes, if enacted, would restore about \$5 million of the \$11.8 million

Dearborn is losing in state revenue this year, said David Mustonen, Dearborn's communications coordinator. The House action would include restoring about half, or \$2.5 million, of the special funding Dearborn receives under hold-harmless funds designated in 1994 for high-spending school districts by the Legislature as part of a plan to equalize per-pupil funding throughout the state... Gino Polidori (D-Dearborn), a member of the House Education Committee commented on the house action: 'By taking advantage of economic stimulus dollars, we will help lessen the blow for many of Michigan schools, especially the nearly \$5 million funding cut slated for Dearborn Public Schools. We cannot get our economy back on track by downsizing our children's education and blocking our schools from getting the resources they need.'" [[Press and Guide](#), 11/7/09]

**Flint's south side will use *Recovery Act* funds to hire six police officers.** "Flint's south side will soon see six additional police officers patrolling the streets as part of a community task force funded by \$3 million in stimulus grant funds. Two assistant prosecutors and two legal assistants also will set up shop in the area, which is bounded by Hemphill Road to the south, I-69 to the north, Dort Highway on the east and Fenton Road to the west. City and county officials made the announcement today on the lot of Applegate Chevrolet on S. Saginaw Street... 'This is going to be great for the neighborhood,' said lifelong Flint resident Larry Fogelberg, 59, a member of the Southside Business and Residents Association. 'We pride ourselves on taking care of our own and this is going to help a lot.' The six officers will be recalled from layoffs at the Flint police department. Leyton said he will be hiring two new assistant prosecutors and paralegals, and is working on securing an office for them on Dort Highway... 'We have had violence in this part of the city that we have to knock out,' Leyton said. Targeting crime on the south end will benefit the entire city, Leyton said, and even the smallest crimes need to be looked after... He said the police officers and prosecutors will help improve the quality of life for residents.'" [[Flint Journal](#), 10/27/09]

**Oakland County's communities, police departments, and schools will receive a large boost from the *Recovery Act* funding.** "Oakland County's communities, police departments and schools have gotten millions of dollars in federal stimulus money... Public and private schools have been the largest beneficiaries of federal stimulus money so far, to the tune of more than \$157 million, although significant chunks of money have gone to law enforcement and housing assistance. Nearly \$280 million has been doled out in Oakland County, according to the state's economic recovery office, which has updated stimulus disbursements through Sept. 25. Michigan tracks its share of federal stimulus money in five broad categories: Creating 'green' jobs, supporting families, strengthening communities, protecting natural resources and enhancing educational opportunities.'" [[Oakland Daily Tribune](#), 10/26/09]

**Thanks to *Recovery Act* funds, 250 education jobs will be saved on an annual basis in Oakland County.** "More than \$157 million has gone to education, mostly to K-12 schools, public and private. Public and private schools have received more than \$66 million, mostly for Title 1 funding that supports children in low-income areas. Some also went for technology improvements... Tom Wiseman, assistant superintendent of business services for Waterford schools, said the stimulus money was used to offset reductions by the state in the school aid budget. 'What those dollars did was really keep our per pupil funding at \$7,640,' Wiseman said. 'It saved 250 jobs on an annual basis'... But that money also finds its way to local school districts for their special education programs.'" [[Oakland Daily Tribune](#), 10/26/09]

***Recovery Act* will fund home weatherization, fuel cell technology, and the creation of green jobs in Oakland County and surrounding communities.** "The federal money has been allocated in the broad categories of home weatherization, energy efficiency block

grants and fuel cell technology grants. More than \$11.5 million has gone to Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA) for home weatherization. Another \$10.8 million has been divvied up between Oakland County, Waterford Township, Troy, Southfield, Royal Oak, Rochester Hills, Pontiac, Novi, Farmington Hills, Commerce Township and Bloomfield Township in the form of energy conservation grants... \$2.4 million — went to fuel cell technology, and the entire amount went to Delphi Automotive. Another \$879,907 went to Robert Bosch, LLC, to investigate ethanol fuel blends.” [[Oakland Daily Tribune](#), 10/26/09]

**21 county police departments will benefit from *Recovery Act* funding for public safety.** “Twenty-one county police departments have received a total of \$1.9 million in public safety grants while five others are splitting \$3.1 million in special grants to fund police officers on the street. Another \$1.6 million in justice department grants also went to county law enforcement. The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, for example, received \$400,000 for its Narcotic Enforcement Team, another \$1.18 million in a federal Justice Department grant and \$232,769 in a public safety grant.” [[Oakland Daily Tribune](#), 10/26/09]

**Nearly 19,000 *Recovery Act* grants and loans are helping Michigan residents create jobs; one loan allowed Diane Brabon to hire 10 people.** “The federally backed loan was seemingly small - a meager \$12,500 compared with the multimillion dollar grants D.C. lawmakers handed out this year elsewhere in mid-Michigan. But Diane Brabon has used that summer loan as a cushion to make payroll while expanding her business. It has allowed her to create something desperately needed in Michigan - jobs. That single loan is just one of 18,953 federal *Recovery Act* contracts, grants and loans to Michigan worth \$8.7 billion through Oct. 14... Brabon owns Trusting Heart Home Health Services LLC in Delta Township. The Aug. 12 loan from the federal Small Business Administration's Business Guaranteed Loan Financing Account let her create 10 part-time jobs she expects to grow into full-time positions. We get to help the elderly and those in need and give people jobs,’ said Brabon, who now employs about 60. Tens of millions of dollars in stimulus money for Michigan went to state government. Other grants and loans went directly to small businesses... such as the Lansing Glass Co. on Baker Street in Lansing. Lansing Glass was granted a loan of \$690,300 in June from the SBA. With it, the company expanded, improving efficiency and safety.” [[Lansing State Journal](#), 10/23/09]

***Recovery Act* funding will reinstate two full-time reading clinicians and hire one full-time elementary teacher at Romeo Community Schools.** “Romeo Community Schools will take advantage of federal funding to provide more time to helping at-risk students. The Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution to reinstate two full-time reading clinicians and the equivalent of one full-time elementary teacher. By using a combination of grant funding to hire the clinicians, administration says the hires will have a neutral impact on the otherwise strained budget... Reading clinicians work with at-risk students, and when two were eliminated there were three left to serve the district's five elementary schools... ‘We made the recommendation thinking that we would remain in compliance with providing services for our kids,’ said Superintendent Joe Beck. Christine Scarborough, curriculum facilitator, explained that the curriculum office found a solution in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, also known as stimulus funds. She said stimulus funding can be used for Title I purposes, such as reading clinicians, but only if they're engaged in learning activities that comply with Title I programs.” [[Romeo Observer](#), 10/14/09]

***Recovery Act* has created about 19,500 jobs in Michigan, with nearly three-fourths of the jobs in education.** “The state of Michigan reports federal stimulus money has created or saved about 19,500 jobs so far... The three biggest areas of job growth or retention are education, workforce and infrastructure. In fact, nearly three-fourths of the jobs are in

education. These are preliminary numbers. The report does not include all the state-level grants or money sent directly to local governments and universities.” [[ABC News 12](#), Video; 10/13/09]

**Michigan will use *Recovery Act* grants to create an energy efficiency program and hire contractors to complete optimization programs for electricity customers.**

“Michigan will use \$17.4 million in federal stimulus funds to create an energy efficiency and conservation grant program that officials said Monday will help create jobs in fields like energy audits, building retrofits, traffic-signal upgrades and installation of renewable energy systems... The first is a multi-purpose grant to help local governments perform building audits and retrofits, establish financial incentive programs, upgrade traffic signals and streetlights, implement and enforce stepped-up building codes, and install renewable energy systems on government buildings. There are also grants to encourage the use of light-emitting diode (LED) products to reduce energy use and increase awareness of LED technology. The grants also come as DTE Energy and Consumers Energy hire contractors to help them launch energy optimization programs for electricity customers.” [[Michigan Business Review](#), 9/28/09]

**Detroit trimmed the number of layoffs this month by 78 percent with allocation of *Recovery Act* funding.** “Mayor Dave Bing is slashing the number of city workers scheduled for layoff this month by 78 percent, cutting 230 jobs by the end of September instead of the 1,061 he projected. Cost savings through increased efficiency and tentative contract concessions by several unions allowed the city to preserve jobs, said Karen Dumas, Bing’s communications director. The administration also feared the severity of the service reductions the layoffs would trigger, Dumas said.” [[The Detroit News](#), 9/25/09]

**Wayne State University will be able to provide research jobs to students who otherwise would not have had the chance thanks to a \$287,297 *Recovery Act* grant.**

“Since the inception of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Wayne State researchers have received more than \$25 million in economic stimulus awards, according to the Wayne State’s Division of Research Web site. The Research Experience for Undergraduates training program was awarded a \$287,291 grant from the NSF. The REU program is especially designed for students who would otherwise be unable to participate in research. ‘By getting involved in real research projects, students become familiar with the challenges scientists face on a daily basis, the methods they use to address and solve those challenges and the joy and satisfaction brought about by discoveries,’ Dr. Alexey Petrov, the director of the REU said. The recession, which put research developments at risk, prompted President Obama to establish the ARRA earlier this year. ” [[The South End](#), 9/21/09]

***Recovery Act* funds help local schools avoid end-of-year cuts and support teachers.**

“The stimulus funds also are very important to area schools because they will allow districts to do more to help students who need it most. These funds, which totaled \$1.2 billion, were used to ‘plug up’ the \$984 million deficit hole in the state’s school aid fund for the 2008-09 school year. The stimulus funds prevented the state from making end-of-the-year cuts in per-student state aid payments. This was a welcome relief to school districts, whose revenues come mostly from the state aid payments...Without some drastic changes in how schools are funded, school districts will have to figure out how they’ll survive the impending sharp cuts from the state...’ This is a wonderful opportunity, especially in a time of limited resources and financial restraints,’ said [Huron Intermediate School District] General Education Director Peggy Randall. ” [[Huron Daily Tribune](#), 9/21/09]

**Canton was awarded *Recovery Act* money for energy efficiency and conservation projects; the funds will save eight jobs and lower energy costs for taxpayers.**

“Canton’s efforts to become more environmentally friendly — already bolstered by the

township's move this year to a better curbside recycling program — just got another boost. Local officials have learned the township will receive \$754,000 in federal stimulus dollars aimed at helping communities go green and improve energy efficiency. Canton received the largest share of money of any Michigan community from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, or EECBG, program. The projects are expected to save the township tens of thousands of dollars in coming years... Although township facilities coordinator Gregg King said the projects are only expected to create about eight new jobs, it's the energy-saving dollars he said will benefit Canton and, ultimately, the taxpayers who pay the bills.” [[The Observer](#), 9/6/09]

**The Michigan State Police received recovery act funds to help hire and train fifteen troopers and three sergeants.** “More than \$6.5 million in federal funds have been awarded to the Michigan State Police to help hire and train 15 troopers and three sergeants. The grant comes from the U.S. Department of Justice as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, said U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee. In addition to hiring 18 officers, the State Police will use the funding to enhance homeland security efforts, provide an emergency mobile response team and coordinate a statewide highway criminal enforcement initiative, said Stupak, a former trooper. In June, Stupak led the Michigan congressional delegation in sending a letter to the Department of Justice requesting stimulus funding be expedited to prevent planned personnel cuts by the State Police.” [[The Bay City Times](#), 8/24/09]

**Recovery Act money paves way for major road construction in Saginaw, creating over 120 new jobs.** “Stimulus money is paving the way for a major road construction project in Saginaw. M-13 between M-46 and Hess Avenue is getting a \$5.1 million makeover. Drivers should expect to see a lot of ‘Road Closed’ signs, which started going up Monday morning... MDOT says the underground water and sewer lines are more than 100 years old and are in need of complete replacement. The city of Saginaw and MDOT have wanted to work on the road and those sewer and water lines since 1997, but the project never got past the planning stage because it cost too much money. But now that this project has qualified for federal stimulus money, it's finally going to happen... MDOT says the project will put between 120 and 150 people to work. Those workers are expected to work year round to get construction done on time. Some work is already underway.” [[WJRT News](#), 8/17/09]

**Recovery Act-funded grant will enable UM Medical School to hire or retain three workers to research new vaccines for ear infection.** “University of Michigan scientists and engineers have been awarded 159 federal stimulus-package research grants to date, totaling \$61.1 million... Dr. Janet Gilsdorf, professor and director of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Service at the Medical School, received a \$546,488 stimulus award from NIH. She will use the funding to search for new vaccines to ward off bacterial ear infections that plague children... The funding will enable Gilsdorf to hire one junior scientist, retain one mid-career scientist and provide partial support for an additional mid-career scientist.” [[WWJ Radio](#), 8/16/09]

**Recovery Act-funded grant to um medical school will create two new jobs for radiology study.** “Research funds were included in the \$787 billion federal economic stimulus package approved in February, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act... Brian Ross, a professor of radiology and biological chemistry at the Medical School, will use his \$531,387 NIH award to develop and validate an imaging-based biomarker to determine if a treatment is working in patients with cancer that has spread to the skeletal system... The funding enabled Ross to hire two more technical staff members for his study.” [[WWJ Radio](#), 8/16/09]

**159 Recovery Act grants have been awarded to the University of Michigan, sustaining jobs and advancing valuable research.** “University of Michigan scientists and

engineers have been awarded 159 federal stimulus-package research grants to date, totaling \$61.1 million. The funding includes 113 National Institutes of Health stimulus awards, more than any other U.S. university or college. Stimulus funds from the NIH, the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy will support a variety of U-M basic science, biomedical and engineering projects, from novel cancer and vaccine studies to research on ultra-energy-efficient computers and the next generation of rechargeable batteries. In addition, stimulus-package funding from the Energy Department will pay for a \$19.5 million U-M research center to explore new materials for solar cells. ‘The stimulus-package research grants will increase the pace at which the University of Michigan and other universities can address significant problems facing our world in the areas of health, engineering, and technology development,’ said Stephen Forrest, U-M vice president for research. ‘The funding also supports training of future researchers, and the spending on salaries, supplies, and laboratory upgrades undertaken by these projects adds to the economy.’” [[University of Michigan News Service](#), 8/10/09]

**Dearborn Police Department hired 10 new police officers thanks to *Recovery Act* allocation.** “The Dearborn Police Department recently learned it is the recipient of nearly \$2.3 million in federal grant funds, which Chief Ronald Haddad said would be used to put 10 new officers on the streets. ‘We’ve already hired three,’ Haddad said Monday. The new officers will be stationed primarily in the city’s east end. The grants provide 100 percent of the approved salary and benefits for the officers for a three-year period, Haddad said. Police departments receiving the grants will then have to keep the grant funded positions for a fourth year. ‘We lose enough people every year that committing to keep 10 officers on for a fourth year was an easy decision,’ Haddad said, adding the department is required to have at least 205 officers on board at all times. [[Dearborn Press & Guide](#), 8/5/09]

**The Detroit Summer Youth Employment Program is hoping to use *Recovery Act* funds to employ 7,000 young people through September 30.** “V. Lonnie Peek’s Detroit-based eBusiness Strategies is one of 12 businesses that have partnered with the federally funded Detroit Summer Youth Employment Program. ‘I can’t wait,’ said Peek, whose five-employee company offers customer service-related project management, and will take 50 youths through the program. ‘I have individuals who will do clerical, some will be working on computers, some doing stuff like filing, others who will be doing general work.’ Coordinated by Detroit-based City Connect Detroit, the \$11 million program aims to place 7,000 Detroiters ages 14 to 24 in summer jobs through Sept. 30, at no cost to business owners. Participants must be low-income and meet other at-risk criteria... In past years, the program has placed about 3,000 youths. This year’s expanded capacity is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Workers earn between \$7.50 and \$11 an hour, based on age.” [[Crain’s Detroit Business](#), 8/2/09]

***Recovery Act* revenue has allowed capital area Michigan Works to provide 700 young people with jobs and pertinent vocational training.** “We’ve heard all summer what a difficult labor market it is for teens. We’re solidly into double-digit unemployment statewide and at the local level, and many working adults have accepted positions below their skill levels. Teens simply can’t compete. That is one of the reasons Capital Area Michigan Works was so thrilled to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars specifically for a Youth Summer Employment and Training Program. For the past six weeks, more than 700 14- to 24-year-olds from the region have been helping local organizations - and getting paid - at no cost to the groups. Stimulus dollars have paid for classroom instruction for the at-risk youth, as well as their wages.” [[Lansing State Journal](#), 8/3/09]

**110 young people supplied with *Recovery Act*-funded jobs at over 30 businesses in Clinton County.** “With a combination of timely federal funding and cooperation from more than 30 Clinton County businesses, Capital Area Michigan Works is helping scores of young

people with jobs, education and employment skills. Currently, 110 participants are working at 34 locations around the county. The program provides employment for participants, as well as an education component, according to organizers.... Funding for the Summer Youth Program comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.” [[Lansing State Journal](#), 7/23/09]

**Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs doled out 37 arts grants using Recovery Act funds, saving over 140 jobs.** “The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs... will distribute \$438,007 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to preserve more than 140 jobs in 21 counties. Locally, the Muskegon Museum of Art was awarded \$14,509 for two security guard positions, a gift shop manager and an artist. The Arts Council of White Lake will receive \$7,086 to pay the salaries of the ArtReach coordinator... The funding opportunity was specifically designed to preserve jobs in the arts and culture sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn.” [[Muskegon Chronicle](#), 7/20/09]

**Numerous young people now employed thanks to Recovery Act-funded capital area Michigan Works!** “With a combination of timely federal funding and cooperation from more than 30 Clinton County businesses, Capital Area Michigan Works! is helping scores of young people with jobs, education and employment skills... Funding for the Summer Youth Program comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act . Participants must be between 14 and 24 years old and meet other eligibility requirements. ‘Middle-class kids don't get into this program. Economic need is imperative, unless they have a documented disability,’ [director of the St. Johns service center for CAMW] said, ‘or if they have been a foster child.’ One-hundred and ten participants are working at 34 locations around the county.” [[Lansing State Journal](#), 7/19/09]

**Recovery Act disbursement to Detroit public school system saved 192 teaching jobs.** “Detroit Public Schools announced today a \$148 million plan to invest in academics in the district, including reducing class sizes, bolstering extended day programs and training teachers. The program will be funded through federal stimulus money, district officials announced at a press conference at the Academy of the Americas. The investment amounts to \$1,750 per Detroit child and should save the jobs of 192 teachers, largely through class size reduction, [emergency financial manager Robert] Bobb said. ‘Detroit's children deserve the same opportunities and technologies as their peers in the suburbs and private schools, and this plan opens the gate for those chances,’ said Barbara Byrd-Bennett, the district's chief academic and accountability auditor.” [[Detroit News](#), 7/16/09]

**Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs disseminated Recovery Act funds to 30 arts organizations to sustain employment.** “Like a gentle summer rain, more federal stimulus money is sprinkling down on Michigan arts-and-culture nonprofits badly parched by the economic crisis. The state-run Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs announced Friday it's distributing \$345,000 in federal money to 30 groups across the state, all intended to preserve jobs in the hard-hit cultural sector.” [[Detroit News](#), 7/15/09]

**Detroit schools plan to improve systems using advice from consultants hired with Recovery Act funds.** “Four private education management firms will work to turn around what one administrator called ‘shameful’ achievement records at 17 Detroit high schools, according to the Education Report. The companies are Edison Learning and Institute for Achievement, both based in New York; Ed Works, based in Cincinnati; and the Model Secondary Schools Project, based in Washington, according to The Detroit News. Each has received a multiyear, ‘several-million dollar’ contract from Detroit Public Schools, paid for with federal stimulus money.” [[The Examiner](#), 7/14/09]

**Cherry Street Health services enlisted *Recovery Act* funds to hire 13 new personnel to accommodate increase in clinic demand.** “Cherry Street Health Services in Kent County provides health care for the uninsured or underinsured. The organizations will receive more than \$2 million in federal stimulus funds. \$1.8 million is for construction and equipment and \$600,000 is for operations of the health services. Plus, Cherry Street Health Services is applying for more stimulus money. About 55,000 people will turn to Cherry Street Health Services this year for medical, dental, and vision care. Cherry Street expects to help about 12,000 more patients over the next two years because of more than \$600,000 in federal stimulus money... Cherry Street will use the recovery act money to hire 12 to 13 people including a doctor, medical assistants, office staffers, as well as two dentists, a dental hygienist, and dental assistants.” [[WZZM – ABC](#), 7/13/09]

**Michigan Works employment agency used a *Recovery Act* grant to employ over 800 low-income young people.** “A team of Bay County youths armed with landscape rakes and a little gusto have launched an offensive on the beach muck at the Bay City State Recreation Area. The young laborers, mostly ages 16 to 24, are being put to work for the next six weeks using federal stimulus dollars channeled through Michigan Works, the region's workforce development agency.” Director of Michigan Works for the Great Lakes Bay Region: “It's targeted toward young people from low-income families. The goal is to help as many young people as possible get a summer job, and we're up over 800 right now, so we're doing pretty good in that regard.” [[Bay City Times](#), 7/9/09]

***Recovery Act*-funded grants awarded to 10 arts-and-culture organizations to prevent layoffs.** “When you think ‘federal stimulus funds,’ you tend to think shovel-ready projects. But part of the massive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that Congress passed early this year to kick-start the economy included dollars for the National Endowment for the Arts, which now has released \$400,000 in grants to 10 arts-and-culture organizations across southeast Michigan. The funds are intended to prevent layoffs, in this case in the nonprofit sector, hard hit by a drop in charitable giving following the economic collapse. In Detroit, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Mosaic Youth Theatre each will receive \$50,000. The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival in Southfield will get \$25,000, as will both the ArtTrain museum and Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor. The rest of the money goes to organizations outside the Metro Detroit area.” [[Detroit News](#), 7/8/09]

**\$10 million *Recovery Act* grant for the cleaning of Muskegon Lake and the restoration of wildlife habitat projected to create or retain 125 construction and engineering jobs.** “Contaminated sediments will be removed from Muskegon Lake and wildlife habitat will be restored as part of a \$10 million project funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act... In a statement released last week Lt. Gov. John Cherry, Chairman of the Great Lakes commission, said that the grant will ‘create or retain 125 construction and engineering jobs.’ A recent study by the Brookings Institute found that cleaning up areas like Muskegon Lake will also increase local property values, tourism and recreational opportunities.” [[Michigan Messenger](#), 7/7/09]

***Recovery Act* funds for a major wetland and wildlife habitat restoration project on Muskegon Lake is expected to support 125 jobs.** “Federal stimulus dollars totaling \$10 million have been awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) for a major wetland and wildlife habitat restoration project on Muskegon Lake, Michigan, along the east shoreline of Lake Michigan... The project will also remove more than 180,000 tons of degraded lake bottom sediment to improve aquatic habitat for fish and other species. The project is also designed to create jobs. It is projected to create 40,000 labor hours to support 125 jobs.” [[WZZM ABC 13](#), 6/30/09]

**\$1.2 billion in *Recovery Act* monies support statewide employment program targeting youths.** “This summer, more than 304,000 teenagers are expected to seek jobs in our state. The federal stimulus is making that hunt easier by funding a job training program, creating hundreds of summer jobs. 17-year-old Adrianna Erb of Montague is experiencing the crunch many teens are facing when it comes to finding a summer job. ‘It has been hard. All the jobs are full or they are not hiring,’ she says. ‘I need money for college.’” [[WZZM – ABC](#), 6/5/09]

**State Fiscal Stabilization fund provides Michigan with \$1 billion from *Recovery Act* to reform schools and sustain teacher salaries.** Senator Stabenow: “We need to provide our children with a world-class education, so they can compete in the global economy. During these tough economic times, I am so pleased Michigan will receive this important funding to keep our teachers in the classroom and ensure our children are receiving the education they deserve.” Senator Levin: “A great education is one of the most important things we can provide to our children. I am hopeful that this federal economic recovery funding will help school districts across Michigan avoid painful budget cuts and prepare our young people to succeed in the 21st century.” [[WPBN-WTOM](#), 6/3/09]

**Wayne County will receive \$50 million in tax credits to stimulate economic growth and create jobs.** Senator Stabenow: “The global credit crisis has not only hurt our economy, but has dried up the investment capital needed to turn things around. Making \$50 million in tax credits available serves as a valuable tool to spur private investment in southeastern Michigan, create jobs, and promote economic growth.” Senator Levin: “This federal economic recovery funding will help spur economic growth in southeast Michigan during a difficult economic stretch. I am hopeful that this partnership will help Wayne County attract investment and create jobs.” [[Press Release- Senators Levin and Stabenow](#), 6/1/09]

***Recovery Act* funds for rural transit in Michigan should create between 100 and 200 jobs.** [[States News Service](#), 5/28/09]

**Car-manufacturing communities will receive \$50 in *Recovery Act* funds to train laid-off auto workers for jobs in the energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors.** [[Associated Press](#), 5/21/09]