



# Special Report

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

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 Ohio, made this progress possible.

Despite this encouraging news, Democrats know that many Ohioans 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 Ohio and will deliver on its promise to rebuild our economy and get Ohioans 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 Ohio***

In Ohio, this partial reporting indicates that 17,095 jobs have been created or saved by funding 1,642 awards worth \$5,056,329,654, of which \$869,814,143 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 38,900 jobs so far for Ohioans (accounting for indirect and induced jobs). [Council of Economic Advisors, [9/2009](#)] **Ohio is on track to benefit from a total of 133,000 *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 Ohio:

***Recovery Act* funds will be used to restore streams and wetlands on the site of a new Franklin County Metro Park.** “Federal stimulus money will pay for about \$1.86 million to restore streams and wetlands on the site of a new Franklin County Metro Park between Groveport and Canal Winchester. The park system had been awarded \$3 million in stimulus money through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, but the bid for the work came in at \$2.86 million. The stimulus money will pay for about 65 percent of that, Metro Parks Executive Director John O’Meara said. The Columbus Regional Airport Authority will pay about

\$886,000, or 31 percent, O'Meara said, to offset environmental effects resulting from future improvements at Port Columbus. Those improvements could include a consolidated rental-car facility and south-runway relocation, airport spokeswoman Angie Tabor said. Metro Parks will pay the rest of the cost. The parks board approved the contract with John Eramo & Sons of Hilliard yesterday. The work is to begin in February and be finished next summer, O'Meara said. The 482-acre park is scheduled to open in 2011." [[The Columbus Dispatch](#), 11/13/09]

**Children's Hospital in Akron was awarded *Recovery Act* funds to hire additional social workers and mental health professionals for children who witness or experience violence.** "Children who witness or experience violence are more likely to suffer serious problems often because they lack the necessary mental health help they need to succeed. 'They don't do well in school; they drop out and they just don't perform well once they've suffered adverse childhood events,' said Dr. Daryl Steiner, Director of Children At Risk Evaluation (CARE) at Childrens Hospital in Akron. The program treats and evaluates nearly 2,000 children each year who have been abused or have been impacted by violence, including crimes such as murder... Recently, Childrens Hospital was awarded \$882,550 in stimulus funds to hire additional social workers and mental health professionals to better treat the emotional needs of children of violence. 'The mental health delivery system in this community is very overburdened,' he said. '(Children) are subjected to long waits and poor follow through.' 'The (stimulus dollars) are an attempt to get these children involved in therapy immediately without any wait time.'" [[WKYC](#), 11/12/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will create hundreds of jobs through several decontamination projects in Ohio, including cleaning up the Piketon plant site.** "Five "shovel ready" projects were identified for accelerated cleanup to provide more than 200 additional jobs. The Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, which terminated nuclear enrichment in 2001 after nearly 50 years of operation, earlier this year was allocated \$118.2 million under the [Recovery] act to hire workers for the monumental task of cleanup at the site. In the past year, Brown said, more than \$268 million in new federal funds, which are expected to create more than 1,000 jobs and accelerate cleanup efforts for more than 20 years, have been awarded to the Piketon plant. The projects funded under the initial spurt of the \$118.2 million provided under the act include three major accelerated decontamination and decommissioning projects: a 21-acre electrical switchyard, an 18-acre cooling tower complex, an 18,000 square foot chemical engineering building." [[Portsmouth Daily Times](#), 11/10/09]

**Ohio estimates it will create 590 new jobs and retain 487 thanks to *Recovery Act* funding for weatherization.** "One state leading the way in weatherization is Ohio, which plans to use the \$266.8 million ARRA WAP grant to increase the energy efficiency of more than 32,000 homes. In July alone Ohio weatherized 951 homes, providing such services as adding insulation, sealing leaks, and modernizing heating and cooling equipment. With ARRA funding through March 2012, Ohio estimates it will create 590 new jobs and retain 487." [[PR Newswire](#), 10/30/09]

***Recovery Act* funding will go to 130 medical projects across Ohio.** "Cleveland's major medical institutions are beginning to reap millions of dollars from special National Institutes of Health stimulus grants, which they applied for earlier this year. And that money means jobs for Northeast Ohio. So far, Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Clinic – the two largest recipients – report being awarded more than \$57 million combined in funding for nearly 130 medical research projects. Together, the institutions have more than 730 grants still pending... Most dollars are spent on people and, thus, provide jobs, said Dr. Stan Gerson, director of the University Hospitals Ireland Cancer Center and director of the Case

Comprehensive Cancer Center. UH Case Medical Center predicts it will hire at least 13 new employees in the next 12 months for its approved grants, Gerson said.” [[The Plain Dealer](#), 11/1/09]

**17,000 jobs in Ohio have been funded the Recovery Act; funding has saved the jobs of 24 police recruits this spring.** “Ohio agencies, cities and other entities reported creating or saving more than 17,000 jobs with federal stimulus money so far, according to the most extensive information released on the program since it started in March... ‘About 7,200 of Ohio’s jobs were tied to funding for education that helped stabilize the budgets for primary and secondary schools and higher education, the reports said... In all, 358 state, local and private agencies reported creating or saving jobs in Ohio. They ranged from the nearly 3,806 jobs the Ohio Department of Education reported to the Harcatus Tri-County Community Action Organization... The totals also don’t include indirect jobs created from stimulus spending, and it appears yesterday’s reports missed some local jobs that the stimulus funded... The city of Columbus, for example, filed seven reports showing \$6.3 million in stimulus awards. However, yesterday’s reports show no job numbers for the city, even though stimulus money saved the jobs of 24 police recruits this spring and paid the salaries of a fingerprint technician, a DNA technician and a domestic-violence coordinator.” [[The Columbus Dispatch](#), 10/31/09]

**Recovery Act funding will be used by Inorganic Specialists Inc. to research batteries that may be used in electric and hybrid cars.** “The U.S. Department of Energy has awarded \$1.99 million to research battery technology as part of a larger \$151 million in stimulus money set aside for such projects... Inorganic Specialists Inc. intends to use the money to research batteries that may be used in electric and hybrid cars. Only two other Ohio companies were chosen to participate in the program: Momentive Performance Materials received \$4.5 million to research LEDs, and Univenture Inc. received \$5.9 million to research algae-based alternative fuels.” [[WHIO](#), 10/27/09]

**The Ohio Department of Education and e-Tech Ohio will use Recovery Act funding for teacher professional development; technology integration coaches will assist teachers to build technology-rich learning environments.** “eTech Ohio and the Ohio Department of Education announced the ARRA Title II-D Competitive Grant recipients for school years 2009 and 2010, which included the Western Brown Local School District and the Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington Local School District... This grant focuses primarily on professional development and student learning to build technology-rich learning environments... Teachers will become facilitators and co-learners and create technology-enabled learning environments in which students will meet or exceed the state academic content standards and develop 21st century skills.” [[News Democrat](#), 10/25/09]

**Recovery Act will fund the research and hire an assistant for a University of Toledo professor whose research could eliminate the need to use lab animals for testing chemicals.** “A University of Toledo professor is researching a way to create a three-dimensional skin replica that could eliminate the need to use lab animals for testing chemicals. Dr. Akira Takashima, chairman of medical microbiology and immunology at the University of Toledo’s medical school, the former Medical College of Ohio, just received a competitive \$1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to test his theory. It’s part of a total of \$2.4 million he recently brought in from stimulus dollars for research... The \$1 million National Institutes of Health grant will support the research for two years. He also received a \$1.25 million grant to recruit and hire junior faculty and a \$150,000 supplemental grant to continue research on langerhans cells, which are the skin’s immune cells, both also from the National Institutes of Health through stimulus funds.’ ... ‘It is an excellent use of stimulus dollars because it is totally shovel-ready because the work force to do this research is in place, and it’s just flick a



switch and they are working and doing this research,' he said... 'It has dramatic direct and immediate stimulation of the economy far beyond what you get by employing more people,' he said." [[Toledo Blade](#), 10/20/09]

**In Ohio, more than 7,200 jobs were created or saved in education through Recovery Act funds.** "Thanks to stimulus funding, Clark-Shawnee Local Schools hired staff to work one-on-one with struggling students and maintain four classroom teachers and a classroom aide. 'It provides added support to those students who have been identified as needing more one-on-one and small group instruction in the core areas,' Superintendent Debbie Finkes said... In Ohio, more than 7,200 jobs were created or saved in education through the funds, according to the Ohio Department of education... Northeastern Local Schools maintained employment or hours for 11 employees through the funding, according to Superintendent Rick Broderick. Springfield City Schools attributed 12.5 jobs through the stimulus dollars, according to Treasurer Chris Mohr, while Champaign County's Triad schools was able to avoid cuts in hours to two teaching positions and eliminating a third position, said Superintendent Craig Meredith... 'I think until the evidence-based model is fully-funded every district in the state of Ohio is going to have problems with maintaining their staffing and programming,' she said. 'Therefore the stimulus money and the ARRA money has helped for this two year span to continue some programs although there are lots of schools that still made cuts in programming and staff even with the stimulus money.'" [[Springfield News Sun](#), 10/20/09]

**Recovery Act funding allocated for remediation work at a 305-acre energy research site is expected to create hundreds of jobs.** "The Dayton-area project that has received the most stimulus money is well under way and has the potential to help bring hundreds of jobs to a local business and tech park. The Mound, a former U.S. Department of Energy research site, received \$20 million in stimulus money, more than any other single recipient in the county, for remediation work at the 305-acre site. Michael Grauwelman, president of the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corp., said the stimulus funding will allow The Mound to close the chapter on site remediation and begin concentrating on developing the property into a multi-million dollar business and technology park. The money is being used to clean a portion of the site previously used [sic] as a dump in the 1940s and 1950s. Idaho-based *Accelerated Remediation Co.* won the contract to complete site investigation, waste removal and disposal of contaminated solid and debris. The project is currently ahead of schedule and is estimated to be completed in September 2010, Grauwelman said." [[Dayton Business Journal](#), 10/16/09]

**State report shows 13,144 jobs saved, created by Recovery Act funds.** "Federal stimulus funds have helped create or save 13,144 jobs in Ohio so far this year, according to a state report released Tuesday evening. More than half of the jobs created or retained, or 7,173, are education-related, such as teachers, school nurses and other staff... "These numbers are preliminary and not final, but even at this early stage, they show that federal stimulus assistance has had a positive impact on Ohio's economy," Ohio Office of Budget and Management Director Pari Sabety said in a statement. So far, Ohio has spent about \$1.6 billion of the expected \$8.5 billion the state will receive over the next two years. Only a portion - \$335.6 million - is linked to the number of jobs reported. The other money, nearly \$1.3 billion, went directly to shore up the state's Medicaid program, unemployment benefits, increased food stamp assistance, and other programs that don't necessarily relate to job creation. Ohio is receiving more than \$1 billion of federal funds to stabilize its state government budget, which for this state and others was a way to maintain education funding and help keep school districts from having to lay off teachers... Michigan reported creating or saving 19,498 jobs and Minnesota 11,800. Like Ohio, Minnesota and Michigan said that education jobs make up the majority of the stimulus-funded jobs." [[The Plain Dealer](#), 10/14/09]

**Recovery Act package led to 13,000 Ohio jobs.** “The federal economic stimulus package has saved or created more than 13,000 jobs in Ohio, according to a state report released Tuesday... Ohio, which is scheduled to get about \$8.5 billion in stimulus money over the next several years, has spent \$1.6 billion so far - and just \$335.6 million of that fell within this week's reporting deadline, state budget director Pari Sabety said. The state's 13,144 stimulus-funded jobs included 3,400 in a program intended to stabilize school budgets and prevent layoffs, although it wasn't clear how many of these were teachers... In California, the stimulus was credited with saving or creating 62,000 jobs in public schools and state universities. Other employment gains in Ohio included 2,296 jobs in a stimulus program that hired people to weatherize homes, businesses and public buildings. The report also noted that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, which has \$278 million in stimulus money to upgrade water and sewer systems, created or retained 213 full-time jobs... Sabety said much of the early stimulus spending in Ohio has gone to Medicaid, unemployment benefits, college Pell grants, food stamp assistance and other social services programs... Stimulus spending on highway construction has yet to hit full stride in Ohio, and winter will bring road paving to a halt. The state, which is overseeing about \$1 billion in stimulus money for transportation projects, has awarded contracts on 140 stimulus-funded projects worth about \$418.8 million, officials said. Construction crews broke ground Tuesday on a highway project that is getting the largest investment of stimulus dollars in Ohio - \$150 million to complete a nine-mile highway bypass around Nelsonville, in southeast Ohio... The Nelsonville project is projected to save or create 305 construction jobs over the next four years.” [[Associated Press](#), 10/14/09]

**Recovery Act funding helped create or retain 13,144 full-time equivalent positions in Ohio.** “Preliminary data released Tuesday by the state of Ohio showed that 13,144 full-time equivalent positions were directly created or retained in Ohio as a result of stimulus funds... Approximately \$1.6 billion has been expended. But, only \$335.6 million falls within the requirements to be reported during this first period of quarterly reporting. Ohio is expected to receive \$8.5 billion during the course of the program. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency reported the creation or retention of 213 full-time positions. This draft data does not reflect indirect jobs, those created by suppliers, or induced jobs, those created in the community as a result of a federal stimulus project.” [[Dayton Business Journal](#), 10/14/09]

**Ohio meets preliminary Recovery Act reporting requirements; reports thousands of jobs created or retained.** ““Preliminary data submitted by state agencies indicates that there were 13,144 full-time equivalent positions directly created or retained in Ohio as a result of Recovery Act funds received by those agencies... Of the estimated 13,144 positions created or retained, 213 full-time positions were reported through Ohio EPA... ‘These numbers are preliminary and not final, but even at this early stage, they show that federal stimulus assistance has had a positive impact on Ohio's economy,’ [Ohio Office of Budget and Management Director Pari] Sabety said. ‘The State of Ohio has successfully met the first federally required reporting benchmark. By doing so, we are keeping our commitment to provide Ohio taxpayers with an unprecedented level of stimulus spending transparency and accountability.’” [[Ohio.gov](#), 10/13/09]

**Ohio says Recovery Act money has helped create or retain 13,144 jobs.** “State officials say that they created or retained 13,144 jobs through Sept. 30 using federal stimulus dollars. Ohio is required to report job creation and stimulus spending to the federal government by Oct. 20. Though state officials said they have spent about \$1.6 billion since the stimulus program started, reports were required on \$335.6 million, according to a news release issued this afternoon by the Office of Budget and Management. It works out to about \$25,500 per job... “These numbers are preliminary and not final, but even at this early stage, they show that

federal stimulus assistance has had a positive impact on Ohio's economy," said Pari Sabety, director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management." [[The Columbus Dispatch](#), 10/13/2009]

**Thanks to Recovery Act funding, 13,000 full-time jobs have been saved or created in Ohio.** "Ohio officials are estimating more than 13,000 full-time jobs have been saved or created in the state through the federal stimulus package... The state Office of Budget and Management said late Tuesday that of the \$8.5 billion Ohio is set to receive from the \$787 billion federal stimulus package, \$1.6 billion had been spent as of Sept. 30. Agencies using stimulus money reported 13,144 jobs were retained or created as a result of the cash outlays... 'These numbers are preliminary and not final, but even at this early stage, they show that federal stimulus assistance has had a positive impact on Ohio's economy,' Budget Director Pari Sabety said in a release." [[Columbus Business Journal](#), 10/13/09]

**From improving rural transit, hiring more police officers, improving prevention programs for violence against women, Recovery Act funding across Ashtabula County is making a difference.** "State Rep. Deborah Newcomb, D-Conneaut, said Ashtabula County has received \$23.9 million from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, money known as stimulus funds. Newcomb said Ashtabula County infrastructure projects received more than \$5 million, including for road, bridge and rail construction projects. Rural transit in Ashtabula County received \$86,000... Local law-enforcement agencies accepted \$443,000 in Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant money through the Community Hiring Recovery Program to create and preserved jobs in law enforcement and increase community policing and crime prevention. Criminal justice programs were allocated \$39,000 through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, and \$28,855 was given through Violence Against Women Act. Educational programs received more than \$7 million in funding for the National School Lunch Program, which accepted \$50,000 in stimulus money... The Community Block Development Grant will filter \$460,000 into local communities, while a Community Services Block Grant puts \$412,000 toward reducing poverty and revitalizing low-income communities. More than \$1.1 million will be used to assist workers with job training and job search, and an additional \$1.1 million was used in the Public Housing Capital Fund for the development of public housing." [[Star Beacon](#), 10/5/09]

**Recovery Act funding has created 200 jobs for road projects and paid for new hybrid buses.** "Work is proceeding or soon will begin on 30 road projects in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, funded by \$76 million in federal highway stimulus money. Four major projects will widen or improve parts of Interstate 75 in Hamilton County, the Ohio 4 bypass in Butler County, US 27 in Campbell County and 12th Street in Covington. But after those four, most of the rest of the highway stimulus money will go for routine maintenance or resurfacing work. Construction so far on all the projects has created or retained fewer than 200 jobs since the money started flowing this spring, an Enquirer analysis shows... Overall, Ohio has received \$1.1 billion in transportation stimulus money for projects including high-speed rail and transit. Hamilton County's Metro bus system is getting \$17.5 million for new hybrid buses and radio systems, for example." [[Cincinnati Enquirer](#), 09/30/09]

**Ohio will use Recovery Act grants to fund retrofitted and other projects aimed at lowering emissions and creating jobs.** "State officials said the U.S. Department of Energy has accepted its plans to offer as much as \$23.2 million in grants through the government's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, an initiative backed with \$2.7 billion in federal stimulus dollars. The Energy Department's OK unlocked \$25 million, \$1.8 million of which will go to technical work, grant administration and other back-office functions... Ohio eventually will receive a total of \$84 million through the block grant program, which funds retrofitted and other projects aimed at lowering emissions and creating jobs... Among the state's

largest counties cleared for a direct grant was Franklin County, whose \$3.05 million award hasn't been officially cleared. Columbus, Dublin, Lancaster, Newark and Westerville also were in line for direct grants, which have been awarded to all area cities except Columbus and Westerville." [[Columbus Business First](#), 10/1/09]

**Akron mayor announces Recovery Act and city funds will save 23 police jobs while creating 14 new police jobs.** "Mayor Don Plusquellic said this afternoon that the City of Akron has been approved for a federal COPS Hiring Recovery Program grant of \$5.77 million. The money will go to pay 23 officers who have been notified of layoff but who, to date, are still working... Plusquellic said, 'Plusquellic also said the city will use \$300,000 of a \$1 million stimulus grant to fund the salaries of 14 more police officers, at least through the end of 2009...' [WKYC, 9/22/09]

**Ohio schools will use \$259,437 in Recovery Act funds to upgrade part-time teaching positions to full-time, and pay for other educational needs.** "Eric Beavers, CFO/treasurer of Defiance City Schools... stated that Defiance City Schools will use the *Recovery Act* funds for normal daily operations, including utility expenses, computer consortium/Internet technology costs, textbook replacement and salary/fringe benefits of personnel... Beavers stated that the district was awarded an additional \$259,437 in Title I funds for the next two years. This is expected to offset two kindergarten teachers' salaries/benefits, summer school expenses, instructional equipment and supplies.... 'our district will be utilizing the stimulus money toward extending the hours of the Title I teacher at the Malinta-Grelton Elementary building, which houses grades 3-4,' stated superintendent Susan Miko." [[The Crescent-News](#), 9/19/09]

**Akron Children's Hospital to expand services to assist young victims of abuse with Recovery Act money; will hire seven new people for the program.** "Federal stimulus money will enable Akron Children's Hospital to expand services that evaluate young victims of sexual, physical or emotional abuse. The \$882,550 award will allow the hospital's Children at Risk Evaluation Center, or CARE, to offer longer-term treatment... The stimulus grant, which is for two years, was awarded through the U.S. Department of Justice. The hospital was one of 14 organizations to receive money. John Zoilo, executive director of the Akron Children's Hospital Foundation, said the hospital is committed to continuing the program even after the two-year grant runs out. It is hiring seven additional people for the program. Last year, CARE served 1,932 children. And the new Akron Children's Hospital in Youngstown, which recently added the Child Advocacy Center, served 387." [[The Plain Dealer](#), 9/3/09]

**The Recovery Act created or saved 1,138 Ohio highway construction jobs in July.** "President Barack Obama's \$787 billion economic stimulus package for the nation meant 1,138 highway construction jobs created or continued in Ohio in July, the first full month that figures were available to the state. Early data also shows about 300 young people were hired with stimulus money this summer to clear trails, paint buildings and do other maintenance work at state parks. The numbers offer a glimpse of how the stimulus plan is filtering down to Ohio residents. A core tenet of Obama's program, signed in February, was to spend the money quickly to jolt the economy and put millions of people back to work... Ohio expects to get \$774 million in stimulus funds for highway projects, and recently awarded \$138 million in contracts for its largest stimulus investment - a highway bypass around Nelsonville in southeast Ohio." [[Forbes.com](#), 8/28/09]

**Recovery Act funds used to employ 31 Champaign County youths.** "While many of the 31 Champaign County youths employed with federal stimulus funds are working in private enterprises for the summer, several are getting a taste of public service, too. Pete Yost, the county's youth Workforce Investment Act coordinator, said fair goers this week are benefiting



from the ingenuity of two young women working for the maintenance crew at the fairgrounds... Yost said the program was primarily intended to help youths find stable summer jobs in a tight employment market, but it also lets high-school and college-age students get a first-hand look at possible career fields such as journalism and floral design, along with teaching self-sufficiency and social skills and providing each participant up to \$15,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education.” [[Urbana Daily Citizen \(OH\)](#), 8/17/09]

**Thanks to Recovery Act funding, Primary Health Network Center will expand from 380 employees currently to 440 by 2010.** “Looking for concrete evidence that the \$780 billion stimulus package is doing something here? Look at improvements to Primary Health Network at several of its offices in the region. They’re the result of \$3.2 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, U.S. Rep. Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie, D-3rd District, touted in a stop Thursday at Primary Health Network’s Jamestown Health Center. ‘This money was put right to work,’ Mrs. Dahlkemper’s spokesman Zac Petkanas said. The federal cash allows the health care provider to move forward with expansion and improvements more quickly than it could otherwise, according to PHN Chief Executive Officer Jack Laeng... The cash let PHN ‘jumpstart the process,’ Laeng said. It means improved care for PHN patients and more jobs for health care professionals in the area. PHN employs about 380 people and because of the ARRA money will have 440 by January 2010, Laeng said.” [[The Sharon Herald](#), 8/14/09]

**Governor Strickland emphasized job training while touring Toxco Inc. plant; firm recently garnered Recovery Act -funded contract for battery recycling, creating 30-40 new jobs.** “An educated and skilled work force is what Gov. Ted Strickland believes will be the key to keeping Ohio businesses afloat in a tough economy. That was the message Strickland brought Wednesday to employees at Toxco Inc. when he stopped by the Lancaster facility for a tour of the battery-recycling plant. Toxco, which recently was awarded a \$9.5 million grant as part of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will be adding on to its facility and hiring 30 to 40 employees by the end of 2010. The company will be able to expand its recycling of hybrid car batteries with the 50,000 square feet of additional space.” Governor Strickland: “Battery technology is really where it’s at and this company is an example of a company on the cutting edge... I’ve been working over the last several months to convince Ohioans that, if the economy is going to rebound, we need to have educated, well-trained workers in Ohio. We can choose to be status quo and satisfied with what we’ve always done or we can commit ourselves to education.” [[Lancaster Eagle Gazette](#), 8/13/09]

**Community Development Block Grant enabled Youngstown to lease property on which VXI Global Solutions Inc. will construct a call center which will create 500-800 jobs.** “Rapid growth is driving VXI Global Solutions Inc. to open a new inbound call center downtown this fall that’s expected to employ 500 workers within its first year, possibly twice that number, depending on the needs of the company.... In the midst of the worst recession since the Great Depression, [Mayor] Williams observed, the city ‘is constantly proving itself as knowing how to get things done.’ During the press event at City Hall, the mayor said VXI plans to open its call center Oct. 1, starting with 150 employees, including some 100 inbound sales agents for ‘a major satellite television provider,’ information technology and human resources staff, and local management. The company then plans to hire 50 additional employees each month, for a total of 500 in the space, he continued. VXI has the option of leasing an additional floor, possibly bringing total employment to 800 jobs... The \$600,000 grant is from Community Development Block Grant money secured by Ryan, D-17 Ohio, as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – the federal stimulus package.” [[Business Journal Daily](#), 8/13/09]

**Cincinnati-area police chief “exceptionally happy” with *Recovery Act* funds transferred to police departments in the area, creating and retaining jobs.** “More than \$2.9 million in federal economic stimulus funds has been awarded to police departments and criminal justice agencies in Greater Cincinnati, it was announced Tuesday. Hamilton County is to receive the bulk of the money, nearly \$1.8 million for 18 projects, from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. That includes nearly \$300,000 for a Hamilton County Juvenile Court intervention unit, and more than \$139,000 for specialized mental health courts for juveniles. Nearly \$375,000 is to go to two Cincinnati Police Department programs, one for monitoring sex-offenders and the other for innovations in reducing crime. Butler County is to receive more than \$768,000, with more than \$386,000 for the retention and hiring of officers with the sheriff’s office. Five Clermont County police agencies will get more than \$303,000. Warren County is to get more than \$68,000 for a drug diversion program operated by the sheriff’s office. The funds were part of \$33.8 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grants awarded to 380 projects throughout Ohio. ‘I’m exceptionally happy for what this does for our community,’ Pierce Township Police Chief James T. Smith said.” [*Cincinnati Enquirer*, 8/11/09]

**955 young people in Lucas County were employed by a *Recovery Act*-funded summer youth program.** “Biscuits were steaming, eggs were sizzling, and the breakfast brigade at Madonna Homes was in full force on an early August morning. Seated around tables in twos, threes, and fours, the community’s residents dug into savory plates of what one termed ‘sausage-studded, gravy-smothered deliciousness.’ Back in the kitchen, 22-year-old Marianne Hodges and 17-year-old Shanequa Crawford were hard at work. And in the common room, 17-year-old Devon Marshall and 16-year-old Thomas Fuller were tidying up, mingling with residents, and chowing down themselves. Working at the home for senior citizens and the disabled every weekday from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the young men and women are four of the 955 Lucas County youths who have been employed this summer thanks to the Stimulus Summer Youth Program, an American Reinvestment and Recovery Act-funded youth training and education program. ‘It’s opened me up to new things,’ said Miss Hodges, who is majoring in finance at the University of Toledo. ‘I assist with anything they need help with - anything.’... Mr. Gosbeth said the stimulus workers were eager to work and had ‘hit the ground running’ in their first week on the job. ‘I just wish they could stay longer,’ he said. The program’s objective is to create summer employment opportunities for youths between the ages of 16 and 24 who are low-income individuals and face a federally recognized barrier to employment, one of which is the current economy.” [*Toledo Blade*, 8/10/09]

***Recovery Act* credited with helping Marruci and Gaffney Excavating Inc. successfully weather recession through transportation projects.** “A Youngstown company is bridging the gap between profitability and the economic funk thanks in part to the federal-stimulus program. Marruci and Gaffney Excavating Inc., of Hogue Street, Youngstown, was awarded a \$1.7 million contract from the Ohio Department of Transportation for a federal-stimulus project as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The company will replace a bridge in Canfield Township. The company will head up the project to replace the bridge deck on state Route 11 that runs between U.S. Route 224 and Western Reserve Road. The project will begin after the company and ODOT agree on the details after an Aug. 19 preconstruction meeting. Work is expected to last about a year. The work was sorely needed, said Robert Sause, superintendent estimator for the company, and without the project, some workers’ status would be ‘in jeopardy.’ ‘We were glad to get the job,’ he said. ‘We’ve been scraping, trying to get our employees as busy as we could. Without it, we’d be laying people off, so this work is welcome.’ Sause said he’ll employ a crew of 10 to 15 and may even hire some new labor.” [*Youngstown Vindicator*, 8/7/09]

**Recovery Act-funded expansion of Toxco battery plant will create up to 40 new local jobs.** “The expansion of a Lancaster battery-recycling plant might add as many as 40 new manufacturing jobs to the area by the end of 2010. Toxco Inc. was awarded a \$9.5 million grant as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 to expand its Lancaster facility. The grant award was announced Wednesday in a conference call with U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, U.S. Rep. Betty Sutton and Gov. Ted Strickland... ‘This is great for the community,’ said Lancaster Economic Development Director Mike Pettit. ‘We’ve been working with them for years, and this is going to mean a new building at the plant and up to 40 new manufacturing jobs for the community.’” [[Lancaster Eagle Gazette](#), 8/6/09]

**Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center will receive significant Recovery Act apportionment; expected to create jobs.** “Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center recently announced it will receive \$8 million in federal stimulus funds. Children’s earlier received \$6 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for research and learned days ago an additional \$2 million is on the way, hospital spokesman Jim Feuer said. ‘We have applied for numerous ARRA funds and would expect us to receive more funding in coming months. We also would expect these funds to be job producing, but it’s hard to put an exact number on it.’” [[Middletown Journal](#), 8/4/09]

**Recovery Act project underway in Harrison County will save money for ODOT and provide 3,000 hours of work for union carpenters, laborers and operators.** “Stimulus dollars are already helping to fill in gaps in ODOT project funding. A project just under way on U.S. Route 22 in Harrison County will remove three bridges and not replace them. The area will instead be filled in with dirt and paved, reducing maintenance and inspection costs... Removing the bridges will save ODOT about \$7 million over the next 35 years, plus an additional \$5,000 a year in inspection and maintenance costs. This is one of the first stimulus projects in the state to break ground, and the effects can be felt in more ways than one. In total it is estimated that almost 3,000 hours will be spent on the job by union carpenters, laborers and operators.” [[WTOV-9](#), 7/15/09]

**First Recovery Act highway project commenced in Ohio’s District 10; will help provide jobs.** “The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) broke ground on the first stimulus transportation project in District 10 last week. Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the stimulus project is located on Ohio 7 in Meigs County. The \$1.39 million project is a two-lane, seven mile infrastructure enhancement job beginning 0.4 miles north of Flatwoods Road and ending near Eastern High School. Construction crews will focus on improving the damaged section of highway and repair the shoulder to improve drainage. ‘State Route 7 is one of the largest sections of highway in our district and provides transportation for thousands of residents, businesses, and travelers through Appalachia,’ said District 10 Deputy Director Larry Woodford. ‘We are fortunate for the leadership of Governor Strickland who has helped create good jobs that will improve Ohio communities and their economy.’... ‘We are proud to receive the needed funds from ARRA that will help provide jobs to Meigs County residents,’ said Mick Davenport, President of the Meigs County Commission.” [[Pomeroy Daily Sentinel](#), 7/11/09]

**Recovery Act injection helped arts organizations in northwest Ohio, allowing them to preserve preexisting jobs and create summer jobs for young people.** “The arts in northwest Ohio will be invigorated by a \$250,000 federal stimulus grant awarded to the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, the largest of 12 grants to music, dance, theater, and visual arts groups in Ohio. The money is part of \$30 million disbursed by the National Endowment for the Arts and fed by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. ‘I’m extremely pleased that we’re able to play a leadership role in securing these resources for northwest Ohio and the

broader artistic community,' said Marc Folk, executive director of the Arts Commission... The arts commission will keep \$50,000, using half to 'regrant' the money to local groups. The other half will hire eight teens for next summer's Young Artists' at Work program, and also support a part-time program coordinator for the commission, a position that had been eliminated." [[Toledo Blade](#), 7/10/09]

**Recovery Act funds have been apportioned to three Cincinnati museums to sustain employee salaries.** "The Cincinnati Art Museum, the Contemporary Arts Center and Contemporary Dance Theater will each receive \$50,000 from the American Economic Recovery & Reinvestment Act, part of a \$50 million federal stimulus package being allocated by the National Endowment for the Arts in support of job recovery programs for nonprofit and local and state public arts agencies. Cincinnati Art Museum will use the funds for salaries for its Art for Life, which takes arts activities into the regional community. 'Art for Life is our most popular outreach program,' says Patricia Hynes, museum deputy director. 'This is the most welcome news I've had all summer, because it's jobs.' 'We're happy,' says Contemporary Dance Theater artistic director Jefferson James. The company, which presents an annual touring series at the Aronoff Center's Jarson-Kaplan Theater, had eliminated two programs from its 2009-2010 schedule." [[Cincinnati Enquirer](#), 7/8/09]

**The Akron Board of Education cancelled layoffs for 60 teachers thanks to \$21 million in Recovery Act funding.** "It was going to be a very bleak summer for many educators in Akron. The Akron Board of Education had sent out pink slips to 60 teachers last month, because of deep budget cuts. But now, thanks to \$21 million in stimulus funding, those layoffs have been 'canceled'. The news comes as a huge relief to the 60 teachers who were about to lose their jobs in a terrible economy. Not only do they get to come back to the classroom, the Akron School Board is now going to hire even more teachers. Becky Green-Pallotta, lead teacher at the Akron Opportunity Center, the middle school for students with special needs, was all smiles Tuesday hearing the good news. The mother of two had no idea where to go to replace her teaching job after eight years at the school." [[WKYC.com](#), 6/30/09]

**Akron's mayor announced he will seek Recovery Act funds to hire 21 cops.** [[Akron Beacon Journal](#), 6/10/09]

**Recovery Act will pay for 7000 Cleveland teens to work summer jobs, develop skills.** "Cleveland teenagers can apply for 7,000 six-week summer jobs that city leaders hope will keep them off street corners and out of trouble. The \$6.4 million program will be paid for with federal stimulus money." [[Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 5/20/09]

**Recovery Act incentives for weatherization encouraged several Ohio companies to hire more workers to meet growing demand.** "Home weatherization is one of the first areas where federal stimulus dollars will result in actual job creation. Agencies such as the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Ground Level Solutions Inc. and Impact Community Action Agency in Columbus have added employees and expect to hire more to meet the surge in weatherization projects funded with stimulus dollars. In addition, heating and cooling contractors and insulation companies hurt by the national home building slump may be able to keep workers busy with weatherization jobs." [[Columbus Business First](#), 5/15/09]