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The Recovery Act: Creating Jobs and Making a Difference in Washington

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 Washington, made this progress possible.

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

In Washington, this partial reporting indicates that 34,517 jobs have been created or saved by funding 1,663 awards worth \$5,425,578,941, of which \$1,363,123,760 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 22,600 jobs so far for Washingtonians (accounting for indirect and induced jobs). [Council of Economic Advisors, [9/2009](#)] **Washington is on track to benefit from a total of 75,000 *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 Washington:

Pierce County will use *Recovery Act* funds to hire a sustainability manager for two years to implement green projects. “Pierce County announced today it will reduce greenhouse gas emissions under a new sustainability initiative funded by the federal stimulus legislation. On Nov. 18, the U.S. Department of Energy approved the County’s \$4.37 million grant application for a package of projects promoting energy efficiency and conservation. The funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. An important element of the plan involves hiring a Sustainability Manager for two years to kick off the County’s emphasis

on “going green... Other elements of the plan include spearheading an effort to reduce the County government's carbon footprint, conducting home weatherization projects, and upgrading traffic signals and other inefficient equipment with modern, energy-saving resources. A closer look at funded projects include the following: Replace the county's 25-year-old HVAC system that serves two floors of the main jail. Most of the areas served by this failing system cannot be occupied until a new system is in place. The new system is expected to save 31,000 kWh and 500,000 CF of natural gas a year... Convert 78 traffic signals in Pierce County to LED indicators, which use 90 percent less energy than incandescent signals. This will result in savings of \$72,000 a year, based on today's energy rates... Hire a full-time Sustainability Manager for two years to implement these projects and other cost-saving practices as well as identify additional environmental grant opportunities.” [[Tacoma Daily Index](#), 11/19/09]

Thanks to the Recovery Act, 100 jobs will be created on projects that reduce fossil fuel emissions and help communities be more environmentally sustainable through reduced energy usage. “The Washington State Department of Commerce awarded \$6.4 million in competitive Recovery Act grants to 43 applicants in small cities and counties for energy efficiency and conservation projects. Projects include energy audits and building retrofits, as well as energy efficient traffic signals and street lighting. The funding is targeted to reduce fossil fuel emissions and help communities be more environmentally sustainable through reduced energy usage and improved energy efficiency in the building and transportation sectors. The work is also expected to save or create more than 100 jobs. ‘This funding is a huge win for Washington state,’ Gregoire said. ‘It puts people to work while advancing our state’s environmental goals. These projects will ensure energy efficiency, which will lead to large cost savings for our smaller communities.’” [[Office of Gov. Gregoire](#), 11/17/09]

State will use Recovery Act grant to set up broadband. “The National Telecommunications and Information Administration announced that Washington state will receive a grant of approximately \$2.2 million to fund broadband mapping and planning activities under the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program. The program enables collection of data to show which areas of each state are in the most need of increased broadband infrastructure and adoption. The data collected will be used to create an interactive and searchable map for use by the public with information such as where broadband service is available and at what speeds, and the type of technology used. ‘This is exciting news for Washington state,’ said Gov. Chris Gregoire. ‘Broadband technology has the power to create jobs and is a key driver for our 21st century economy. These funds will allow us to create a plan that leads to investment in broadband infrastructure, and increases new development where broadband is needed most, especially in areas such as health, education, energy, and public safety.’” [[Office Of the Governor Release](#), 11/10/09]

Recovery Act funds will expand production at Potlatch Dam. “Under the umbrella of the Department of Energy’s renewable energy funding, U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced last week that up to \$30.6 million in stimulus funds would go into modernizing seven hydropower projects. While \$30.6 million doesn’t sound like much in the context of the \$2.2 billion in renewable energy grants in all that were announced, the DOE estimates that the dam upgrades could increase generation by 187,000 megawatt-hours per year at an average cost of less than 4 cents per kWh — all without building new dams. In addition to benefiting a handful of cities and utilities, the funding is a boon to companies with technologies, such as high-efficiency fish-friendly turbines and advanced control systems... The funded projects are divided into two groups: those with more than 50 MW of capacity and those with less. The former group includes... up to \$4.67 million for the City of Tacoma Department of Public Utilities to add two turbines to the existing Cushman No. 2 Dam in Potlatch, Wash., a project

that will incorporate an upstream fish collection pool to enable reintroduction of native fish above the dam.” [[Solve Climate](#), 11/12/09]

Klickitat County Wind Farm Project has received *Recovery Act* funding to supply power to California municipalities, generating enough power for more than 250,000 California homes per year. “A wind farm project near Goldendale in Klickitat County has received \$19.4 million in federal stimulus funds, with the developer expecting a total of more than \$170 million in federal grants to help pay for the \$1 billion project. Cannon Power Group of San Diego, which is building the 400-megawatt wind power plant with Windy Point Partners II LLC, said the funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money targeting renewable energy projects. When completed, the wind power project will supply power to California municipalities, generating enough power for more than 250,000 California homes per year... Cannon officials called the Klickitat County project a ‘win-win’ for the local community. ‘This project brought more than 300 construction jobs and additional permanent positions. New roads also help area farmers and ranchers, and wind turbine leases generate income and a much needed financial cushion for many area families,’ said Gary Hardke, Cannon’s president and managing director, in a statement.” [[Puget Sound Business Journal](#), 11/10/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will be used for the construction of a building in Washington state to power utilities in California.** “A Del Mar company is getting \$170 million in federal stimulus funds for a massive wind project it is building in Washington state to power municipal utilities in California. Cannon Power Group plans to use the money in the next few months to complete the second phase of a 400-megawatt project on the Columbia River Gorge about 120 miles east of Portland, Ore. The Klickitat County project is designed to supply power to 250,000 customers of municipal utilities in California. It is bigger than all the wind projects built in the Golden State in the past two years, said Gary Hardke, Cannon’s president... The biggest example is Windy Point/Windy Flats, the 90-square-mile wind farm it is now building in Washington state cattle country. The project was purchased for \$385 million by the Turlock Irrigation District, a water and power provider in agricultural areas southeast of San Francisco. The next phase, now nearing completion, consists of 202 megawatts, the output of which will be sold to the Southern California Public Power Authority, made up of the Imperial Irrigation District and 11 cities, including Los Angeles, Anaheim and Riverside. That’s the part of the project being financed, in part, with the \$170 million in federal stimulus funds, plus \$512 million in 20 years of prepaid power purchases by the authority.” [[San Diego Union Tribune](#), 11/7/09]

Seattle Steam Company will use *Recovery Act* grant to build energy efficient power plant. “Seattle Steam Co. will get a federal stimulus grant worth as much as \$18.75 million for its combined heat-and-power plant in downtown Seattle, the U.S. Department of Energy announced Tuesday... Seattle Steam will use the money for its plant on Post Street, which will generate heat and electricity, the Energy Department said in a press release. The department also awarded as much as \$500,000 to the Washington state Department of Commerce for the Northwest Industry Efficiency Partnership, which will support industrial energy-efficiency projects in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.” [[Puget Sound Business Journal](#), 11/3/09]

***Recovery Act* funds have created 5,600 youth jobs in over 39 counties across Washington State.** “Deborah Gardner of Spokane and Britany Garner of Port Orchard were among more than 5,600 teens and young adults in Washington who had paying jobs last summer, thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The state’s Employment Security Department received nearly \$20 million for the youth jobs program, which it funneled to local workforce development councils to create and run employment and training programs in communities throughout Washington. Recovery funding paid for Gardner to work at Center

Pointe, a facility that offers classes and activities for developmentally disabled adults in the Spokane area. Gardner said the experience not only convinced her to make special education her career, but also taught her about her own limits -- or lack of them. Gardner was born without hands and lower arms, but she proved that she could be a capable member of the work force. 'This job taught me I could take on more responsibility,' said the 16-year-old, who's a junior at Mead High School. 'This job made me more ready for everything.' Britany Garner, also 16, said that for as long as she can remember, no one in her immediate family has ever held a job. She was determined to break the public-assistance cycle. Through the youth-employment program, she landed her first summer job, as a Head Start teacher's assistant. The program not only paid her wages, but also bought her a bicycle that she rode nearly nine miles to the nearest bus stop each day to get to work. Garner said she was pleased to see other teens with troubling backgrounds, including some high-school dropouts, participating in the summer jobs program. 'I was really proud of them. They were being responsible,' she said. A total of 5,786 youths were accepted into the summer program this year. About 130 were placed in GED-preparation courses, rather than paying jobs, to improve their chances of finding jobs in the future." [[ESD Washington](#), 10/28/09]

Department of Transportation and local agencies have now completed 50 highway projects using *Recovery Act* funds. "WSDOT and local governments have now completed 50 highway projects receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. A ribbon cutting ceremony will celebrate the completion of two Recovery Act projects and one state-funded project in Moses Lake on October 22. Nationwide, over 8,000 highway projects are now approved for federal stimulus funding and nearly 4,700 are under way." [[Washington Department of Transportation](#), 10/21/09]

\$35,000 in *Recovery Act* grant helps state fund public-service programs aimed at at-risk children and youth tutoring, youth and family advocacy, volunteer recruitment and environmental education. "Walla Walla County's public-service programs were awarded \$112,000 in grant funds from the state Employment Security Department. The Blue Mountain Action Council received the money to help pay for 34 Washington Service Corps members who provide at-risk children and youth tutoring, youth and family advocacy, volunteer recruitment and environmental education, according to an announcement today from Employment Security. A portion of the funds -- \$35,000 -- was provided by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act... Team members will provide services in 26 of Washington's 39 counties from September 2009 through August 2010... The Employment Security Department, the Washington Service Corps engages the talents, energy and enthusiasm of civic-minded adults, aged 17 and up, in serving their communities." [[Walla Walla Union-Bulletin](#), 10/21/09]

Clark Public Utilities will use \$1 million in *Recovery Act* funds to support energy conservation projects in Clark County. "Clark Public Utilities will receive \$1 million in federal stimulus funds to support energy conservation projects in Clark County, Gov. Chris Gregoire's office announced Friday. The money is a portion of the \$14 million in grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that is coming to Washington for programs to provide energy efficiency upgrades to middle-income homes and small businesses... Utility spokesman Mick Shutt said Clark will work with the city of Vancouver and Clark County to carry out the energy conservation work... Energy efficiency and weatherization work represent an immediate opportunity to create jobs while reducing the cost of energy for homeowners and businesses, Gregoire announced... Through the U.S. Department of Energy, more than \$180 million in Recovery Act funds have been allocated to Washington to help lower energy use and create energy-efficiency jobs." [[The Columbian](#), 10/9/09]

Seattle Cancer Research Center will use *Recovery Act* funds to pay for grants; will create or save 920 jobs. “The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle says that it has received more than \$40 million so far in federal stimulus money. The center says the money is paying for 60 research grants, and it estimates it will retain and create about 920 jobs. The largest single grant - \$4.8 million - went to Dr. Amanda Paulovich, who is studying ways to detect and measure human proteins.” [[Associated Press](#), 10/5/09]

Stimulus Funded Textbook Scholarship Program Provided An Iraq Veteran A Much Needed \$300 For Textbooks. “Justin Koogler’s personal stimulus came in the form of \$300 for textbooks at North Idaho College. A returning Iraq war veteran, Koogler was having trouble covering the expenses of going back to college as a 28-year-old with four kids. ‘There was no way I was going to be able to pay for books,’ Koogler said. That’s when NIC officials told him about a scholarship fund they’d set up to cover textbook costs for students whose financial aid falls short. His grant – which covered about half his book bill – is one tiny way that the \$787 billion federal economic stimulus package has begun showing up in the Inland Northwest, six months after it was signed into law. It’s also in the asphalt on a new pedestrian trail in Wilbur, Wash. In business loans to midwives and construction firms and landscape companies. In grants to school districts, and in salaries for arts association employees. And it’s in road projects across the region – millions and millions of dollars in road projects... John Morton, vice president for community relations at NIC, said the textbook scholarships came out of a pool of some \$632,000 in stimulus money received by the state and allocated to the college.” [[The Spokesman-Review](#), 10/6/09]

Consortium of Seattle scientists set to use *Recovery Act* funding for cancer research. “On Monday, a consortium of Seattle scientists will announce \$16 million in federal stimulus grants to figure out whether popular cancer treatments and screening tests really save lives. On Thursday, the University of Washington received a \$25 million stimulus grant to launch the nation’s first genomics center in a decade, dedicated to the search for genes linked to heart, blood and lung diseases. A few weeks before that, it was \$35 million from the National Science Foundation to help build an ambitious observatory on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean... From Seattle to Pullman, more than 350 research projects in Washington have received the green light for stimulus funds totaling more than \$300 million. The bulk of the money comes from the National Institutes of Health, which received \$10 billion from Congress to create science jobs and accelerate studies with potential payoffs for human health.” [[Seattle Times](#), 10/4/09]

***Recovery Act* funding is encouraging an increase in small-business loans, resulting in the highest loan volume in two years.** “The Small Business Administration announced today that the federal stimulus seems to be prompting more loans to small businesses. Loan volume in September was the highest it’s been since August 2007. The average number of loans has increased by more than 50 percent and the average dollar volume by 60 percent compared to the weeks before the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act kicked in. SBA loans work this way: Banks make loans to small businesses, and the SBA guarantees a certain portion of the loans. If things go well, businesses get access to funds that help them grow. If loans default, the SBA reimburses the bank for that portion. The funding comes from lender and borrower fees and, in some years, federal appropriations. The stimulus act made a couple of changes to the SBA’s flagship loan: Borrower fees were waived, making it cheaper to borrow money, and the guaranteed portion of the loans increased from a maximum of 85 percent to 90 percent, so the banks have more protection in the event of defaults...” [[Puget Sound Business Journal](#), 10/1/09]

Recovery Act helped fund a “green pathway out of poverty” and supported six teens to join a Green Collar Jobs Service Corps Program. “14-year-old Dave Howell not only earned income this summer, he also gained job skills that will serve him well throughout his life. Howell joined Green Collar Jobs Service Corps, the youth employment and work force development component of Jobs Not Jails.... Jobs Not Jails is the youth entrepreneurship and employment initiative of Project HOPE (Helping Our young People Excel). According to its Web site, the goal of the organization is to inspire and organize a variety of worker-led and worker-owned/managed enterprises that will create a ‘green pathway out of poverty’ for youth in the West Central neighborhood... Last summer Project HOPE launched Green Collar Jobs and trained and employed five area teens. This year, volunteers raised enough funds to train 17 youths ages 11 to 15. And thanks to federal stimulus money, six young people ages 16 to 24 were added to the program.” [[The Spokesman-Review](#), 10/1/09]

Recovery Act Grant will help prep Lower Elwha Tribe for dam removal. “The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe is using two million dollars in federal stimulus money to get the lower Elwha River ready for dam removal. The tribe is preparing the river's floodplain for an influx of sediment expected to come downstream when the two dams on the river come out. Tribe habitat program manager Mike McHenry says the tribe will be constructing engineered logjams, take out manmade dikes and culverts and plant native vegetation. McHenry says all the work will help improve the river's function ahead of the dams' removal... McHenry says he expects all of the restoration work to help filter the dam sediments as it flows into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. He says it will also help fish by giving them places to rest, feed and hide.” [[KONP](#), 9/30/09]

Washington Township Elementary School will use \$1.5 million in Recovery Act funds to renovate its roof and gym. “Washington Township Elementary School will receive about \$1.5 million in federal stimulus funds to renovate its roof and gym. East Porter County Superintendent Rod Gardin said the district applied for up to \$2 million in qualified school construction bonds for four of its schools, but only received funds for Washington Township Elementary. This no-interest, tax credit bond program was available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act... The proposed repairs and renovations could include: Mechanical and electrical upgrades to Dold Gym, including energy efficient lighting, HVAC system with upgraded control system and energy efficient ceiling tile. Renovation is earmarked for the girls and boys locker rooms.” [[Post-Tribune](#), 9/27/09]

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation plans to use Recovery Act funding to implement the H.I.R.E. Program with the goal of creating 1,000 jobs. “A new program of the Department of Social and Health Services Division of Vocational Rehabilitation aims to bring \$8.8 million dollars from federal stimulus funds into Washington communities to assist people with a disability in finding high-wage, permanent jobs. D.S.H.S. Project H.I.R.E (Hiring Individuals Ready for Employment) contractors around the state are currently accepting program applications from qualified people with a disability who are immediately ready for employment. The goal of the project is to have 1,000 successful applicants placed in full-time, in-demand permanent jobs with benefits and mid-to-high salaries by 2011...” [[DSHS](#), 9/24/09]

Six Washington ports will be made safer thanks to \$3.85 million in Recovery Act funding. “The ports of Olympia and Tacoma will receive about \$3.85 million in federal funding for port security, U.S. Sen. Patty Murray’s office announced Wednesday. The funds, which will be used for chemical detectors, cameras, security gates and access controls, are part of President Barack Obama’s economic stimulus legislation known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Overall, six Washington ports will receive federal funds for port security.” [[The Olympian](#), 9/24/09]

Electric link buses funded with \$2.9 million in *Recovery Act* money will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Wenatchee and East Wenatchee. “Five electric buses will be buzzing through Wenatchee and East Wenatchee next fall, thanks to a \$2.9 million federal grant to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The buses will replace four diesel-powered trolleys. The grant will also fund two charging stations, said Link spokesman Eric West. The \$100 million in Economic Recovery Act funds was awarded to 43 transit agencies nationally for projects that will help reduce global warming, lessen America’s dependence on oil and create green jobs, said a press release from the U.S. Department of Transportation... West said the zero-emission, battery-powered buses are ‘exciting and will generate nationwide attention.’ ... The cost savings of using battery power versus diesel fuel over a 12-year vehicle life is estimated to be \$88,000 per vehicle, said Richard DeRock, Link’s general manager.” [Wenatchee World, 9/23/09]

Puyallup Tribe will use *Recovery Act* funds to build an environmentally and culturally responsive housing project. “A multifamily project on the Puyallup Tribe’s reservation in Tacoma recently received \$3 million in federal stimulus funds... The project, developed by the Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority, has finished conceptual design and is just beginning schematic design... The project will be located on four acres the tribe already owns and will include 10 units of housing in a 7,800-square-foot building, a 720-square-foot maintenance storage building, a sweat lodge enclosure with a fire pit and park improvements... Daniel Glenn, executive director of Environmental Works, said... ‘The stimulus really pushed the whole thing forward very quickly and got us to be able to jump right in,’ he said... Glenn said the Puyallup tribe is new to developing projects though it has a great need for housing. It recently developed a green prototype house and has become increasingly interested in the idea of designing space that reflects culture.” [Associated Press, 9/17/09]

A Low-income apartment project in Bellingham will go forward thanks to *Recovery Act* funding. “A project to build a 40-unit apartment building for low-income residents will continue as scheduled, after federal economic stimulus money filled a gap in the Bellingham Housing Authority’s funding plan. Walton Place II is the second phase of a project along State Street between Champion and York streets. The first building is up, residents have moved in and officials are planning a grand opening ceremony Wednesday, Sept. 9. But the second phase was in doubt after the housing authority saw a gap in the amount of money it needed to build the building. The housing authority was faced with potentially having to delay the project. The gap was filled when the Washington State Housing Finance Commission approved giving the authority a \$1.2 million loan in August. The money was provided by the federal economic stimulus bill passed earlier this year...” [The Bellingham Herald, 9/8/09]

The Puyallup Tribe will use *Recovery Act* funds to build housing and a community building. “A multifamily project on the Puyallup Tribe’s reservation in Tacoma recently received \$3 million in federal stimulus funds. But unlike other projects that have stalled and used federal dollars to restart, this project is a direct response to the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. The project, developed by the Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority, has finished conceptual design and is just beginning schematic design. Environmental Works is the project architect. It should go out to bid for a general contractor next spring... Daniel Glenn, executive director of Environmental Works, said the Puyallup tribe had originally hired his company to do a feasibility study to examine what could be done with the land... ‘The stimulus really pushed the whole thing forward very quickly and got us to be able to jump right in,’ he said. ‘For us it was the opportunity to make the project real as opposed to just a feasibility study.’ ... Glenn said the Puyallup tribe is new to developing projects though it has a great need for housing. It recently developed a green prototype house and has become increasingly

interested in the idea of designing space that reflects culture.” [[Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce](#), 9/5/09]

Tulalip Tribes will use *Recovery Act* funds to continue restoring “devastated” estuary, creating or retaining 25 jobs. “The Tulalip Tribes received \$2 million in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for continuing work on the Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration project – critical to salmon recovery in Puget Sound. ‘This community effort will provide regional jobs, cultural restoration, public education and access, and habitat restoration for salmon,’ said Tulalip Chairman Mel Sheldon. ‘Thanks to community partnership, this restoration will eventually benefit our area sport, commercial and tribal fishing.’ The NOAA award will provide significant funding for phase II of the \$7.8 million Qwuloolt Restoration Project.... The phase II work to remove fish barriers ... will also open fish access to 16 miles of stream spawning and rearing habitat in Allen and Jones creeks and will create or maintain at least 25 quality area jobs, increase public access opportunities and enhance conservation education... The \$2 million in NOAA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds will round out nearly \$2.5 million in local, state and federal grants and \$3.3 million in anticipated U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funding for the project.” [[Indian County Today](#), 9/2/09]

***Recovery Act* will fund Seattle-based environmental stewardship and outreach alliance’s CCS projects, training.** “U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced more than \$8.4 million in funding to develop regional sequestration technology training projects. The seven projects announced today will facilitate the transfer of knowledge and technologies required for site development, operations, and monitoring of commercial carbon capture and storage projects. Today’s funding, which includes \$6.9 million in Recovery Act funds, will advance the United States in its position as the leader in technology for addressing climate change and for developing near-zero emission technologies to significantly reduce CO₂ emissions from power plants... Regional Sequestration Technology Training Projects:...Environmental Outreach and Stewardship (EOS) Alliance (Seattle, WA) –Facilitate development of a carbon capture and sequestration workforce through regional CO₂ sequestration technology training in the northwest, focusing on 12 – 14 key topics related to long-term underground CO₂ storage. EOS will implement an organized sponsorship program; develop short courses on CCS technologies; provide regional training, outreach and networking; perform regional technology transfer services; and plan and manage the regional program. Courses will also cover the intricacies of storage in basalts since they are found in the region.” [[Department of Energy Release](#), 8/27/09]

22 Seattle arts organizations will receive *Recovery Act* funds from the NEA to help preserve dozens of jobs. “The city of Seattle will use \$250,000 it received from the National Endowment for the Arts last month to ‘help preserve dozens of jobs’ at 22 local arts and cultural organizations. Seattle received the \$250,000 in federal stimulus funds, as did the Cultural Development Authority of King County, to preserve jobs in the arts business. According to the city, the federal funds will help organizations retain or restore salaried and contract jobs, ranging from performers to production staff to business managers and artistic directors.” [[Puget Sound Business Journal](#), 8/27/09]

Forest service sought to hire engineers to work on *Recovery Act*-funded projects. The Forest Service Northern Region is offering career intern opportunities for civil engineers and civil engineering technicians. The positions are designed to provide a combination of professional development, agency familiarity, and productive assignments. The interns selected will help implement identified projects as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)... The work locations are potentially at any of the Supervisor’s Offices across the region.

The Northern Region encompasses 25 million acres and is spread over five states and twelve national forests located within northeastern Washington, northern Idaho, and Montana; and the national grasslands in North Dakota and northwestern South Dakota.” [[Clark Fork Chronicle](#), 8/24/09]

A road project that received funding from the *Recovery Act* is expected to support 200 direct and indirect jobs in local communities. “The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) this week awarded Tapani Underground, Inc. of Battle Ground a \$15.79 million contract to build a new I-5, SR 501 Ridgefield interchange. The I-5, SR 501 Ridgefield Interchange project is funded through state and local funding sources and received \$10 million in 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds earlier this year, allowing WSDOT to begin constructing the project earlier than anticipated. The project is expected to support nearly 200 direct and indirect jobs in local communities. Construction on the new SR 501 interchange is set to begin in September.” [[WSDOT Press Release](#), 8/20/09]

Battery company will spend *Recovery Act*-funded grant to test recharging stations in Washington. “The largest of the \$2.4 billion in DOE grants went to manufacturers in Indiana and Michigan. Also among the projects, Phoenix-based Electric Transportation Engineering Corp. will install 12,500 recharging stations in five test markets in Arizona, California, Oregon, Tennessee and Washington.” [[WVNS Channel 28 News](#), 8/16/09]

***Recovery Act* funds allotted to cascades volcano observatory to expand early warnings of eruptions.** “...\$2.4 million in federal funding is coming to the Cascades Volcano Observatory to improve public safety throughout the Pacific Northwest. The funding will be used to upgrade volcano monitoring systems, allowing scientists to detect potential eruptions more quickly and give the public more advance warning of a volcanic event. The money comes from the U.S. Geological Survey as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.” Representative Baird: “We have seen firsthand the death and destruction that a volcanic eruption can cause. Fifty-seven people were killed when Mount St. Helens erupted in 1980, and the volcano still rumbles to life on occasion. This money will allow scientists to better study all the volcanoes in the Cascades, and consequently be better prepared to alert the public in the event of a pending disaster.” [[KING – NBC](#), 8/13/09]

Washington State allocated *Recovery Act* funding for low-income weatherization.” “U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee announced that the U.S. Department of Energy released over \$23 million to Washington for weatherizing homes of low-income families, thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). ‘Efficiency is the cheapest fuel,’ said Inslee. ‘The weatherization program helps families spend an average of 32 percent less on their home heating bills.’ Washington will use its *Recovery Act* funds to weatherize 5,000 homes across the state over the next three years. DOE’s Weatherization Assistance Program will be available to families making up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level — or about \$44,000 a year for a family of four. States spend an average of \$6,500 to weatherize each home. For every dollar invested, the program returns \$3.71 in benefits and specifically supports job growth and economic development.” [[Kitsap Peninsula Business Journal](#), 8/12/09]

North Columbia Action Agency gained *Recovery Act* funds to continue emergency shelter and food services to the impoverished. “The North Columbia Action Agency (NCAA) in Adams, Grant and Lincoln counties has received a \$356,900 grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. ‘This is welcome news,’ Ken Sterner, NCAA, said. ‘The grant money is approximately four times the amount we typically receive.’ The money is part of an \$11.7 million purse allotted to the Washington state Department of Commerce to distribute to non-profit community action agencies to provide emergency shelter, food and other

community service programs to individuals and families in every county in the state... The 31 Community Action agencies receiving the grants serve a combined 100,000 clients. According to a July 31 press release, more than 100 new jobs with the community agencies and approximately 700 new jobs for their clients will be created in the next year. [[Othello Outlook](#), 8/12/09]

Gifford Pinchot National Forest will undergo exhibit improvement and address transportation needs with *Recovery Act* funds. “Almost \$6.3 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds will enable Gifford Pinchot National Forest to enhance exhibits and do needed maintenance and upgrades at the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and other forest facilities... The Gifford Pinchot projects were among the 191 projects, funded at more than \$274 million, located in 32 states. The Gifford Pinchot projects received \$6.28 million. The projects will occur in Skamania, Cowlitz, Lewis, and Klickitat counties.” [[News Tribune \(Tacoma\)](#), 8/13/09]

Native American tribes in Washington State will spend *Recovery Act* funds on community development and affordable housing. “U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan announced a \$3 million to the Puyallup Tribe today, part of almost \$16.9 million to seven tribal organizations in Washington to improve housing and stimulate community development. The Squaxin Island Tribe near Shelton also earned a grant of \$1,196,160, and Quinault Housing Authority of Taholah will get \$2 million. The Indian Community Development Block Grant and Native American Housing Block Grant funds being awarded today come through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. They will help Native American tribes improve the quality of their housing, develop viable communities, promote energy efficiency and create jobs.” [[Business Examiner](#), 8/11/09]

3,300 youths’ summer jobs were funded by *Recovery Act*. “Rare is the day that goes by without an announcement of more federal dollars flowing into the state from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The latest count showed \$827 million has been infused into the state economy from the federal economic stimulus plan out of the \$4 billion that the state has been formally granted so far. Add in money targeted directly to local governments and to the federal government for cleanup at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and funds committed to date in this state total \$5.4 billion. Reasonable minds can debate the worthiness of projects funded so far. But it would be hard to argue against the \$19.9 million received to employ 3,300 young people statewide in a summer youth employment program. Most of the jobs are going to teens and young adults from low-income families. Typically, these are minimum wage jobs in entry-level positions. Oftentimes, it is the first job the participant has ever had.” [[Olympian](#), 8/6/09]

Tacoma will use *Recovery Act* funding to train up to 200 people to decontaminate polluted areas. “The city of Tacoma said it will receive \$500,000 in federal stimulus funds to provide training for up to 200 people to learn how to clean up contaminated sites known as ‘brownfields.’ Tacoma said it will train 200 people, place 150 of them in environmental jobs and track the graduates for a year. Training will consist of eight 98-hour or 212-hour programs. ‘This brownfields job training program will put people to work in jobs that help clean up the environment and boost Tacoma’s economy,’ said Michelle Pirzadeh, acting EPA regional administrator in Seattle, in a statement. Tacoma’s \$500,000 is part of about \$6.8 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to provide brownfields job training across the country.” [[Puget Sound Business Journal](#), 8/5/09]

***Recovery Act* cash targeted to repaving Snohomish County airstrip.** “Snohomish County, home to Boeing’s Everett plant, says it will receive an \$8 million federal grant for repairs at Paine Field. Paine Field is a regional airport about 30 miles north of downtown

Seattle. It hosts small private jet operations and is home to Boeing's manufacturing plant for its 747, 767, 777 and 787 lines. It's also a tourist destination with several attractions for aerospace enthusiasts." [[Seattle Post Intelligencer](#), 8/5/09]

Approximately 7,000 Washington homes will be weatherized using *Recovery Act* funds. "Five months after congressional approval, about \$23 million in federal weatherization money is finally flowing across the state, putting theoretical plans for economic stimulus into elbow-grease practice. The goal is multipronged: Make low-income homes more energy-efficient, provide and retain 'green' jobs and help resuscitate a gasping economy. When the second wave of federal money arrives next year, almost \$60 million in weatherization money will have been spread around Washington. State weatherization director Steve Payne expects about 7,000 dwellings will be updated... The King County Housing Authority will receive about \$2.6 million in stimulus money for weatherization this year, while Snohomish County will get \$1.4 million." [[Seattle Times](#), 8/2/09]

Kitsap Community resources slated to double the number of families assisted with weatherization using *Recovery Act* funding. "Veronica Aremas Ascencio, 27, rocked her 4-month-old daughter, Brittany, in front of the living room window where water leaked freely last winter. Back then, it cost her nearly \$180 a month just to heat her small mobile home where mold and mildew spread unchallenged. But, this winter will be different for Aremas, her husband, and their three children. Contractors with Kitsap Community Resources recently finished up about \$8,700 worth of weatherization work on her Bremerton home, providing new roofing, insulation and heating appliances... KCR expects to double the number of families it helps — while creating jobs for contractors — with about \$1.3 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding it will receive over the next three years." [[Kitsap Sun](#), 7/27/09]

Port of Tacoma has put *Recovery Act* dollars "to good use" by employing funds to curb diesel emissions. "Governor Chris Gregoire commended the Port of Tacoma and Totem Ocean Trailer Express (TOTE) July 15 on their progress toward reducing diesel emissions. Recently, TOTE has retrofitted 25 trucks at its Tacoma facility with exhaust devices that will reduce tailpipe particles by up to 65 percent per vehicle. The governor stood in front of a new 'greener' truck, which displayed the newly retrofitted exhaust piping. The TOTE project has also created one new position, and funded two additional full-time jobs. This project was funded with \$121,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus money." [[Tacoma Weekly](#), 7/23/09]

Seattle received *Recovery Act* money for large-scale affordable housing projects, creating "well-paying jobs" and ameliorating impoverished conditions. "Seattle mayor Greg Nickels Wednesday announced \$8.1 million in funding to rehabilitate and preserve nearly 200 homes for low-income seniors and build 70 homes affordable to working individuals and families. The money comes from the Seattle Housing Levy and the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. 'With this funding, we're continuing Seattle's long commitment of ensuring seniors living on fixed incomes can stay in their homes,' Nickels said in a news release. "These housing projects not only help our vulnerable neighbors but also create well-paying jobs throughout our community.'" [[Seattle Post Intelligencer](#), 7/22/09]

Roughly 1,000 crime victims will receive services from *Recovery Act* funding. "[T]he Washington State Crime Victims Compensation Program received approximately \$938,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) funds to help about 1,000 crime victims and reimbursement for services to about 570 health-care providers who treat crime victims. These funds provide benefits to crime victims such as medical care and wage replacement." Governor Gregoire: "These funds are easing the financial burden that

victims of violent crime often face. I am proud our state acted so quickly with this money, helping victims and their families cover unexpected costs in the aftermath of a crime.” [[Press Release – Governor Christine Gregoire](#), 7/13/09]

Nisqually River delta reformation endeavor fuelled with *Recovery Act* funds, undoing industrial damage to environment. “The ambitious plan to remove dikes from the delta was all permitted and ‘shovel ready’ when Congress and the Obama administration created their economic stimulus program, resulting in millions of dollars in federal funds flowing into the project... In April, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced the \$12 million delta project would receive \$3.4 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. That was in addition to \$1.45 million added in the 2009 U.S. Fish and Wildlife budget.” [[Tacoma News Tribune](#), 7/13/09]

Western Washington University received *Recovery Act* grant for sociological study of military health rigors. “Two Western Washington University employees have received a grant to study the effects of military service on health. Sociology professor Jay Teachman and Demographic Research Laboratory director Lucky Tedrow received nearly \$75,000 from the National Science Foundation via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The grant will cover two years of study into the mental and physical health of veterans who fought mostly in the 1980s and 1990s. Preliminary looks at the data show that the veterans have better mental health than those who haven't been in the military, but the same couldn't be said about their physical health.” [[Bellingham Herald](#), 7/13/09]

\$1.9 million in *Recovery Act* funding allocated to Washington Department of Social and Health Services to provide meals for the elderly. “Federal stimulus funds will help bring nutritious meals to thousands of seniors throughout the state. The Department of Social and Health Services received \$1.9 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment funds to provide and deliver meals through various senior nutrition programs. ‘During these difficult economic times, all Washingtonians, particularly our older citizens, are facing challenges in meeting their basic needs,’ said Kathy Leitch, assistant secretary for the DSHS Aging and Disability Services Administration.” [[Othello Outlook](#), 7/7/09]

\$44 million *Recovery Act* grant for light rail link to the University District will support roughly 2,900 jobs. “Washington state will get \$24 million in federal reimbursements for repairs to roads and highways damaged by severe rain storms last January, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced Monday... A \$44 million grant was fast-tracked to Sound Transit for construction of next light rail link to the University District link, which broke ground this year. Construction is expected to provide 2,900 direct jobs... Lee Newgent, executive secretary of the Seattle Building and Construction Trades Council, said during the news conference that stimulus funding provided more than just a few construction jobs. ‘It's about all our steel and concrete suppliers. It's about all the support services that go along with that. It's about our construction workers taking their paychecks and spending that in your neighborhood and your neighborhood groceries,’ he said. ‘There's probably even a few bartenders out there who are going to benefit from this stimulus funding.’” [[Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#), 7/6/09]

192 King County jobs created or retained with *Recovery Act* funding. “King County has been awarded nine federal economic stimulus grants totaling almost \$79 million, funds which will be used to create or retain 192 jobs, according to a report issued by the County Executive's office. The report is part of an organized effort to maximize the benefits to King County from federal stimulus funding sponsored by Council Chair . Another 22 county stimulus applications—totaling \$78 million and creating another 602 potential jobs—are

pending and King County has also worked with regional and national partners on preparing another nine grant applications.” [[Seattle Medium](#), 7/1/09]

54 of 180 forthcoming Recovery Act -backed transportation projects are underway in Washington, with \$1.1 million going directly to worker salaries so far.

“State stimulus spending on transportation projects is keeping workers on payrolls and providing much needed repairs to aging Washington roads and bridges. As crews near completion on Washington’s first stimulus project on I-90 near Ellensburg, work on other recovery projects is ongoing in every corner of the state... WSDOT reported May employment data for 59 active projects that provided workers more than \$1.1 million in payroll through Washington’s state and local Recovery Act projects. Recovery Act-related employment is expected to increase in the coming months as more projects advance to construction and additional projects are advertised.” [[Press Release – Washington State Department of Transportation](#), 6/29/09]

\$861,275 in Recovery Act Capital Improvement Program funding awarded to Peninsula region clinics. “The increasing number of visits at Peninsula Community Health Services coupled with the decreasing amount of health care funds inspired Deborah Horn to tweak an adage. ‘Now, it’s do waaaay more with waaaay less,’ she said. But, some help is on the way. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., announced Monday that Peninsula, which has clinics in Bremerton, Port Orchard and Poulsbo, will receive an \$861,275 grant as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act’s Capital Improvement Program... The money can be used for facilities or health information technology, and Peninsula will invest in two new technology systems. The center will purchase electronic health record and radio graphics systems for its dental clinic, located in the Bremerton office... The second investment will be a fiber-optic telecommunications system that will improve connectivity between the newly relocated Poulsbo clinic and the other two offices.” [[Kitsap Sun](#), 6/29/09]

\$11 Million in Recovery Act Monies budgeted for rehabilitation of Snohomish Airport, protecting thousands of obs. “The Snohomish County Airport, also known as Paine Field, has received an \$11 million federal recovery grant for the rehabilitation of the airport’s main runway. Harvey Field in Snohomish may also be receiving a multimillion dollar grant to upgrade its runways if things go as planned. The grant, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), allows the county to begin repairing the primary runway (16R/34L) and the south portion of parallel Taxiway Alpha. The total cost of the project is expected to be more than \$20 million and will be completed during the next few years with multiple Airport Improvement Program grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).” . Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon: “Keeping the airport in top shape is an important part of maintaining Snohomish County’s competitiveness in the aerospace industry . Thousands of jobs here depend on Paine Field and that’s the message we continually send to the other Washington when seeking funding.” [[Snohomish Times](#), 6/28/09]

Recovery Act funding helps Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council and others provide over 700 jobs for young people. “Know a young person with no summer job in sight? Maybe someone back in town from college? Dozens of federal stimulus-supported summer jobs remain open for 18- to 24-year-olds in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties who meet eligibility rules. The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council, several public partners and local employers are busy placing more than 700 summer jobs for youths age 14-24, funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The council received \$2.2 million in federal stimulus funds to coordinate the summer jobs effort, administered by seven community partners.” [[Clark County Columbian](#), 6/28/09]

The Washington State Arts Commission will distribute *Recovery Act* funds to arts groups that are trying to preserve jobs. [[Puget Sound Business Journal](#), 6/8/09]

In wake of lower than anticipated construction bids, Washington State will witness larger volume of highway projects *Recovery Act* funds. Governor Gregoire: “At a time when every penny counts, these lower construction cost estimates will provide more opportunities for infrastructure improvements. We are seeing the benefits of managing these recovery funds efficiently and effectively as required by the Obama administration.” [[Press Release – Governor Christine Gregoire](#), 6/8/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will be directed to affordable housing projects in Iowa, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Washington State.** These states have elected to exchange a portion of their unused allocation of low-income housing tax credit for direct cash assistance, which will be then transferred to affordable housing developers. [[Thomson Reuters](#), 6/4/09]

Pedestrians and cyclists can soon expect a little relief getting back and forth along the I-5 overpass at 196th Street Southwest. By April 2010, a new *Recovery Act* pedestrian bridge will save walkers and cyclists from having to take their chances against cars exiting the southbound off-ramp from I-5. [[Lynnwood Enterprise](#), 6/4/09]

Washington State distributed \$19.9 million from *Recovery Act* for the purpose of ensuring employment opportunities for young people. Community Youth Services has received a \$442,000 contract from the Workforce Development Council to put between 180 and 200 young people to work this summer. [[The Olympian](#), 6/2/09]

The first round of *Recovery Act*-funded hiring for 400 jobs at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation is under way. A combination of the promise of pay starting about \$20 an hour, good benefits and 26 weeks of paid training for the jobs had Hanford workers with access to his cell number jockeying to recommend people for the jobs. [[Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#), 6/1/09]

Company will receive *Recovery Act* funds to work on a machine that would compress carbon dioxide so it could be pumped into the earth, reducing emissions into the atmosphere. The federal money will help Bellevue company Ramgen finish its technology sooner so it can work with other companies dealing with the carbon capture and injection processes. [[The Seattle Times](#), 5/31/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will allow Seattle and King County to employ 850 young people for the summer.** [[Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#), 5/29/09]

***Recovery Act* affects projects across Washington State in national effort to generate and save jobs, from education programs to broadband access.** [[Spokesman-Review](#), 6/1/09]

Millions of *Recovery Act* funds dedicated to improving education in Washington State. [KHQ-NBC, /527/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will pay for Bellevue company Ramgen to create local engineering jobs, develop carbon capture technology.** Ramgen CEO: method not just for coal, can be applied widely. [[Puget Sound Business Journal](#), 5/22/09]

Washington State will hire 50 construction workers with *Recovery Act* funds to build new transportation maintenance facility. [[KEPR TV Channel 19 News](#), 5/20/09]

Washington State will receive \$3.58 million in *Recovery Act* funds to repave I-5 in Lewis County. This three-month project will support an estimated 45 jobs. [[Governor Chris Gregoire](#) , 5/15/09]

Columbia River project will be completed with help of \$26.6 million in *Recovery Act* funds. [[Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#), 5/13/09]

Commissioner said *Recovery Act* funds will provide “jump start” on improving access to East Bremerton. Constructing road will create jobs, “pay dividends in the next couple years.” [[Kitsap Sun](#), 5/7/09]