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

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 Arizona, made this progress possible.

Despite this encouraging news, Democrats know that many Arizonans 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 Arizona and will deliver on its promise to rebuild our economy and get Arizonans 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](#)] According to Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projections, that number may be as high as 1.6 million jobs. [CBO, [11/09](#)]

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

- According to CBO projections, “an additional 600,000 to 1.6 million people were employed in the United States, and real (inflation-adjusted) gross domestic product (GDP) was 1.2 percent to 3.2 percent higher, than would have been the case in the absence of ARRA.” [CBO, [11/09](#)]
- The Commerce Department reported that the nation’s gross domestic product grew by 2.2 percent in the third quarter of 2009, the first expansion in more than a year. Economists are projecting 4 percent growth in the fourth quarter. [Commerce Department, [12/22/09](#); testimony of Dr. Martin Baily before the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, [12/16/09](#)].
- 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 Arizona

In Arizona, this partial reporting indicates that 12,283 jobs have been created or saved by funding 949 awards worth \$2,841,731,609, of which \$815,761,221 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 21,400 jobs so far for Arizonans (accounting for indirect and induced jobs). [Council of Economic Advisors, [9/2009](#)] **Arizona is on track to benefit from a total of 70,000 *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 Arizona:

Recovery Act helps save a job at the Webb Center, one of 27 Arizona arts organizations receiving a boost from the Recovery Act. “The Webb Center received a grant of \$13,000 to help preserve a position that was eliminated last year when it was obvious that granting and corporate donations were slowing: Program Services Manager. The Arizona Commission on the Arts (ACA) and Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF) have awarded one-time American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support economic stimulus in Arizona’s creative

sector. In total, 27 Arizona arts organizations have or will receive support from one of these three agencies.” [[The Wickenburg Sun](#), 12/16/09]

Scottsdale is ready for a “wave of projects” funded by the *Recovery Act*, including a pedestrian path and improved access at Eldorado Ballpark for people with disabilities. “The first wave of projects in Scottsdale funded by federal stimulus dollars will start coming to life in a few months. For the past 10 months, Scottsdale has applied for grants and other funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act... The first projects include a pedestrian path for the Goldwater Boulevard underpass in downtown Scottsdale and improving access at Eldorado Ballpark for people with disabilities. Since the recovery act was signed into law, Scottsdale has received more than \$14.1 million in federal stimulus dollars. The city has received money for transportation, energy efficiency and neighborhood improvement. ” [[Arizona Republic](#), 12/10/09]

***Recovery Act* funds have been used to fill 24 teaching positions in the Dysart Unified School District with 8 more position to fill.** “The Dysart Unified School District has created 32 positions to be funded with federal stimulus money. To date, 24 positions have been filled, said Jim Dean, Dysart spokesman. Dysart was awarded \$4.3 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: \$500,000 in Title I money for schools that have a high number or high percentage of low-income students, and \$3.8 million in IDEA funds for special education... While many of the new special-education positions have been filled, the district has not yet received any money from special-education stimulus funds... Dysart also received a one-time payment of \$6 million through federal stimulus money this year... The \$6 million is equivalent to about 138 teaching positions, he said.” [[Arizona Republic](#), 12/9/09]

Arizona State University will use *Recovery Act* funds from the National Institutes of Health for a pair of two-year projects focusing on rapid DNA sequencing and the potential health risks of nanotechnology. “Arizona State University has been awarded nearly \$3 million in federal stimulus funds from the National Institutes of Health. ASU professors Stuart Lindsay and Paul Westerhoff will lead a pair of two-year projects focusing on rapid DNA sequencing and the potential health risks of nanotechnology. As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, NIH has established a program called Research and Research Infrastructure Grand Opportunities, also known as the GO grants program. The goal is to provide short-term funding to support innovation. Lindsay, director of the ASU Biodesign Institute’s Center for Single-Molecule Biophysics, gets \$1.7 million to use carbon nanotubes to help read larger chunks of DNA sequence information at a time. The current technology allows 1,000 chemical letters in the human DNA chain to be read at a time. ‘Our goal is to simplify DNA sequencing like the invention of the transistor simplified electronics,’ he said. Westerhoff gets \$1.2 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to improve the detection and assessment of potential health risks of engineered nanomaterials in water, food, commercial products and biological samples.” [[Phoenix Business Journal](#), 11/17/09]

Construction workers will continue *Recovery Act*-funded roadway improvement project, moving into Benson Area. “The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) continues roadway surface improvement operations on State Route (SR) 82 in the Sonoita area and is on schedule to move operations to westbound Interstate 10 near Benson in one week ... The construction crew is scheduled to proceed to I-10 in the Benson area beginning Thursday, Nov. 12. The road improvements will occur on two sections of westbound I-10 east of Benson - a five-mile section from mileposts 323 to 328 and a three-mile section from mileposts 333.2 to 336.2... The roadwork is part of a project to renew and preserve about seven miles of SR 82 and eight miles of I-10... The improvements, funded through the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act, include the application of a treatment known as micro sealing... The process is fast-curing and, in most cases, traffic is allowed to return to the roadway within one hour.”
[[Wilcox Range News](#), 11/12/09]

9,758 jobs have been created in Arizona with Recovery Act funds; 80percent of those are estimated to be in education. “A report released by Gov. Jan Brewer’s office in October understates the impact stimulus money allocated by the state has had on Arizona’s job creation and retention, an ASU economist said. Dennis Hoffman, an economics professor at the W. P. Carey School of Business, said the report, which says that 9,758 jobs were created or retained because of stimulus money, does not account for indirect jobs, stimulus for Arizona’s Medicaid or the amount given directly to local Arizona governments. ‘When you inject a dollar from Washington into this state to support a job, that job ends up supporting other jobs in the state because it sustains spending, helps keep people in their homes, helps keep people buying goods and products from local businesses,’ he said... ‘Like Gov. Brewer has said, this stimulus money will not come close to mitigating the budget crisis but it does help. Every time somebody is employed, it helps a family.’ Peterson said nearly 80 percent of the jobs created and retained, about 7,734 jobs, were education related, which shows that education funding is high on Brewer’s list of priorities.” [[The State Press](#), 11/9/09]

Recovery Act spending has created about 35 jobs at Luke Air Force Base; most were green or construction jobs. “Companies awarded federal stimulus contracts were asked to submit job-creation progress reports to the government by Oct. 10. A review of those reports for projects out at Luke Air Force Base show[s] that about \$4 million in stimulus spending has created about 35 jobs. Most of the Luke work involves paving cracked runways and making air-conditioning systems more energy efficient... Luke awarded the bulk of its stimulus contracts to small and minority-owned companies.” [[Arizona Republic](#), 11/9/09]

Arizona schools are hiring more teachers and expanding thanks to Recovery Act funding; the funds will help the Social Transitions Academics Responsibility (S.T.A.R.) Program grow . “Most of the students at S.T.A.R. Academy are in their classrooms or at lunch on a recent school day. Some are playing on the swings and jungle gym. But the tranquility of the small campus is shattered as a screaming child is carried across the courtyard and into the psychologist’s office. Although the boy’s outburst can be a daily occurrence at the academy, Avondale Elementary School District’s behavioral program, it doesn’t deter the other students from learning. In its second year, S.T.A.R. Academy is on its own campus and expanding with the help of federal stimulus money. The district is using most of a \$1 million special-education grant to purchase technology for the academy. It also added two teachers and five behavioral specialists who assist teachers in the classrooms. Avondale Elementary is among Arizona districts that have received or expect to receive federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. ” [[Arizona Republic](#), 11/9/09]

Verde Valley commuters will have a bus, thanks to Recovery Act grant. For many in the Verde Valley, especially commuters, the arrival of a regular Cottonwood-to-Sedona bus system is a dream come true. It hits the road Monday, thanks to a stimulus grant. Supervisor Chip Davis has long dreamed of a transit service that circulates around the entire Verde Valley, from Cottonwood to Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek, Rimrock and Camp Verde... The Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) announced the Verde Lynx, a daily bus service between the two cities... Purchased with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Verde Lynx buses are 25 seat low floor buses that are comfortable and accessible.” [[Verde News](#), 11/5/09]

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“Nearly 10,000 jobs have been created or retained by Arizona’s stimulus money, according to the Governor’s Office. Gov. Jan Brewer reported that 9,758 jobs were created in Arizona from February 17, when the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was passed by Congress, and Sept. 30, the end of the reporting period... ‘I am pleased to see Recovery Act funds have contributed to areas such as Medicaid, education and transportation.’ The job creation numbers in the report cited jobs created or saved through stimulus money allocated directly to the state. The federal government’s stimulus Web site, www.recovery.gov, reported that 12,283 jobs were created or saved in Arizona, a number that includes money allocated and distributed directly to other entities such as cities, counties, military bases and the U.S. Forest Service, according to Arizona Office of Economic Recovery spokeswoman Tasya Peterson. Of the 9,758 jobs cited in the state report, about 80 percent were education related, Peterson said. Another major source of jobs was the 186 transportation projects funded by stimulus dollars. The Arizona Department of Transportation was awarded \$335 million for those projects.” [[Arizona Capitol Times](#), 11/2/09]

Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon stated that the jump in GDP is a sign that the *Recovery Act* is working. “Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon ... believes the big jump in the gross domestic product, announced Thursday, shows that the federal government’s economic stimulus plan is working... The government reported the economy grew at an annual pace of 3.5 percent in the third quarter, marking the best showing in two years. The growth was fueled by the stimulus plan which helped fuel demand for homes and cars... Gordon said home sales trickle down to create jobs ‘because a lot of those homes are then being renovated with smart technology, new insulation, weatherization, solar or fixing broken windows and replacing stoves that have been taken out.” [[KTAR-Phoenix](#), 10/29/09]

***Recovery Act* funding will be used by the Navajo Tribal Utility Association to improve electrical services in Navajo Nation.** “Representative Ann Kirkpatrick announced today that the Department of Energy will be making \$4,991,750 available to help enhance and modernize the electric grid on Navajo Nation. Approximately 40 percent of households on the Navajo Reservation do not have electricity. The grant is being allocated to the Navajo Tribal Utility Association (NTUA) to install a Smart Grid network and data management system, which will serve all of their 38,000 customers... This investment is being made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The funds are part of \$3.4 billion being distributed nationwide in the largest single Smart Grid modernization investment in U.S. history. They will be matched by private funding sources, for a total of over \$8 billion directed at developing our electric grid.” [[Naz Today](#), 10/27/09]

15 small school districts in Arizona will be using *Recovery Act* funding for the sole purpose of installing solar power systems in schools. “Money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is finding its way to the two Yavapai County schools. Gov. Jan Brewer chose 15 school districts from throughout the state to divide \$2.9 million in ARRA money for the sole purpose of installing solar power systems in schools... The Arizona School Facilities Boards (SFB) is managing the program for the state. According to the SFB solar energy awards chart, Skull Valley’s elementary schoolhouse is 8,550 square feet, and the school board gets \$240,000 for a solar power system... The SFB estimates that the solar power would save the district about \$8,000 per year in its electric bill.” [[Daily Courier](#), 10/27/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will be used for green retrofit of Sunnyslope Manor assisted-housing units for seniors.** “The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded Phoenix \$1.7 million in competitive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds that will allow the city of Phoenix Housing Department to make assisted housing units

more energy efficient. The \$1.7 million stimulus package will green-retrofit the 116 Sunnyslope Manor units at 205 E. Ruth Ave., a Section 8 property for seniors 62 and older. 'We are dedicated to our senior population,' said Mayor Phil Gordon, 'These energy efficient and green improvements will help them save on utility costs and help us save our little part of the planet. And again, we're creating jobs and putting Phoenix residents to work.' The project will allow several optional green alternatives such as reflective metal roofs, Energy Star-rated roofing shingles and compact fluorescent lighting. A number of green alternatives will be required including low-flow and low-flush plumbing fixtures, additional insulation and Energy Star-rated refrigerators, heating and cooling units, water heaters, windows and doors and lighting and lighting fixtures." [[East Valley Living](#), 10/22/09]

Northern Arizona University construction project will create 2,500 jobs, bring money to Flagstaff. "Construction crews began razing Lumberjack Stadium on Tuesday as part of a project that will create about 2,500 jobs and generate more than \$7.3 million in city and state tax revenue. Northern Arizona University's Health and Learning Center, funded in large part through student-approved fees, will add more than \$51 million in labor wages to the state's economy during the 21 months of construction... A new and improved Lumberjack Stadium will also be rebuilt as part of the project... 'The increase in construction-related jobs is particularly welcome in this economy since the construction sector typically pays among the highest average wages when compared with jobs in other industries,' said Ron Gunderson, NAU professor of economics. 'The project will not only increase jobs in the private sector, but the expenditures for goods and materials in the local area also generate increased sales tax revenues for the city of Flagstaff...' The university has worked closely with the selected contractor, Mortenson Construction, to encourage participation of area subcontractors, according to Jane Kuhn, associate vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs." [[ABC15](#), 10/14/09]

Recovery Act funds allocated to the University of Arizona will create or retain 157 full-time research jobs and fund the construction of new facilities focused on economic development for the region. "Federal stimulus money is streaming in to the University of Arizona. The university has won more than \$81 million in grants for 122 research projects. The UA estimates that will create or preserve the equivalent of 157 full-time jobs... \$4.7 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars are going to build phase one of the [Arizona Bioscience Park] complex... 'We want to bring companies to the Tucson area, but we also want to grow our own. So this will be space for people who have new companies that need incubation and protection and mentoring and so on,' says UA Vice President for Research, Graduate Studies, and Economic Development Dr. Leslie Tolbert... There are programs for teachers too. 'Programs that work to help teachers hone their skills in teaching science, technology, engineering and math,' Tolbert says. A lot of the money coming to Tucson will be for research... 'It's sort of a two-sided kind of impact. On the one hand, there's the work that's being done helping to cure cancer. But there's also the employment of people from the surrounding community with every new project that's funded,' Tolbert says. She says it's clear that projects getting stimulus money have a direct societal benefit." [[Kold News 13](#), 10/14/09]

Tucson and Pima County will create local jobs and train 1500 workers with Recovery Act funding. "Tucson and Pima County are starting to see the money that is supposed to retain jobs and create new ones. The bulk of Arizona's stimulus money is going to local governments. So far, the City of Tucson's largest project is the Northwest Sun Tran Bus Storage and Maintenance facility. A little more than \$16 million of the \$52 million dollars the city has been awarded so far will go to finish this bus yard. So far, Pima County has received \$26 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The county will spend

nearly a quarter of its money training about 1,500 jobless people. Jim Mize is with Pima County Employer Outreach.” [[KoldNews 13](#), 10/5/09]

University of Arizona will use *Recovery Act* funds to research therapeutic drugs, expected to add small number of employees to handle additional research tasks.

“More than \$7 million in federal stimulus money is coming to the University of Arizona and the Translational Genomics Research Institute for a drug discovery and development center. The two-year \$7.5 million grant comes from the National Institutes of Health, and officials say the new Southwest Comprehensive Center for Drug Discovery and Development will put renewed focus on the role of medicinal chemistry. The UA College of Pharmacy and TGen will team up on the project, with the goal being to alleviate bottlenecks that exist between the lab-based discovery of promising therapeutic targets, and the ultimate goal of delivering new drugs. Both TGen and the UA College of Pharmacy are expected to add a small number of new employees as a result of the grant. Research and development is expected to cover a host of diseases, including cancer, Alzheimer’s and heart disease and also events such as exposure to pathogens.” [[Phoenix Business Journal](#), 10/5/09]

Thanks to *Recovery Act* funding, the International Genomics Consortium will triple its workforce of 45 to study the genetic roots of cancer. “A Phoenix laboratory will claim a share of \$275 million in federal research grants that will drive a massive study of the genetic roots of cancer. The International Genomics Consortium, at the downtown Phoenix Biomedical Campus, said the cancer-research project called the Cancer Genome Atlas will allow the biomedical research lab to more than triple its workforce of 45 employees. Although the Atlas project could be the largest new science project for Arizona, research labs across the state will be buzzing with activity due to a new batch of federal stimulus grants. Arizona scientists secured 101 research grants that are collectively worth more than \$33 million, a *Republic* analysis of National Institutes of Health records shows.” [[Arizona Republic](#), 10/05/09]

Navajo Nation will be able to construct three detention centers and hire personnel, thanks to \$73.3 million in *Recovery Act* funding. “Nearly \$74 million in federal stimulus funds will be used to construct three sorely needed adult detention centers on the Navajo Nation. President Joe Shirley Jr. announced Sept. 23 that the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety and judicial branch staff had successfully sought \$73.3 million in funding for the new centers. Although the three new centers do not fulfill Shirley’s goal of building 12 all-in-one justice centers across the Navajo Nation, they will replace aging facilities that pose health and safety risks... The new centers to be built with the federal funding will include not only jail cells, but also offices for pre-trial services as well as space for inmate programs designed to reduce the incarceration rate. According to Shirley, \$38.5 million will be used to construct a 48-bed detention center in Tuba City, \$31 million for a 38-bed facility in Kayenta and \$3.8 million for a small facility in Ramah.... The goal of the program is to prevent juvenile delinquency, and eventually reduce the number of youth and adults in the criminal justice system. It will include education for youth and adults on gangs, truancy, school dropouts, parenting, after school programs and will also include intervention programs for “court-involved youth.” [[Arizona Journal](#), 9/30/09]

***Recovery Act* funding will allow hundreds of unemployed Arizona residents to receive job training through community colleges and local schools.** “Hundreds of Valley unemployed residents will go back to school and gain new skills thanks to federal stimulus dollars. At least 90 people can begin job training classes at Maricopa Community Colleges as part of \$200,000 to \$300,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. More will follow during the next few months... The stimulus money will pay for tuition, materials, and licensure and certification testing... Maricopa Workforce Connections and

Phoenix Workforce Connection routinely see Valley residents looking for employment help. The two centers provide one-on-one counseling, resume building, interview classes and public computers for job searches... Spending to create the cohorts is stimulus money working, the Arizona Democrat said, emphasizing that job training is essential because many jobs may not be coming back.” [[Arizona Republic](#), 9/29/09]

Small and minority-owned businesses win contracts for Luke Air Force Base Recovery Act-funded project, helping them create jobs and avoid layoffs. “Small and minority-owned businesses have received nearly all of the contracts for stimulus-funded improvement work at Luke Air Force Base, unique when compared with other state and military operations that tend to favor large, corporate bidders. Economists say the feat is noteworthy when trying to gauge the impact of local stimulus spending. Nearly 99 percent of Arizona businesses employ fewer than 500 people, and they create the majority of new jobs each year. ‘Most of the Luke work involves paving cracked runways and making air-conditioning systems more energy efficient. Base officials won’t know the number of jobs created by the contracts, valued at around \$12 million, until the selected companies submit progress reports later this fall. But the work has helped firms such as Mesa-based Utility Construction Company Inc. limit layoffs, said operations manager Ken Nickum...” [[The Arizona Republic](#), 9/28/09]

Arizona Western College will use Recovery Act money to limit tuition increases, prevent personnel reductions and create jobs. “The college will receive \$1.3 million in federal stimulus money through the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds.... Alison Howell, communications coordinator at AWC, said the college will use the funding to offset capital expenditures in the 2009-2010 budget. She said leadership at the college said they have not received capital funding in the past two fiscal years and this money will help make up for that. Glasper said, ‘Community colleges are a major part of the economic engine that will drive Arizona’s recovery, and this money is essential to that process.’ Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer said, ‘These funds will allow the state’s community colleges to limit tuition increases, prevent personnel reductions and create jobs.’” [[The Yuma Sun](#), 9/27/09]

Arizona community colleges will use Recovery Act allocation to limit tuition increases, prevent personnel reductions, and create jobs. “Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer said Thursday the state has released \$8.9 million in federal stimulus money to community colleges. The outlays are going to community colleges in Pima, Yavapai, Cochise, Mohave and Graham counties... ‘These funds will allow the state’s community colleges to limit tuition increases, prevent personnel reductions and create jobs.’ The money is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.” [[Phoenix business Journal](#), 9/24/09]

Recovery Act -funded road project to create 530 jobs. “The Arizona Department of Transportation will start work today on widening Interstate 10 in the West Valley, its top-priority stimulus-funded project. The work will widen 6 miles of freeway to three lanes in each direction between Sarival Avenue and Verrado Way. The project was ranked first in priority among 41 stimulus projects by Arizona’s State Transportation Board last spring. At \$21.8 million...it is expected to create around 530 jobs. Tempe-based Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. won the contract.” [[Arizona Republic](#), 9/11/09]

Recovery Act money helps create Forest Service jobs. “The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will provide funding for several Forest Service projects in Arizona. The 44 projects, funded at more than \$40 million, are located on Forest Service land in Arizona. The Southwestern Region includes the national forests in Arizona and New Mexico and grasslands in Oklahoma and Texas. Many of the communities most affected by the economic downturn are located near national forests. Using funding from ARRA the Forest Service will

create jobs that support our mission of sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations." Regional Forester Corbin Newman: "The Southwestern Region's participation in the ARRA effort will restore forests and grasslands, reduce wildlife risks, develop wood to energy technology, and improve our public facilities while providing private sector jobs." [[CBS Kold News 13](#), 09/10/09]

City of Somerton will use *Recovery Act* funds for rural water projects. "[T]he city of Somerton will receive funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan for rural water projects. Somerton will receive a \$2,147,000 loan and \$2,596,063 grant for water and wastewater infrastructure... The stimulus funding is part of an additional \$172.5 million in funding for water and environmental projects in 24 states being allocated by USDA." Representative Grijalva: "These funds will be used to ensure public safety for the city of Somerton. The funds will be used to protect the environment and provide much-needed infrastructure improvements for rural residents. These projects are also beneficial to Arizona because they will result in the creation of a large number of local jobs." [[The Yuma Sun](#), 9/3/09]

The Maricopa County adult probation department will use *Recovery act* money to fund five positions for surveillance officers in its fugitive apprehension unit. "County supervisors announced Tuesday that the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department would accept stimulus money for 2009 funding. The Adult Probation Department is the first in the nation to do so. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors recently voted unanimously to accept \$685,993 in stimulus funding for the departments' Fugitive Apprehension Unit, which combats narcotics activity along the Mexican border. According to a Tuesday news release, the stimulus money for the Adult Probation Department is vital as the department serves more warrants for narcotics activity than any other law enforcement agency in the nation. The funding is part of the \$5.5 million dollars from the American Recovery Investment Act that has been given to Arizona to fight crime and drug trafficking as outlined in the Justice Department's Southwest Border Strategy... Five positions for surveillance officers will be funded for two years under the accepted stimulus money." [[ABC15.com](#), 8/25/09]

Lovato family home safer and more energy-efficient thanks to *Recovery Act*-funded weatherization, which put 18 locals to work. "The Lovato family's 1954 brick home in central Phoenix is one of the first in Arizona to receive federal stimulus money aimed at making lower-income residences more energy efficient. With the mercury in 100-plus-degree territory, construction workers Wednesday replaced a leaky duct system, upgraded air-conditioning units and spread insulation in the attic of a home in the St. Gregory neighborhood, the first sign weatherization stimulus dollars finally are flowing into the local economy. 'It makes our home much more comfortable, cooler and a lot more affordable,' said homeowner Scott Lovato, a hairstylist whose family joined Mayor Phil Gordon and other officials at a news conference in front of their home near 19th Avenue and Osborne Road. The project, which will wrap up this week, is expected to shave 30 percent to 40 percent from the family's \$440 monthly energy bill. It has employed six full-time and a dozen part-time workers for the past two weeks. The Lovatos are among the first of 1,200 Phoenix households that will benefit from the city's \$7.2 million weatherization grant during the next three years. Each home can receive as much as \$6,500 in upgrades. Five other home-weatherization projects are under way across the city... 'At a time when the economy really stinks and people were out of work, a lot of people were working on this,' Scott Lovato said. 'This put paychecks in their pockets so they could feed their families. I think that is probably the best thing out of all of this.'" [[The Arizona Republic](#), 8/20/09]

Over 800 young people employed by *Recovery Act*-supported Yuma Private Industry Council summer youth projects, learning vital job skills and accruing a salary – many for the first time. “For 16-year-old Jameka Grayson, planning and running entertaining activities for 8-year-olds is no sweat. Grayson is a participant in the Recreational Leadership Project, one of the Yuma Private Industry Council’s summer youth projects. YPIC has trained youths from the community in leadership and how to work with children from low-income families... YPIC’s summer youth projects are part of a special summer program made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The program is open to young people ages 14 to 24, who gain job skills and practical experience while earning minimum wage. All participants come from low-income families, as stipulated by the government. More than 800 young people are currently involved with the program, working either in local businesses or on one of YPIC’s special projects.” [[Yuma Sun](#), 8/9/09]

***Recovery Act* disbursement to Ecotality Inc. will lead to hiring of 750 new workers for electric vehicle charging station construction.** “When electric vehicle charging stations start cropping up around the Phoenix area, about 750 new workers will be developing a network that could one day span the country. With the announcement that Ecotality Inc. and its subsidiary Electric Transportation Engineering Corp. will receive \$99.8 million in federal stimulus funds to finance an electric vehicle charging infrastructure in partnership with Nissan Motor Co., the local company is on pace to add jobs and space to its facilities, said Don Karner, eTec’s president. ‘This adds positions to the 5,000-plus jobs that are part of Nissan’s initiative,’ he said. The deal, announced Wednesday, will have the Phoenix-based eTec leading the charge in creating an network of charging stations in about a dozen cities nationwide, including Phoenix and Tucson.” [[Phoenix Business Journal](#), 8/5/09]

Greater Foothills Helping Hands, which provides help to seniors, has been aided by 80 young employees paid for by *Recovery Act*. “Greater Foothills Helping Hands, which provides volunteers to perform domestic chores for the elderly and disabled, received a hand up this summer when Arizona Western College in conjunction with Yuma Private Industry Council provided employment for 80 Yuma high school students, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Judy Arnold, Helping Hands executive director, said the students did a phenomenal job with yard work and it was a total blessing to have them. ‘A lot of our care receivers can’t afford this,’ Arnold said. ‘The work wouldn’t have gotten done if it wasn’t for the students.’ Arnold noted students were considerate and willing to help. ‘I think the program was such a positive plus for everyone involved. We’re certainly thankful we’re able to have them participate.’” [[Yuma Sun](#), 7/21/09]

***Recovery Act*-financed EPA program to remedy petroleum leaks across Arizona.** “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has handed out \$3.2 million in stimulus dollars to Arizona for cleanup of petroleum leaks from underground storage tanks... Acting regional administrator for the EPA’s Pacific Southwest region: ‘These cleanups will protect our valuable groundwater supplies, while creating green jobs that will improve our economy.’” [[Phoenix Business Journal](#), 7/9/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will pay for Sunset Community Health Center expansion to provide affordable health care to 2,400 additional patients.** “CEO David Rogers said he was happy it came through. ‘We’re just extremely appeased with the opportunity to receive this money,’ Rogers said. ‘If we hadn’t, we would not have been able to remodel the facility.’ And that remodel will not only include one more provider, which Rogers said will allow for 2,400 more patients and 3,600 patient encounters, but it will give the clinic a whole new look... They’ll add two more exam rooms and one treatment room, Rogers said. He said they’ll also replace the roof, the heating and cooling system, the lighting and the flooring... Earlier this year,

Sunset received \$250,000 in stimulus money for an additional 10 employees throughout its clinics. With these new stimulus funds, 16 health centers across Arizona, including Sunset, will receive a total of \$16.1 million for construction, renovation and repair.” [[The \(Yuma, AZ\) Sun](#), 6/30/09]

Arizona will use *Recovery Act*-funded tax credit assistance program to expand low income housing rentals. “U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan today announced that HUD is approving plans submitted by Arizona for \$32,308,066 to jump start affordable housing programs currently stalled due to the economic recession. Funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (*Recovery Act*), HUD's new Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP) will provide \$1,035,322,485 to 26 state housing finance agencies to resume funding of affordable rental housing projects across the nation while stimulating employment in the hard-hit construction trades.” [Targeted News Service, 6/30/09]

Arizona will use \$1 billion in *Recovery Act* education funding to offset education cuts and rehire recently laid-off teachers. The stimulus money will help schools bring back more teachers who were laid off in the spring. [[Arizona Republic](#), 6/11/09]

Pima County dedicating \$10 million for sewer improvement. “County officials estimate the project will create between 170 and 200 construction-related jobs, including contractors, suppliers and engineers and another 85 to 100 indirect jobs.” [[Arizona Daily Star](#), 5/26/09]

***Recovery Act* funded forest restoration and removal of hazardous fuels projects will create jobs in Arizona.** [[White Mountain Independent](#), 5/15/09]

Arizona will receive \$961,000 in *Recovery Act* funds for retraining and providing assistance to workers displaced by jobs that have left the country. States are allowed to use it for workforce development, career guidance and job search training. [[AZBiz](#), 5/15/09]

***Recovery Act* funding will help Graham County provide job training and education to low-income youth.** Workforce Development pays each participant \$7.25 per hour for a 30-hour work week. The summer job lasts eight weeks. The types of jobs include clerical work, teaching assistant and outdoor positions with the U.S. Forest Service. [[Eastern Arizona Courier](#), 5/13/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will help Arizona State University’s financial stability.** University will retain teachers and keep costs low. [[Arizona Capitol Times](#), 5/11/09]

***Recovery Act* money reaches Yavapai County health clinics.** Funding enabling them to increase clinic hours and hire additional staff. [[Prescott Daily Courier](#), 5/6/09]