



# Fact Sheet

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## **The Recovery Act: A Report on the Path to Progress in Michigan** **Creating and Saving Jobs, Boosting Household Resources, Providing Assistance for the Vulnerable in Michigan**

On February 13, 2009, the Senate approved the final version of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* and sent the legislation to President Obama to be signed into law (P.L. 111-5). The *Recovery Act* is an extraordinary response by Democrats to an inherited economic crisis unlike any since the Great Depression. The legislation represents an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create and save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can not only recover but prosper once again.

Nationwide, we have already seen companies rehiring laid-off workers, construction and renovation of facilities, and the re-starting of environmental remediation activities. And, just a few months into the two-year *Recovery Act* programs:

- **We have minimized and avoided reductions in essential services in Michigan** by providing aid to help stabilize state and local budgets, protected critical safety-net programs, and saved teaching and law enforcement jobs.
- **Plans for job-creating infrastructure projects in Michigan are already planned and underway** with the Department of Transportation allocation of \$338 million for highway infrastructure investments (through the Federal Highway Administration) (as of June 2, 2009). These *Recovery Act* projects deliver jobs and make important investments in the safety of our transportation systems. [DOT Allocation Report, 6/2/2009].
- **Families and communities in Michigan that have been hard-hit by the recession** can access increased unemployment benefits, assistance with health insurance premiums for those who have become unemployed, and food aid. And 3.7 million households in Michigan – approximately 95 percent of all families and individuals – have already begun seeing an increase in their take-home pay through the landmark Making Work Pay tax credit. The typical family will have about \$800 extra cash delivered to them in their paychecks over the next year. [The White House, 4/2/2009]

Here is a sampling of projects in Michigan that have been covered by local media and press releases in the past several weeks, demonstrating the real-life impacts that the *Recovery Act* has already made for Michiganders, only four months after the enactment of the *Recovery Act*:

- **Over \$3 million in *Recovery Act* funds will be accepted by federally qualified health centers in Detroit, expanding healthcare delivery to depressed areas.** “Detroit’s five federally qualified health centers are expecting to receive more than \$3 million in federal stimulus dollars in early July to fund much-needed capital expansion projects to accommodate a growing number of uninsured patients.” [[Crain’s Detroit Business](#), 6/14/2009]
- **SBA loans see exponential increase in Detroit, moving from 65 percent in the first quarter to 102 percent following *Recovery Act* provisions.** “After a dismal six months, the number of U.S. Small Business Administration-backed loans is moving up — and SBA District Director Richard Temkin is hopeful the trend will continue.” [[Crain’s Detroit Business](#), 6/7/2009]
- **\$1.2 billion in *Recovery Act* monies support statewide employment program targeting youths.** “This summer, more than 304,000 teenagers are expected to seek jobs in our state. The federal stimulus is making that hunt easier by funding a job training program, creating hundreds of summer jobs. 17-year-old Adrianna Erb of Montague is experiencing the crunch many teens are facing when it comes to finding a summer job. ‘It has been hard. All the jobs are full or they are not hiring,’ she says. ‘I need money for college.’” [[WZZM – ABC](#), 6/5/2009]
- **State Fiscal Stabilization fund provides Michigan with \$1 billion from *Recovery Act* to reform schools and sustain teacher salaries.** Senator Stabenow: “We need to provide our children with a world-class education, so they can compete in the global economy. During these tough economic times, I am so pleased Michigan will receive this important funding to keep our teachers in the classroom and ensure our children are receiving the education they deserve.” Senator Levin: “A great education is one of the most important things we can provide to our children. I am hopeful that this federal economic recovery funding will help school districts across Michigan avoid painful budget cuts and prepare our young people to succeed in the 21st century” [[WPBN-WTOM](#), 6/3/2009]
- **The National Institutes of Health has allocated \$2,722,910 in *Recovery Act* funds to six Michigan universities to promote health care research and job training.** Senator Stabenow: “I’m pleased this recovery funding will help support important health care research and training across our state. By investing in health care research at our universities and research institutes, we will help keep our families healthy and help create good-paying jobs in the process.” Senator Levin: “This economic recovery funding will help to preserve and create jobs in Michigan while also investing in important medical research. Michigan’s top-notch universities are well-equipped to put this funding to good use.” [[Press Release – Sen. Carl Levin](#), 6/3/2009]
- **Trail construction begins on \$800,000 *Recovery Act* project in Clare County.** “Funded with \$800,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the project is expected to be completed by July 22, weather permitting, according to Jack Hofweber of the Michigan Department of Transportation.” [[Mt. Pleasant Morning Sun](#), 6/3/2009]

- **Recovery Act funds will be used to improve roads, fish habitats, and water quality in forest areas.** “The money announced Tuesday covers projects in Alcona, Alger, Delta, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Lake, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Muskegon, Newaygo and Wexford counties. The cash comes from the U.S. Forest Service. Most of the money is targeted to improve roads, fish habitat and water quality in forest areas. Other projects are designed to improve access to streams and improve the quality of road and trail signs.” [[Associated Press](#), 6/3/2009]
- **Five colleges and one research institute will receive stimulus funds to support health care research and training.** The funding was announced today for the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Oakland University, Calvin College and the Van Andel Research Institute. The money will support health care research and training. U-M will get nearly half of the funding.” [[Detroit Free Press](#), 6/2/2009]
- **Wayne County will receive \$50 million in tax credits to stimulate economic growth and create jobs.** Senator Stabenow: “The global credit crisis has not only hurt our economy, but has dried up the investment capital needed to turn things around. Making \$50 million in tax credits available serves as a valuable tool to spur private investment in southeastern Michigan, create jobs, and promote economic growth.” Senator Levin: “This federal economic recovery funding will help spur economic growth in southeast Michigan during a difficult economic stretch. I am hopeful that this partnership will help Wayne County attract investment and create jobs.” [[Press Release-Senators Levin and Stabenow](#), 6/1/2009]
- **Approximately \$2 Million Recovery Act dollars used to spur growth of Benzie Bus and Bay Area.** “The Benzie Transportation Authority and the Bay Area Transportation Authority stand to receive nearly \$2 million collectively in federal stimulus dollars to buy new buses and create a transit facility near Honor. The funding will allow both agencies to retire older buses in exchange for more efficient vehicles that release fewer emissions.” [[Traverse City Record-Eagle](#), 6/1/2009]
- **Stimulus funds for rural transit in Michigan should create between 100 and 200 jobs.** [[States News Service](#), 5/28/2009]
- **Car-manufacturing communities will receive \$50 in recovery funds to train laid-off auto workers for jobs in the energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors.** [[Associated Press](#), 5/21/2009]
- **Several rural Michigan communities will receive Recovery Act funds to buy equipment.** Alger, Allegan, Antrim, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Mackinac, Marquette, Mecosta, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Schoolcraft and Van Buren counties will receive stimulus funds to buy police vehicles, fire trucks, snow plows, and other equipment. [[Associated Press](#), 5/20/2009]
- **Michigan has already received half of its federal stimulus money.** [[The Detroit News](#), 3/18/2009]
- **Stimulus money will stave off a cut in the state’s per-student funding for 2009-2010.** [[Kalamazoo Gazette](#), 5/12/2009]

- **\$10 million in stimulus funds will repair crumbling sea walls in Saugatuck Harbor.** “We figure that means 80 direct and 200 indirect jobs. Plus long-needed work gets done to maintain a navigable channel there.” [*Allegan Commercial Record*, 5/6/2009]
- **Port Huron company held *Recovery Act* education seminar to teach locals how to benefit from stimulus funds.** [*The Times Herald*, 5/7/2009]