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The Purpose

- Preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery
- Assist those most impacted by the recession
- Provide investments to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health
- Invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits
- Stabilize State and local government budgets
- Central database housed at www.recovery.gov allows the public to track government expenditures under the stimulus plan
- Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board to monitor for wasteful spending and issue periodic reports to the public
- Earl Devaney, former inspector general at the Department of the Interior, will serve as Chairman



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General Provisions

-The spending and tax cuts in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act total **\$789 billion**, including:

-\$463 billion in spending for transportation, infrastructure, health care programs, education assistance, housing assistance and energy efficiency upgrades

-\$326 billion in personal and business tax breaks and tax provisions affecting payments to the states

Funding Pathways

Formula Grants

Funds --> agencies to flow to States and localities through pre-established formulas (e.g. Byrne Justice Grants)

Competitive Grants

Funds --> agencies and agencies to issue Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for eligible applicants to compete (e.g. COPS)

Agency Discretion

Funds --> agencies and agencies to determine funding based on internal criteria and project assessment (e.g. Corps of Engineers)

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Discretionary Funds

-\$1.5 billion available with an expanded project eligibility to include passenger and freight rail, as well as port infrastructure projects

FHWA to distribute funds to States, MPOs and transit authorities on a competitive basis with equitable geographic distribution, as well as between urban and rural areas

-Monies remain available until September 30, 2011

No matching requirements

-Grants must exceed \$20 million and can't exceed \$300 million with no more than 20% of monies used on projects within a single state

Secretary schedule for awarding grants

-Project selection criteria published by May 10th

Applications submitted by August 10th



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Federal Transit Administration

-**\$6.9 billion** in formula funds available for bus, rail, and related capital assistance

-Assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions

Priority given to projects based on total energy savings that are projected to result from the investment and projected energy savings as a percentage of total energy use of the public transit agency

-No matching requirements **\$750 million** for Rail Modernization

Distributed according to current formula beginning with Tier One **\$750 million** for New Starts

-Priority given to projects currently under construction or that can obligate within 150 days of enactment (mid-July 2009)

-Match ratio is based on Full Funding Grant Agreement or Project Construction Agreement



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Housing and Economic Development

-\$13.6 billion for projects and programs

-75% of funding is primarily formula based through set program criteria going out to states and local jurisdictions

-25% of funding will be competitively awarded

Funding Categories:

- Public Housing Capital Fund Program - \$4 billion formula; \$1 billion competitive
- Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit Programs - \$2,25 billion
- Native American Housing Block Grant (IHBG) - \$255 million
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program - \$2 billion
- Home Investment Partnerships - \$2,25 billion
- Community Development Block Grant - \$1 billion
- Emergency Shelter Grant Program - \$1,5 billion
- Economic Development Administration -\$150 million



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Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

Clean Energy & Efficiency Funding

-Unprecedented funding for clean energy technology research, development, demonstration and deployment:

- \$43 billion through the Department of Energy for clean energy technologies

- \$20 billion in green building funding

- \$20 billion in extended and expanded tax credits for clean energy technologies

Includes \$11 billion for smart grid and electric transmission

- \$400 million to establish the Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E)



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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- \$4.6 Billion** for investigations, construction, operations & maintenance, Mississippi River & Tributaries, Regulatory Program and FUSRAP for authorized and previously funded projects or activities
- Funds to be distributed at the discretion of the Corps in accordance with guidance published on February 20th
- For construction projects, the 902 limit has been lifted for FY09 funds
Lists have been developed at the district level and are being reviewed by Corps HQ & OMB
- March 13th is the target date for final decisions
- Key contact: your local Corps district offices and Corps HQ



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Environmental Protection Agency

-\$4 billion for Clean Water State Revolving Fund to help communities with water quality and wastewater infrastructure

-\$2 billion for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for drinking water infrastructure

If sufficient applications, States must use 20% of DWSRF funding for green infrastructure, water and energy efficiency, and environmentally innovative projects

- No matching requirements

-At least 50% of the federal funds must be used to provide assistance in the form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans or grants

-States have been collecting information on projects that are ready to proceed to construction

-State allotment information is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/srfallotments0209.html>

-Key contact: Communities that are interested in receiving assistance must contact their State SRF programs to be placed on the State's priority list for funding



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Green Buildings & Energy Efficiency Upgrades

-\$5 billion for the Weatherization Assistance Program

-\$4.5 billion for the GSA to convert federal buildings into high-performance green buildings

-\$4 billion to HUD to rehabilitate and retrofit public housing including energy efficiency upgrades

-\$300 million for energy efficient appliances and the Energy Star Program

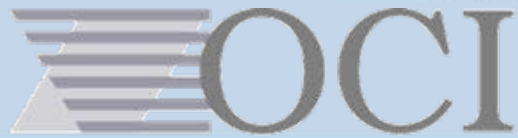
Technology Deployment

-\$3.2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

-\$2.5 billion to the Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

-\$3.1 billion for the State Energy Program

-\$6 billion to support \$60 billion in loan guarantees and a program for the rapid deployment of electric transmission and renewable energy



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Clean Energy in Transportation

- \$2 billion to manufacture advanced battery systems and components

- \$400 million for transportation electrification

- \$300 million for alternative fueled vehicle acquisition by local governments (Clean Cities)

- \$300 million for alternative fueled vehicle acquisition by the federal government



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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - Formula Funding

-\$2 billion to local law enforcement agencies and States:

For programs, equipment and facilities; law enforcement personnel; community policing, prosecution and court programs; corrections and community corrections programs; drug treatment and enforcement; crime victim and witness programs, etc.

-Funding formula based on population and FBI crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure each state and territory receives an appropriate share. Funds distributed 60/40 between state and local recipients

-Formula funding allocations for city, county and state government recipients can be found at:

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html

-Other information will be released on the Office of Justice

Program's website: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/; and the Bureau of Justice Assistance's website:

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html



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- **\$225 million** available for units of State, local, and tribal government, and to national, regional, and local non-profit organizations:
- Available to entities who are not specifically allocated formula funding (and those who are)
- For "competitive, peer-reviewed *grants* to units of State, local, and tribal government, and to national, regional, and local non-profit organizations to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crime, support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth, and for other similar activities."
- Information will be released on the Office of Justice Program's website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>; and the Bureau of Justice Assistance's website: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html



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Firefighter Assistance Grants

-\$210 million available from the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program for modifying, upgrading or constructing non-Federal fire stations:

Competitive grants; no grant can exceed \$15 million, and up to 5% must be for program administration

-No matching requirements

-Grants are administered by the Grant Programs Directorate of the Federal

-Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration

-Regulations will be adopted and released by the Secretary soon

-DHS and FEMA estimate this funding will support nearly 2,000 jobs

More information on AFG can be found at: www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/



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Key Bond Provisions

- Build America Bonds (2009 and 2010 only, can elect to issue government obligation bonds as tax credit bonds or to receive a direct interest subsidy, not applicable to private activity bonds) **No dollar limit on amount of bonds.**

- Qualified School Construction Bonds \$22.4 billion (new tax credit bonds for school construction, rehab or repair to be allocated among states (60%), large school districts (40%) and tribal governments (\$400M))

- Qualified Zone Academy Bonds \$2.8 billion (extends and increases authorization for these tax credit bonds for schools in an Enterprise Zone or Empowerment Community)

Recovery Zone Bonds

- Facility Bonds **\$15 billion** (allocated to states based on 2008 job losses and reallocated to counties and large municipalities based on employment declines, private activity bonds for facilities)

- Economic Development Bonds **\$10 billion** (may be used to promote economic development)

- Industrial Development Bonds (enlarges definition of manufacturing to include the manufacture of intangible property)



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Energy Conservation

- Extends Production Tax and Investment Tax credits for renewable energies
Allows for a grant payment alternative to tax credits
- Expands tax credits for installation of clean refueling infrastructure
- **New** 30% investment tax credit for manufacturing of clean energy components
- Extends Tax Credit Bonds (CREBs and QECBs)
- Clean Renewable Energy Bonds **\$1.6 billion** to be allocated among governments, public power providers, electric coops (1/3 to each)
- Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds **\$2.4 billion** to be allocated to states and large local governments



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Tax Incentive Provisions for Businesses

-Extension of bonus depreciation--allows immediate write-off of 50% of cost of depreciable property

-Extension of expensing for small business--until end of 2010, small business taxpayers are allowed to write off up to \$125,000 in capital expenses

-5-year carryback of NOLs for Small Businesses--limited to small businesses with gross receipts of \$15 million or less

-Tax Credit for businesses hiring unemployed veterans and disconnected youth--extends the "work opportunity tax credit" to two more targeted classes; allows a tax credit for 40% of first \$6K in wages per employee)



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