



Authoritative Resources on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

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Summary

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Full Text of the Law

P.L. 111-5 (H.R. 1) was signed by the President on February 17, 2009.

Conference Report (H.Rept. 111-16) was passed by the House and Senate on February 13, 2009. This includes the Joint Explanatory Statement.

Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimates

Estimates of ARRA's impact on the budget and a detailed analysis of the budgetary effects by title.

<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/99xx/doc9989/hr1conference.pdf>

White House Information

Fact Sheets

Provides general fact sheets on broad policy areas within the stimulus (e.g., education, energy, health, infrastructure) and estimates by state the number of jobs that will be created or saved.

http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/state_by_state_employment_impact/

Recovery.gov

This Administration's website is intended to be a repository for information related to implementation and oversight of the stimulus. It currently includes overview information about the legislation, accountability reports and actions, frequently asked questions, and funding data, including distribution of funds and major recipients.

<http://www.recovery.gov>

Each federal agency receiving funds from the act will submit reports on their recovery activities. Updated reports are submitted each week, as well as detailed major actions taken by each agency and how much money has been spent.

Agency Reported Data

<http://www.recovery.gov/Transparency/agency/Pages/AgencyLanding.aspx>

Recipient Reported Data

<http://www.recovery.gov/Transparency/RecipientReportedData/Pages/RecipientLanding.aspx>

Office of Management and Budget Guidance

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a detailed guidance document on February 18, 2009, directing executive branch agencies to develop a dedicated portion of their websites for information related to the recovery. This document was updated and expanded based on input from the various stakeholders on subsequent dates (April 3, 2009 and June 22, 2009). All three guidance documents are available on the recovery.gov website:

Initial Implementing Guidance (February 18, 2009)

http://www.recovery.gov/About/Documents/InitialRecoveryActImplementingGuidance_Feb18.pdf

Update Implementing Guidance (April 3, 2009)

http://www.recovery.gov/About/Documents/m09-15_April3.pdf

OMB also issued guidance on recipient reporting:

Memorandum on the Reports on Use of Recovery Act Funds (June 22, 2009)

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_fy2009/m09-21.pdf

Memorandum on Improving Recovery Act Recipient Reporting (September 11, 2009)

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/agencyinformation_memoranda_2009_pdf/m09-30.pdf

Improving Compliance in Recovery Act Recipient Reporting (November 30, 2009)

<http://www.recovery.gov/FAQ/recipient/Documents/m10-05%5B1%5D.pdf>

Updated Guidance on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (December 18, 2009)

<http://www.recovery.gov/FAQ/recipient/Documents/m10-08%20Updated%20Guidance%2012182009.pdf>

Updated Guidance on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (March 22, 2010)

http://www.recovery.gov/FAQ/recipient/Documents/OMB212Sharp_omb_eop_gov_20100322_170428.pdf

OMB has created a nationwide data collection system for recipients of ARRA funds to use for submitting their required data. Only registered users may use this system. Data collected will be available to the public on the recovery.gov site beginning October 11, 2009.

<http://www.federalreporting.gov/>

Congressional Sources

The House Committee on Ways and Means provides instructions for requesting various benefits from the funding provided by the act. It also contains fact sheets on some of the tax provisions of the act.

<http://waysandmeans.house.gov/press/PRArticle.aspx?NewsID=10421>

Government Accountability Office Reports

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is required to conduct bimonthly reviews of selected funding recipients and to report on the use of funds. These GAO reviews currently include 16 states and the District of Columbia and are available on the GAO website:

GAO-09-580, Recovery Act: As Initial Implementation Unfolds in States and Localities, Continued Attention to Accountability Issues is Essential (April 23, 2009)
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09580.pdf>

GAO-09-829, States' and Localities' Current and Planned Uses of Funds While Facing Fiscal Stresses (July 8, 2009)
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09829.pdf>

GAO-09-830SP, States' and Localities' Current and Planned Uses of Funds While Facing Fiscal Stresses (Appendixes) (July 8, 2009)
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09830sp.pdf>

GAO-09-1016, Funds Continue to Provide Fiscal Relief to State and Localities, While Accountability and Reporting Challenges Need to Be Fully Addressed (September 23, 2009)
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d091016.pdf>

GAO-09-1017SP, Funds Continue to Provide Fiscal Relief to States and Localities, While Accountability and Reporting Challenges Need to Be Fully Addressed (Appendixes) (September 23, 2009)
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d091017sp.pdf>

GAO-10-231, Status of States' and Localities' Use of Funds and Efforts to Ensure Accountability (December 10, 2009)
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10231.pdf>

GAO-10-232SP, Status of States' and Localities' Use of Funds and Efforts to Ensure Accountability (Appendixes) (December 10, 2009)
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10232sp.pdf>

GAO-10-437, Recovery Act: One Year Later, States' and Localities' Uses of Funds and Opportunities to Strengthen Accountability (March 3, 2010)
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10437.pdf>

GAO has developed a website covering not only the above-mentioned fund recipient reviews, but also links to other GAO products and instructions for reporting fraud or misuse of ARRA funds. Following the Money: GAO's Oversight of the Recovery Act is available at <http://www.gao.gov/recovery/>.

Other available GAO products include the following:

GAO-09-453T, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: GAO's Role in Helping to Ensure Accountability and Transparency
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09453t.pdf>

GAO-09-515T: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: GAO's Role in Helping to Ensure Accountability and Transparency for Science Funding
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09515t.pdf>

Federal Agency Websites

Corporation for National and Community Service: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp>

Department of Agriculture: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/arra?navid=USDA_RECOVERY

Department of Agriculture – Plans: http://www.usda.gov/documents/FY09_Stimulus_Enacted.pdf

Department of Commerce: <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm>

Department of Commerce – National Institute of Standards and Technology: <http://www.nist.gov/recovery/>

Department of Defense: <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery>

Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

Department of Energy: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/index.htm>

Department of Energy – Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/daily.cfm/hp_news_id=156

Department of Energy – Western Area Power Administration: <http://www.wapa.gov/newsroom/sec402.htm>

Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

Department of Health and Human Services – state Medicaid funding: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmat.html>

Department of Housing and Urban Development: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/index.cfm>

Department of the Interior: <http://recovery.doi.gov>

Department of Justice: <http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>

Department of Labor: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/>

Department of Labor – Employee Benefits Security Administration (COBRA information):
<http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/COBRA.html>

Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/recovery/>

Department of Transportation – Federal Transit Administration: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Department of Transportation: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

Department of Treasury: <http://www.ustreas.gov/recovery/>

Department of Veteran Affairs: http://www.va.gov/recovery/Implementing_the_Recovery_Act.asp

Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>

General Services Administration: http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?contentType=GSA_OVERVIEW&contentId=25761&noc=T

Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): <http://www.nasa.gov/recovery/>

National Endowment for the Arts: <http://www.nea.gov/recovery/index.html>

National Institutes of Health: <http://recovery.nih.gov/>

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Director's statement: http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm

National Science Foundation: <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

National Science Foundation, Director's statement: http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=114277&org=OLPA&from=news

Small Business Administration: <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

Small Business Administration – press release: http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/news_release_09-10.pdf

Social Security Administration: <http://www.ssa.gov/recovery/>

State Government Websites

(The list below reflects states that currently post ARRA information on the Web. CRS will update the list regularly as more information becomes available.)

Alabama: <http://www.stimulus.alabama.gov/>

Alaska: http://omb.alaska.gov/10_omb/budget/IndexEconomicStimulus.htm

Arizona: <http://az.gov/recovery>

Arkansas: <http://recovery.arkansas.gov>

California: <http://www.recovery.ca.gov>

Colorado: <http://www.colorado.gov/recovery>

Connecticut: <http://www.recovery.ct.gov>

Delaware: <http://recovery.delaware.gov/default.shtml>

Florida: <http://www.flarecovery.com/>

Florida-transportation: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economicstimulus/>

Georgia: <http://stimulusaccountability.ga.gov>

Georgia-transportation: <http://www.dot.state.ga.us/informationcenter/gastimulus/Pages/default.aspx>

Hawaii: <http://hawaii.gov/recovery>

Idaho: <http://accountability.idaho.gov>

Illinois: <http://recovery.illinois.gov/default.htm>

Indiana: <http://in.gov/gov/INvest.htm>

Iowa: <http://www.iowa.gov/recovery/>

Kansas: <http://governor.ks.gov/issues-a-initiatives/american-recovery-act>

Kentucky: <http://kentuckyatwork.ky.gov/>

Louisiana: <http://www.stimulus.la.gov/>

Louisiana-energy: http://dnr.louisiana.gov/sec/execdiv/tehasmt/programs/ARRA_2009/

Maine: <http://www.maine.gov/recovery/>

Maryland: <http://statestat.maryland.gov/recovery.asp>

Massachusetts: <http://www.mass.gov/recovery>

Michigan: <http://www.michigan.gov/recovery/>

Minnesota: <http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/stimulus>

Mississippi: <http://stimulus.ms.gov>

Missouri: <http://transform.mo.gov/>

Montana: <http://recovery.mt.gov/>

Nebraska: <http://www.recovery.nebraska.gov/>

Nevada: <http://nevada.gov/recovery/>

New Hampshire: <http://www.nh.gov/recovery>

New Jersey: <http://www.state.nj.us/recovery>

New Mexico: <http://www.recovery.state.nm.us/>

New York: <http://www.recovery.ny.gov/>

North Carolina: <http://www.ncrecovery.gov/>

North Dakota: <http://www.nd.gov/recovery>

Ohio: <http://recovery.ohio.gov/>

Oklahoma: <http://www.ok.gov/recovery/>

Oregon: <http://www.oregon.gov/recovery>

Pennsylvania: <http://www.recovery.pa.gov/>

Rhode Island: <http://www.recovery.ri.gov/>

South Carolina: <http://stimulus.sc.gov/>

South Dakota: <http://recovery.sd.gov/>

Tennessee: <http://www.tnrecovery.gov>

Texas: <http://txstimulusfund.com/>

Utah: <http://www.recovery.utah.gov/>

Vermont: <http://recovery.vermont.gov/>

Virginia: <http://stimulus.virginia.gov/>

Washington: <http://recovery.wa.gov/>

West Virginia: <http://www.recovery.wv.gov/>

Wisconsin: <http://www.recovery.wisconsin.gov/>

Wyoming: <http://wyoming.gov/recovery/>

State Funding Allocations

Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/recovery.html>

Department of Health and Human Services-Community Health Center Grants:
<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/napawards.html>

Department of Health and Human Services-Medicaid: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefunds.html>

Department of Health and Human Services-State Funding: <http://transparency.cit.nih.gov/RecoveryGrants/>

Department of Housing and Urban Development: <http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/recovery>

Department of Justice-Justice Assistance Grant Program: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>

Department of Justice-Crime Victims Fund Compensation and Assistance Programs:
<http://www.ovc.gov/fund/recoverycvfa2009.html>

Department of Justice-Stop Violence Against Women Formula Grant Awards:
<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery-grants-awards.htm>

Department of Labor-Workforce Investment Act Youth Activities: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090249-chart.pdf>

Department of Transportation-Funds for Highway Infrastructure Investment:
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/notices/n4510705t2.htm>

Department of Transportation-Public Transportation Programs: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/docs/E9-4745.pdf>

Environmental Protection Agency-Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Fund:
http://www.epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/Final_SRF_eco_recovery_allotments.pdf

State and Municipal Sources

The Council of State Governments has compiled information on executive orders and state legislation related to ARRA, as well as key deadlines and grants information: <http://www.staterecovery.org/> and <http://www.staterecovery.org/state-responses>

The US Conference of Mayors has prepared a summary of the act, highlighting those provisions they consider to be important for cities: <http://www.usmayors.org/recovery/>

State-by-State Breakdown of ARRA Dollars: <http://www.usmayors.org/recovery/documents/report-stateprog.pdf>

Key Program Summaries: <http://www.usmayors.org/recovery/documents/program-summaries.xlsx>

The National Conference of State Legislatures has prepared overview summaries of selected sections of the package (e.g., Medicaid, transportation, labor and economic development, energy and water, broadband): <http://www.ncsl.org/?tabid=16779>

Non-Government Sources

ProPublica, an independent, nonprofit investigative journalism organization, tracks the stimulus and its projects: <http://www.propublica.org/ion/stimulus>

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