Efficiency Cities Network
Launch Meeting

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2009 Recovery and Reinvestment Act

$787 billion
Florida

- $734 billion
- Florida Gross State Product (2007)
Categories of Spending

- Infrastructure and Science: $126 billion
- Job Training and Higher Ed: $78 billion
- Energy: $65 billion
- Safety Net and Employment Benefits for Low-Wage Workers: $142 billion
- Tax Cuts: $138 billion
- Health Care: $59 billion
- State and Local Fiscal Relief: $144 billion
SEC. 3. PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES.
(a) STATEMENT OF PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act include the following:
   (1) To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.
   (2) To assist those most impacted by the recession.
   (3) To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health.
   (4) To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.
   (5) To stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive State and local tax increases.
(b) GENERAL PRINCIPLES CONCERNING USE OF FUNDS.—The President and the heads of Federal departments and agencies shall manage and expend the funds made available in this Act so as to achieve the purposes specified in subsection (a), including commencing expenditures and activities as quickly as possible consistent with prudent management.
Unemployment

Figure 1
Unemployment Rate, Fourth Quarters, 2007 and 2008
(nonseasonally adjusted, %)

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>All</td>
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<td>Foreign-born Hispanics</td>
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Note: Data for 2007 have been adjusted to account for the effects of annual revisions to the CPS.
Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of Current Population Survey data
INVESTING IN PUBLIC SAFETY

On Friday, March 6, 2009, President Obama and Attorney General Holder announced the allocation of $2 billion in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to control crime and improve the criminal justice system.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program*

ESTIMATED STATE VS. LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

State (60%)

Local (40%)

* The JAG program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system.

SOURCE: Department of Justice

Welcome to Recovery.gov

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an unprecedented effort to jump-start our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression. With much at stake, the Act provides for unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability so that you will be able to know how, when, and where your tax dollars are being spent. Spearheaded by a new Recovery Board, this Act contains built-in measures to root out waste, inefficiency, and unnecessary spending. This website, Recovery.gov, will be the main vehicle to provide each and every citizen with the ability to monitor the progress of the recovery.

Featured News

Thursday, April 2, 2009
OPM Announces American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Hiring Fair

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Recovery Board issues update on Recovery Act Frauds and Scams

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Department of Energy Inspector General Issues ARRA Special Report on Acquisition Workforce

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Vice President Joe Biden And Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announce Recovery Act Funding For Single Family Housing

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
$44 Billion in Stimulus Funds Available to Drive

Accountability and Transparency

This is your money. You have a right to know where it's going and how it's being spent. Learn what steps we're taking to ensure you can track our progress every step of the way.

Share your Recovery Story

Tell us how the Recovery Act is affecting you. What's working? What isn't? We want to hear from you.

State Progress and Resources

Curious about the recovery progress in your state? Learn more about statewide recovery efforts here.
Secretary Chu and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis observe examples of how funding from the Recovery Act can create local jobs and save energy during a recent visit to Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, PA.

A User’s Guide to Advocate for Transportation Equity in the 2009 Recovery Act

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Solana Rice
Green Recovery

Recovery Act Program Categories

- Education and Training
- Energy Efficiency and Sustainability
- Green Energy Infrastructure
- Water, Parks, and Environmental Remediation
- State Fiscal Stabilization
Education and Training

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult Program
- WIA—Dislocated Workers
- WIA—Dislocated Workers National Reserve
- WIA—Youth
- YouthBuild
- Green Jobs: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Worker Training
- Job Corps: Construction, Rehabilitation, Acquisition, and Operation
- Corporation for National Service: AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps VISTA Expansion
Energy Efficiency and Sustainability

Weatherization Assistance Program
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants
State Energy Program
Converting Federal Buildings to High-Performance Green Buildings
Veterans Medical Facilities
Public Housing Capital Fund: Formula and Competitive Grants
Native American Housing Block Grants
Energy Retrofit of Elderly, Disabled and Section 8 Assisted Housing
Community Development Fund: Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Green Energy Infrastructure

- Smart Grid Investment Program
- Supplemental Discretionary Grants for a National Surface Transportation System
- Transportation Enhancement Activities, including Pedestrian and Bicycling Facilities, Using Highway Investment Funds
- On-the-Job Training Supportive Services for Highway Construction Projects
- Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service
- Amtrak Capital Grants
- Transit Capital Assistance
- Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment
- Capital Investment Grants
- Department of Defense, Facilities and Construction
# Weatherization Assistance Program

**Amount:** $5 billion  
**Allocation:** By formula to states  
**Agency:** Department of Energy,  
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
**Uses:** For dwelling units occupied by family units with income under 200% of federal poverty level (and certain multi-family housing units)

### Information and Guidance:

- Guidance on Weatherization issued March 9th:  

- General information on weatherization program:  
  [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/weatherization.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/weatherization.cfm)
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

**Amount:** $3.2 billion ($2.8 billion for formula grants, remainder for competitive grants)

**Allocation:** By formula to local governments, states, and Indian tribes

**Agency:** Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

**Uses:** For energy efficiency and sustainability programs, primarily for housing, schools, and public buildings

**Information and Guidance:**
Information on Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant:
http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/

Funding opportunity announcement:
State Energy Program

**Amount:** $3.1 billion

**Allocation:** By formula to states

**Agency:** Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

**Uses:** For a wide range of activities and programs that promote energy efficiency, including residential, commercial and governmental building energy-efficiency retrofits

**Information and Guidance:**
Guidance on State Energy Program issued March 12th:
http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/pdfs/sep_arra_foa.pdf

General information on State Energy Program:
http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/
Public Housing Capital Fund: Formula & Competitive Grants

**Amount:** $4 billion

**Allocation:** $3 billion by formula to states and $1 billion in competitive grants

**Agency:** Housing and Urban Development, Office of Capital Improvements

**Uses:** “Capital and management activities” of public housing agencies

**Information and Guidance:**
HUD lists general guidance:

FAQ’s on Public Housing Capital Assistance at:
### Community Development Fund: Neighborhood Stabilization Program

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<td>Competitive grants to states, units of general local government, and nonprofits or consortia of nonprofit entities</td>
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<td><strong>Agency:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Uses:</strong></td>
<td>For assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight</td>
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**Information and Guidance:**


Green Jobs Training

**Amount:** $500 million  
**Allocation:** Competitive grants  
**Agency:** Department of Labor  
**Uses:** Research, labor exchange (things involved in connecting workers to jobs), job training that prepare workers for careers in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries

**Information and Guidance:**
Green Jobs Act discretionary grant program guidance has not yet been issued. They have released this information and general framework: [http://www.doleta.gov/](http://www.doleta.gov/)

WIA program guidance issued March 18th:  
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