

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

HOW-TO MANUAL

Volume I: Grants



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Dear Friends,

The economy is a subject on all of our minds, and my number one priority is helping to create jobs in South Florida.

Last month, the President signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R. 1) to invest in tangible, local priorities that will get our economy back on track. This critical legislation includes targeted spending to create jobs and revitalize the American economy.

Since this economic stimulus plan first began to take shape, I consistently called for a bill which creates jobs in the short term and also provides long-term benefits to communities in South Florida. This legislation accomplishes both goals by investing in tangible, local priorities, including \$1.4 billion for highways and bridges in the state of Florida, \$285 million in transit capital, \$195 million in clean water projects and many other categories of projects and business opportunities.

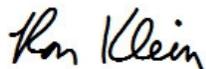
In the weeks since this bill's passage, I have worked closely with local elected officials, business leaders and other members of the community to ensure that South Florida is fully prepared to secure and use its share of the federal funding quickly and efficiently.

Today, I am proud to share with you a how-to manual on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The first volume of this manual focuses on grants available to city and county governments and private sector businesses to compete for and create jobs. It contains valuable information to help South Floridians in the public and private sector obtain the grants they need, and I encourage you to carefully review all relevant sections. The manual includes information about available grants in the fields of transportation and infrastructure, renewable energy, education, housing and much more.

I am committed to providing you with the latest, most up-to-date information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and I will continue to update this manual as more information becomes available.

As we work together to get our economy back on track, my office will continue to be a resource to you. Please do not hesitate to contact Mira Kogen Resnick of my staff at klein.economicrecovery@mail.house.gov if we can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

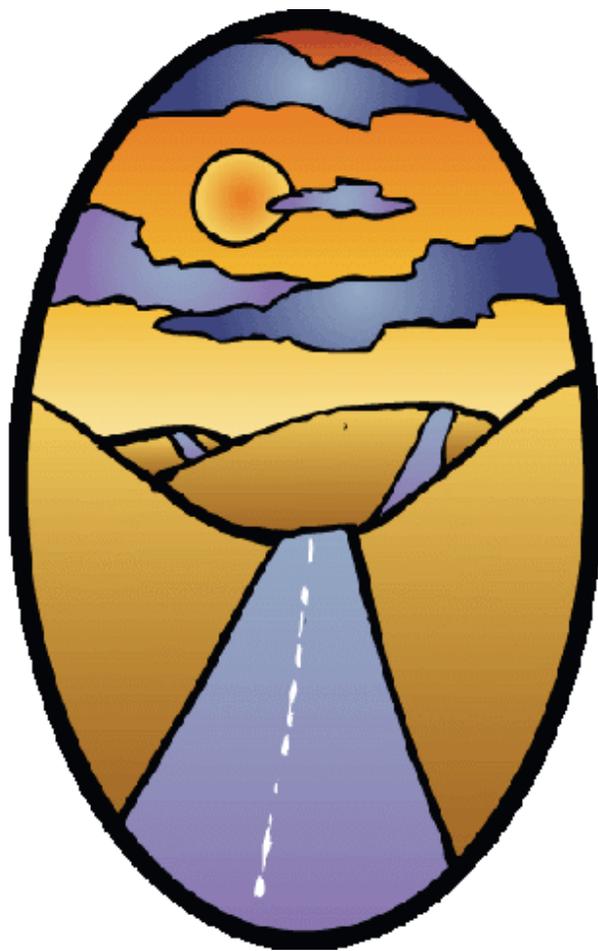


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Transportation & Infrastructure



Highway Infrastructure and Road Projects

Funding Agency: Florida Department of Transportation

Federal Funding: \$26.6 billion

Florida Funding: \$1.3 billion

Description: These funds will be used for ready-to-go, quick spending road projects for which contracts can be awarded rapidly. Half of the funds must be obligated (contracted) within 120 days.

How to Apply: Federal funds will be distributed by formula to the states. Please submit your projects to the Florida Department of Transportation. More information will be forthcoming from the State. www.dot.state.fl.us or <http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/infrastructure>

National Surface Transportation Supplemental Discretionary Grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Funding: \$1.5 billion

Description: These funds will be used to award grants on a competitive basis for projects across all surface transportation modes that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded through competitive grants from the U.S. DOT. Please visit www.grants.gov and http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/

Agency Plan: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<https://www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp>

Public Transportation

Funding Agency: U.S. Federal Transit Administration

Federal Funding: \$6.9 billion

Expected Florida Funding: \$310 million

Description: These funds will be administered through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). 80% of the funding will be distributed through the

FTA's urbanized formula, 10% of the funding will be through FTA's rural formula, and 10% will be through FTA's growing states and high density formula.

How to Apply: Formula funding through FTA to states and qualifying cities.

Agency Plan: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

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<https://www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp>

Transportation Electrification

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$400 million

Description: This funding is for a transportation electrical system construction program at transportation facilities, including seaports and truck stops.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will administer these grants on a competitive basis. Please visit www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov for the announcement following the program's implementation.

Agency Plan: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

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Fixed Guideway Infrastructure

Federal Agency: U.S. Federal Transit Administration

Federal Funding: \$750 million

Expected Florida Share: \$5,410,766

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed through an existing authorized formula for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems, including heavy rail, commuter rail, light rail, monorail, trolleybus, aerial tramway, cable car or ferryboats,.

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Rail Transportation: Intercity and High Speed

Funding Agency: Federal Railroad Administration

Federal Funding: \$8 billion

Description: Funds will be for the Capital Assistance to States Program and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program. The Capital Assistance to States Program is open for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Railroad Administration. Grant information will be available at www.grants.gov and <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>.

Agency Plan: <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/2153>

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Federal Aviation Administration

Grants-in-Aid for Airports: \$1.1 billion

Facilities & Equipment: \$200 million

Upgrade the FAA's power systems: \$50 million

Modernize aging en route air traffic control centers: \$50 million

Replace air traffic control towers and TRACONS: \$80 million

Install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment: \$20 million

How to Apply: www.grants.gov and <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

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Transportation New Starts and Small Starts

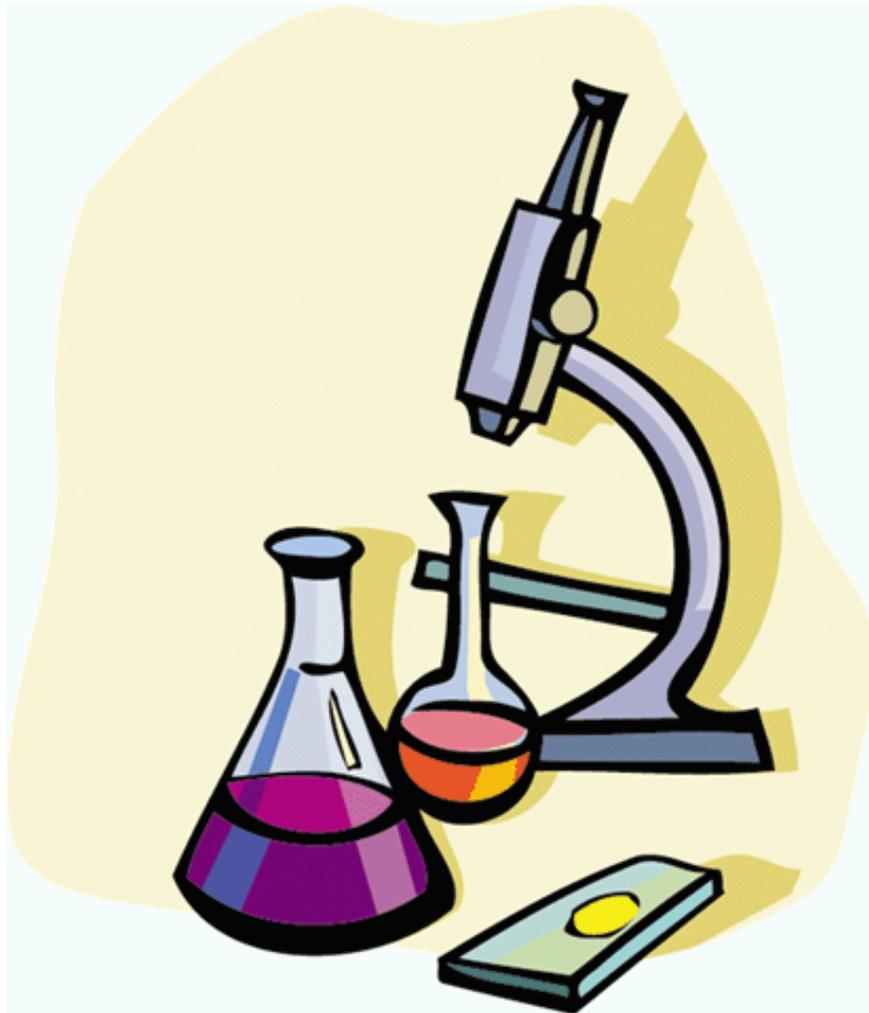
Federal Agency: U.S. Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment
Grants: \$750 million

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction.

Agency Plan: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9261.html

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<https://www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp>

Science & Technology



Broadband Technology Opportunities

Funding Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, United States Department of Commerce

Federal Funding: \$4.7 billion

Description: Funding is provided to award competitive grants to accelerate broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas and to strategic institutions that are likely to create jobs or provide significant public benefits. \$200 million shall be used for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity. \$250 million shall be for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband adoption. Internet service providers would be required to provide open access to broadband networks built using the federal funds.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/> or

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm>.

Agency Plan: <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm>

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Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband

Funding Agency: U.S. Rural Utilities Service

Federal Funding: \$2.5 billion

Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure throughout the country.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov and <http://www.usda.gov/rus>

Agency Plan:

http://www.usda.gov/documents/FY09_Stimulus_Enacted.pdf

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.usda.gov/oig/hotline.htm>

Scientific and Technical Research and Services

Funding Agency: U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology

Federal Funding: \$780 million

Description: Of that total, \$360 million would be for research and development facility construction grants, and \$240 million for research grants, additional research fellowships and advanced research and measurement equipment and supplies.

Agency Plan: <http://www.nist.gov/recovery/>

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Robert Noyce Scholarship Program

Funding Agency: U.S. National Science Foundation

Federal Funding: \$60 million

Description: The program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The program provides funds to institutions of higher education to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5733 or www.grants.gov

Agency Plan: <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

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Math and Science Partnerships

Funding Agency: U.S. National Science Foundation

Federal Funding: \$25 million

Description: The Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program is a major research and development effort that supports innovative partnerships to improve K-12 student achievement in mathematics and science. MSP projects are expected to raise the achievement levels of all students and significantly reduce achievement gaps in the mathematics and science performance of diverse student populations.

How to Apply: Institutions of higher education, local K-12 institutions and their local partners may apply for these competitive, merit-based grants. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit:

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5756&org=NSF
or www.grants.gov.

Agency Plan: <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

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Weather Satellite and Habitat Restoration Projects

Funding Agency: U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Funding: \$830 million

Description: \$230 million will be used for habitat restoration, navigation projects, vessel maintenance, and other activities. An additional \$430 million will be dedicated for construction and repair of NOAA facilities, ships and equipment, improvements for weather forecasting and satellite development. A total of \$170 million will also be directed for climate modeling activities, including supercomputing procurement and research into climate change. More Florida-specific information can be found at

<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/other-aid/marine-and-coastal-habitat-restoration-projects>

Agency Plan:

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2009/20090303_recoveryact.html

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Education



State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$53.6 billion

Florida Funding: \$2.7 billion

Description: This funding may be used to help avert budget cuts to school districts. Funds may be used to support elementary and secondary education for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. Up to 18.2% of funds may be used for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities and institutions of higher education facilities.

How to Apply: School districts will receive these funds through state and federal education formulas. Florida's recovery site has more information at <http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/education>

Agency Plan: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/index.html>

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<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html>

Disadvantaged Schools

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$13 billion

Florida Funding: \$492 million

Description: \$10 billion will go toward Title I formula grants and \$3 billion toward School Improvement grants. These funds should be available during school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 to help school districts mitigate the effect of the recent reduction in local revenues and State support for education. \$5 billion of the Title I formula grants will be allocated through the targeted formula and the same amount should be allocated through the education finance incentive grant formula. The Department of Education will encourage States to use 40% of their School improvement allocation for middle and high schools.

How to Apply: School districts will receive these funds through state and federal education formulas. Florida's recovery site has more information at <http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/education>

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School Technology and Assistance for Homeless Children

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$720 million

Florida Funding: \$33.2 million

Description: \$650 million will go toward the Enhancing Education through Technology program and \$70 million for Homeless Children and Youth program. The Secretary of Education will provide each State a grant that is proportionate to the number of homeless students identified as such during 2007-2008 academic year relative to the number of homeless children nationally during the same year. States will award sub-grants to local educational agencies on a competitive basis, or using a formula based on the number of homeless students identified in each school district in the state.

How to Apply: A portion of funds are allocated to states and Local Education Agencies (LEAs), according to existing formulas, while other funds are awarded through competitive grants. Visit

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/edtech/applicant.html> or

<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/education> or www.grants.gov

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html>

Special Education

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$12.2 billion

Florida Funding: \$670 million

Description: \$11.3 billion will go toward section 611 of part B, \$400 million will go toward section 619 of part B, and \$500 million for part C of IDEA. The funds will be available during school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 to help school districts mitigate the effect of the recent reduction in local revenues and State support for special education. Within the amount provided for part C of IDEA, the Secretary of Education will reserve the amount needed for grants under section 643 (e), and allocate any remaining funds in accordance with section 643 (c) of IDEA.

How to Apply: School districts will receive these funds through state and federal education formulas. Florida's recovery site has more information at <http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/education>

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Teacher Incentives

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$200 million

Description: All the funding provided is for the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) program. This program supports efforts to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools. A high-needs school is defined as a school with more than 30% of its enrollment from low-income families which is based on eligibility for free or reduced priced lunches or other poverty measures permitted by the state. Local Education Agencies (LEA), including charter schools that are LEA's in the State, may apply.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=rt> or

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherincentive/index.html>

Agency Plan: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

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<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html>

Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$680 million

Florida Funding: \$35.5 million

Description: \$540 million is available for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants and \$140 million for Independent Living Programs. Of the funding available for Independent Living Programs, \$18.2 million will go to State grants, \$87.5 million to Independent Living Centers and \$34.3 million for Services for Older Blind Individuals.

How to Apply: All registered vocational rehabilitation service providers may apply. For independent living programs, all non-profit organizations

that run centers for independent living are eligible to apply. To apply for funding for Services for Older Blind Individuals, agencies serving individuals who are blind may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsabvrs/index.html> or <http://www.ed.gov/programs/cil/index.html> or <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailob/index.html> or www.grants.gov
Agency Plan: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html>

Student Financial Assistance

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$15.84 billion

Florida Funding: \$1.4 billion

Description: \$15.64 billion of the funding will go to Pell Grants and \$200 million will be allocated for College Work-Study. The maximum Pell Grant award will be raised to \$5,350.

How to Apply: Applicants for a Pell Grant should visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html> or www.fafsa.ed.gov or <http://studentaid.ed.gov> or www.students.gov to obtain application and further information.

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<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html>

Child Care and Development Block Grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through U.S. Administration for Children and Families

Federal Funding: \$2 Billion

Description: The funding will go to the State of Florida to make quality improvements for infant and toddler care.

How to Apply: For more information, visit:

<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/childcare/>

Community Services Block Grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Funding: \$1 billion

Description: The Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) is a formula grant that provides funds to States to assist low-income individuals and families to become self-sufficient. Typically, States fund these services by making sub-grants to locally based Community Action Agencies and other eligible entities that provide services to low-income individuals and families. For more information, see

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/>

How to Apply: This money will be disbursed directly to states. See Florida Association for Community Action, Inc: www.faca.org

Institute of Education Sciences

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$250 million

Description: Up to \$5 million may be used for State data coordinator and for awards to public or private organizations or agencies to improve data coordination.

How to Apply: Institutions of Higher Education may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit

<http://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/index.asp>

Agency Plan: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

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<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html>

Head Start

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Funding: \$1 Billion

Description: Head Start is a comprehensive education, health, and nutrition and social/emotional development services for low-income children. The Head Start funds will be allocated according to current statutory formula.

Agency Plan: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/index.html>

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<http://www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/hotline/>

Early Head Start

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Funding: \$1.1 billion

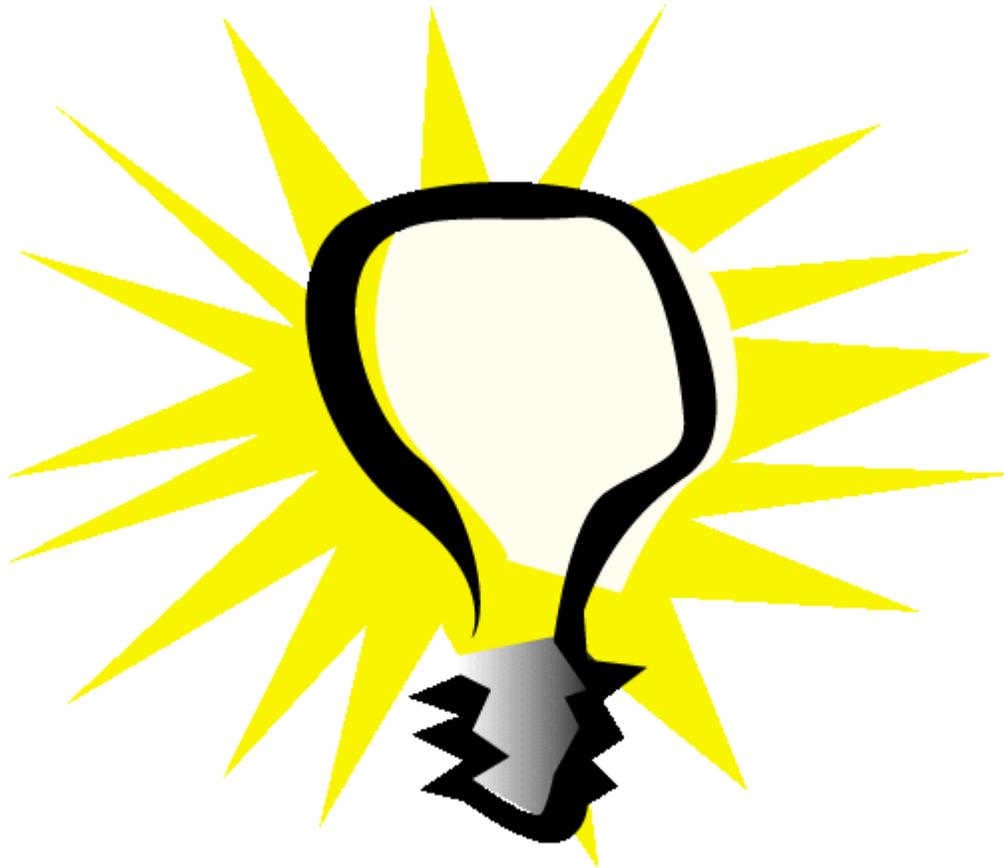
Description: Early Head Start (EHS) is a federally funded community-based program for low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women. Its mission is simple: to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, to enhance the development of very young children, and to promote healthy family functioning.

Agency Plan: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/index.html>

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<http://www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/hotline/>

Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Deployment



Weatherization Assistance Program

Funding Agency: Florida Department of Community Affairs; Division of Housing and Community Development

Federal Funding: \$3.1 billion

Description: Assists low-income families reduce their energy costs by sending funds to the states to weatherize low-income homes. Services include attic, wall and basement insulation, blower-door-guided air leakage reduction; heating system repairs or replacement; and health and safety testing and inspections. All measures are provided based on an on-site energy audit and on cost-effective guidelines. The program has been expanded to include households at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The maximum allowed per household has been increased from \$2,500 to \$6,500.

How to Apply: Funds will be added to the State's Weatherization Program. <http://www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/wap/index.cfm> or <http://flarecovery.com/>

More information on eligibility can be found at <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/apply.cfm> a

State Energy Program

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy to the State of Florida

Federal Funding: \$3.1 billion

Description: The State Energy Program (SEP) provides grants to states and directs funding to state energy offices. States use grants to address their energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. This funding will provide resources for activities in state energy offices, including key initiatives such as residential, commercial and governmental building energy efficiency retrofits.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed at the State's discretion. More information may be available by May 12, 2009 at

<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/renewable-energy/state-energy-program-sep>

Biomass from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$800 million

Description: Invest in new research and build new cellulosic biofuel refineries to test new technologies, helping to transition the American vehicle fleet to ever cleaner alternatives.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for biomass research and development. Please check

<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/> for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at www.grants.gov.

Agency Plan: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

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Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$3.2 billion (\$2.8 billion by formula; \$400 million by competitive grant)

Description (competitive grant): The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants to local governments that are not eligible entities for grants through the formula. This program will assist eligible entities in implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, to reduce total energy use, and to improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building and other appropriate sectors.

How to Apply: More information can be found at

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm. Please allow 21 days to complete the registration process. The State of Florida's recovery site may also have more information at <http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/renewable-energy/energy-efficiency-block-grant-to-fund-green-government-grant-program>

Agency Plan: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

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Near Term Energy Efficiency Technology Demonstrations and Research

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Defense

Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: \$75 million each will be allocated to Army, Air Force, Navy and Defense-Wide for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation projects, including pilot projects, demonstrations and energy efficient manufacturing enhancements. Funds are for improvements in energy generation and efficiency, transmission, regulation, storage, and for use on military installations and within operational forces. Funding is to include research and development of energy from fuel cells, wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources to include biofuels and bioenergy.

How to Apply: Pursue a procurement opportunity with the Department of Defense.

http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/docs/guide_to_dod_contracting_opportunities_us_20070425.pdf

Agency Plan: <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.dodig.osd.mil/>

Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Description: Domestic manufacturing facilities are eligible for this funding. Loans and grants will support the development of advanced vehicle batteries and battery systems to reinvigorate the U.S. auto industry, reduce the U.S. dependence on foreign oil, and transform the way automobiles are powered.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components. Please check

<http://www.atvmloan.energy.gov/> for additional information.

Agency Plan: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

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Alternative Fueled-Vehicles Pilot Grant Program

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: Funds will be distributed by competitive grants for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles through the DOE's Clean Cities program.

How to Apply: State and local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and appropriate private entities are eligible to apply to purchase alternatively fueled vehicles that utilize fuel cell, electric, or hybrid drive system technologies. Please visit www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov for the announcement following the program's implementation.

Agency Plan: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.ig.energy.gov/>

Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program and Energy Star Program

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: This funding will provide rebates for residential consumers for the purchase of residential Energy Star products to replace used appliances with more efficient models.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will administer these rebates through the Energy Star program. Please visit www.energystar.gov for more information.

Agency Plan: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

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Smart Grid Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$4.5 billion

Description: Funding will go toward research and development, pilot projects, and federal matching funds for the Smart Grid Investment Program to modernize the electricity grid making it more efficient, secure, and reliable and build new power lines to transmit clean, renewable energy from sources throughout the nation.

The existing transmission system in the United States requires modernization in light of increasing demand. Smart Grid uses advanced digital technology to save energy and cost, and to allow demand response, use of storage technologies (including plug-in hybrid batteries), integration of dispersed renewable and distributed generators, enhanced reliability and quicker repair of outages, and improved power quality.

How to Apply: There will be pilot programs and 50% matching grants to states provided by the Department. More information will be available at www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov.

Agency Plan: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

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Fossil Energy Research and Development

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$3.4 billion

Description: Coal is an inexpensive and abundant energy resource for the United States, currently providing more than 50% of the nation's electricity supply. This funding provides funding for research, development, and demonstration of carbon sequestration, also known as carbon capture projects in order to use coal more cleanly and efficiently

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded competitively in the form of grants and contracts. Please check www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov for more information as it is announced.

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Science Research

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$1.6 billion

Description: Funding will go toward research programs in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences. It will support improvements to DOE laboratories and scientific facilities to provide the foundation for research and development efforts.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check www.energy.gov for more information.

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Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$400 million

Description: Energy to support transformational energy technology research projects with the goal of enhancing the nation's economic and energy security. The Department of Energy estimates that this amount of funding will support 50,000 jobs through research and construction of laboratory facilities.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check www.energy.gov for more information.

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Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Federal Funding: \$6 billion

Description: This new loan program would provide loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies.

How to Apply: After implementing this new loan program, more information will be available at www.energy.gov.

Agency Plan: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.ig.energy.gov/>

Environmental Protection



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Projects

Federal Funding: \$4.6 billion

Funding by Army Corps Program:

- Investigations: \$25 million
- Construction: \$2 billion
- Mississippi: \$375 million
- Operations and Maintenance: \$2.075 billion
- Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program: \$100 million

Description: The Corps of Engineers provides construction and operation and maintenance of the nation's flood control and navigation infrastructure, as well as the construction environmental restoration projects. This funding will be used to complete backlogged projects.

How to Apply: The 22nd Congressional District is included in the Army Corps Jacksonville District. Phone: (800) 291-9405 or (904) 232-2234 or <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/>

Agency Plan: <http://www.usace.army.mil/recovery/Pages/default.aspx>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: 703-428-6572

Hazardous Substance Superfund

Funding Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Funding: \$600 million

Description: The EPA's National Priority List will receive funding for cleanup of hazardous sites. There are several sites in Palm Beach and Broward Counties that are eligible for funding. Florida sites on the National Priority List can be found:

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/fl.htm>

How to Apply: www.epa.gov/superfund

Agency Plan: <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.epa.gov/oig/ombudsman-hotline/how2file.htm>

Brownfields Projects

Funding Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Funding: \$100 million

Description: Funds are provided for Brownfields competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent of which are mandated by law to address petroleum contamination. Funds will capitalize revolving funds and provide low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.

How to Apply: State and local governments, land clearance authorities or other quasi-governmental entities and non-profit organizations are eligible. Grants will be distributed by federal agency on a competitive basis. Visit www.epa.gov or www.grants.gov for more information.

Agency Plan: <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.epa.gov/oig/ombudsman-hotline/how2file.htm>

Clean Water State Revolving Funds

Funding Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Funding: \$4 billion

Description: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's CWSRF program awards annual capitalization grants to states as a long-term source of state financing a) for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities, b) for the implementation of non-point water quality management activities, and c) for the development and implementation of comprehensive estuary conservation and management plans.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by formula to the states.

<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/other-aid/enhanced-funding-for-clean-water-state-revolving-fund>

Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

Funding Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Description: The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) provides grants, distributed by formula, to states to capitalize their revolving loan funds which then finance drinking water infrastructure improvements.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by formula to the states.

<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/infrastructure/enhanced-funding-for-drinking-water-state-revolving-fund>

Operation of the National Park System

Funding Agency: U.S. National Park Service

Federal Funding: \$750 million

Description: These funds will be used for operations of the national park system. Eligible projects to be funded within this account include repair and rehabilitation of facilities and other infrastructure, trail maintenance projects and other critical infrastructure needs. The selection of individual projects will be selected by the National Park Service. It will be based on a prioritization process that weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs and creates lasting value.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed at the National Park Service's discretion.

Agency Plan: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.doioig.gov/>

U.S. Geological Survey Investigations and Research

Funding Agency: United States Geological Survey

Federal Funding: \$140 million

Description: The surveys should consider a wide variety of activities, including repair, construction and restoration of facilities, equipment replacement and upgrades, national map activities, and other critical deferred maintenance and improvement projects.

How to Apply: Discretionary funding will be administered through the United States Geological Survey. Visit www.usgs.gov for more information.

Agency Plan: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.doioig.gov/>

Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: Provides grants and loans to states, local governments and non-profits for projects that reduce diesel emission. The program targets geographic areas with high air pollution and air toxics and areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution, such as truck stops and ports. EPA funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs.

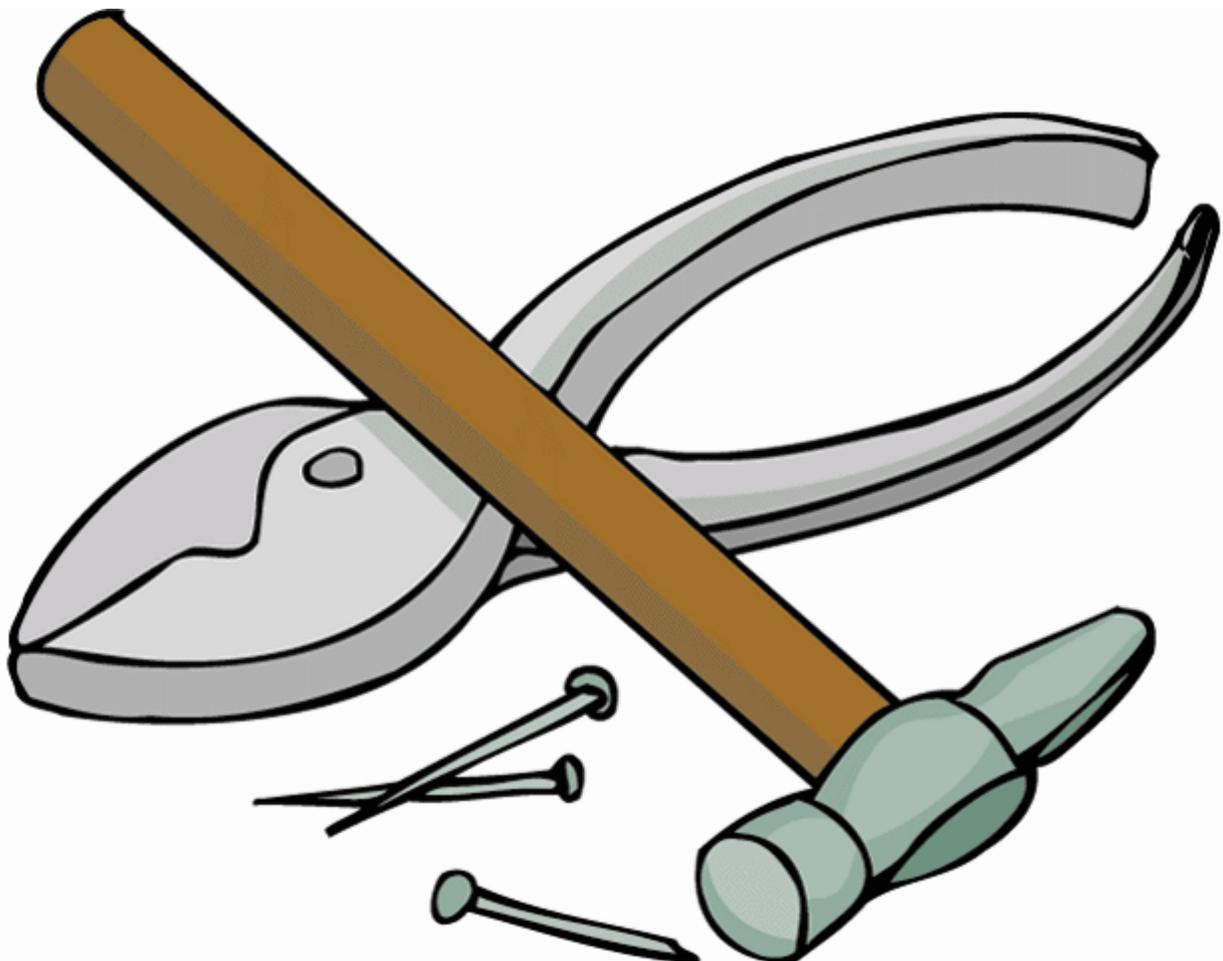
How to Apply: Eligible entities include regional, State, local or port agencies with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality and nonprofit organizations that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that operate diesel fleets. Visit www.grants.gov or www.epa.gov for more information.

Agency Plan: <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.epa.gov/oig/ombudsman-hotline/how2file.htm>

Housing and Economic Development



Neighborhood Stabilization

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Description: Provides federal funding to counties and cities to address the foreclosure crisis. The funding will be provided to local governments and states with high levels of foreclosure to purchase and rehabilitate vacant housing. The intent of the program is to eliminate blight and return vacant units to use as affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership opportunities.

How to Apply: The money will be distributed through formula to NSP entitlement communities. In addition, NSP will distribute funds to the State of Florida to distribute to non-entitlement communities. For a list of eligible communities, please visit:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

http://www.hud.gov/complaints/fraud_waste.cfm

Economic Development Assistance

Funding Agency: U.S. Economic Development Administration from the U.S. Department of Commerce

Federal Funding: \$150 million

Description: The program's funding is first distributed regionally on a formulaic basis based on high unemployment or low per capita income, and then each region actively seeks competitive applications. \$50 million will be used for economic adjustment assistance to help communities recover from sudden and severe economic dislocation and massive job losses due to corporate restructuring. \$50 million may be transferred to federally authorized, regional economic development commissions.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit

<http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>

Agency Plan: <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.oig.doc.gov/oig/>

Supplemental Grants to Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$4 billion

Description: This funding will provide financial assistance to Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to implement much-needed capital improvements in public housing.

How to Apply: \$3 billion will be administered through the current grant process according to existing formulas. **Of this portion, \$85,505,627 will go to entities in Florida**

(<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/capitalfund.xls>). \$1 billion would be administered through a new competitive grant process. The new process would provide funding to projects that rehabilitate units to improve energy efficiency, that increase affordable housing projects that are ready-to-go, and address the housing needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Projects that can award contracts, based on bids, within 120 days from the date that funds are available to the recipients would be given priority. Details for the competitive grants will be available at www.HUD.gov or www.grants.gov.

Agency Plan: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/phcfund.cfm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

http://www.hud.gov/complaints/fraud_waste.cfm

Public Assisted Housing Stability and Energy Efficiency

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$2.25 billion

Description: This funding provides funding for energy-efficient renovations and retrofits of Section 202, Section 811, and Section 8 units.

How to Apply: Public housing authorities are eligible to apply through a competitive bid process. A local housing agency can attach up to 20% of its voucher assistance to specific housing units if the owner agrees to either rehabilitate or construct the units, or the owner agrees to set-aside a portion of the units in an existing development. For further details and to apply visit www.grants.gov or www.hud.gov.

Agency Plan: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/phcfund.cfm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

http://www.hud.gov/complaints/fraud_waste.cfm

Affordable Rental Housing Tax Credit Assistance

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$2.25 billion

Expected Florida Funding: \$101,134,952

Description: Funding provides grant funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects via a formula-based allocation to State housing credit allocation agencies. The housing credit agencies in each State shall distribute these funds competitively. This program is expected to stabilize the affordable rental housing market and spur construction jobs in the hard-hit homebuilding industry. Priority will be given to projects that are expected to be completed by February 2012.

How to Apply: State and local governments are eligible to apply.

For further details and to apply visit www.grants.gov or www.hud.gov.

Agency Plan: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

http://www.hud.gov/complaints/fraud_waste.cfm

Community Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program

Funding Agency: U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Funding: \$5 million

Description: These loans will apply to calendar year 2008 disasters to exceed \$5 million and equal no more than 50 percent of the operating budget of local governments if that government has suffered a loss of 25 percent or more in tax revenues.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. This program is available to areas that have received a disaster declaration at the federal level. Visit <http://www.fema.gov/government/recovery.shtm>

Agency Plan: http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/gc_1235067544334.shtm

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.dhs.gov/xoig/about/>

Emergency Food and Shelter Program

Funding Agency: Department of Homeland Security

Federal Funding: \$100 million

Description: The program seeks to meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter.

How to Apply: Funds will be given to the following organizations who serve on the national board of the Program: American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; United Jewish Communities; The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; and United Way of America. These organizations will allocate funds to local boards through an established federal formula based on unemployment, population and poverty data. Individuals may apply for funds from their local boards. To find out more information, and locate your local board, visit

<http://www.efsp.unitedway.org/>

Agency Plan: http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/gc_1235067544334.shtm

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.dhs.gov/woig/about/>

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Funding: \$980 million

Expected Florida Funding: \$42,694,245

Description: Funding enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Recipients must give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement.

How to Apply: Eligible applicants include States, units of general local government that received CDBG Entitlement funding in FY 2008. Based on this formula, the state of Florida and cities in Florida are expected to receive \$42,694,245.

Agency Plan: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

http://www.hud.gov/complaints/fraud_waste.cfm

Small Business Direct Lending

Funding Agency: U.S. Small Business Administration

Federal Funding: \$636 million

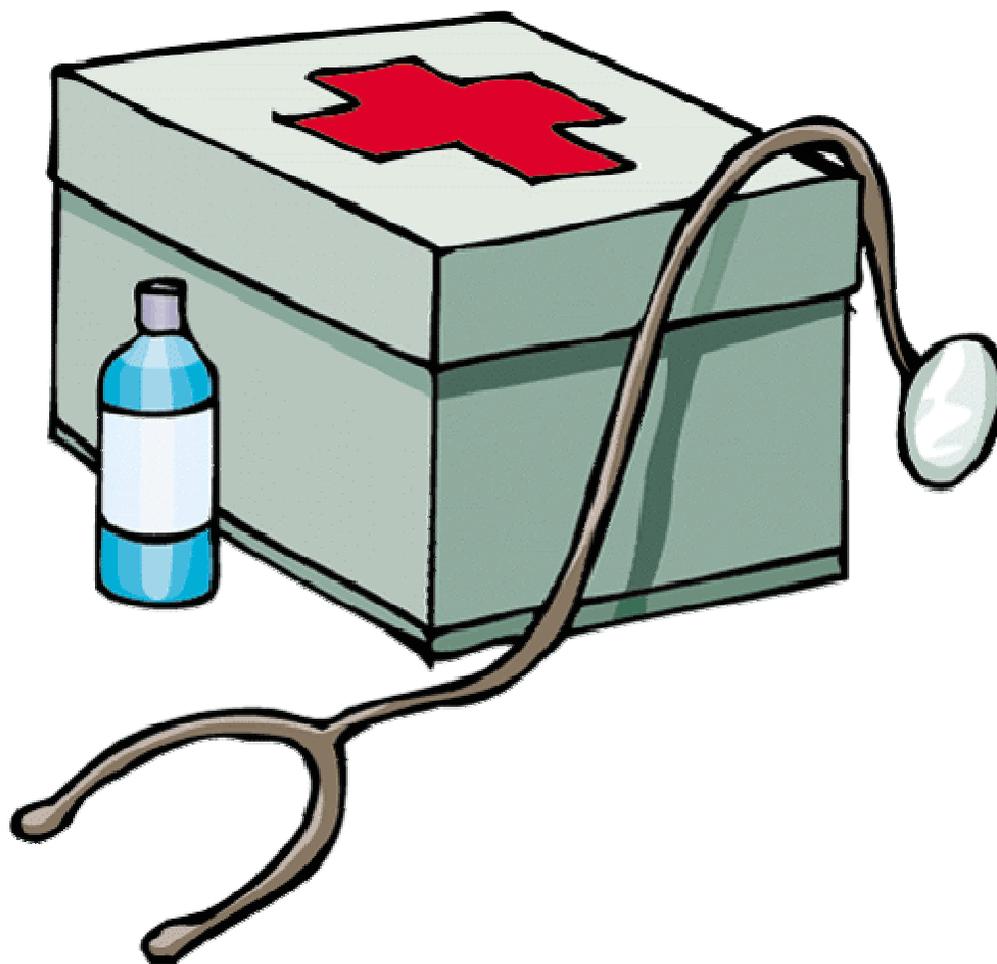
Description: New direct lending and guarantee authorities under the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 504 certified development company (CDC) program, which provides growing businesses with long-term; fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings.

How to Apply: Competitive grants can be obtained through the Small Business Administration at www.grants.gov or www.sba.gov The SBA is authorized to guarantee up to 90% of small business loans originating under the 504 program, and to refinance such loans.

Agency Plan: <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.sba.gov/ig/>

Health and Human Services



Community Health Centers

Funding Agency: U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration

Federal Funding: \$500 million

Expected Florida funding: \$10.1 million

Description: These funds are to be used to support new sites and service areas, to increase services at existing sites and to provide supplemental payments for spikes in the uninsured. Grants for new sites and services are to be two years in length.

How to Apply: **This funding is for community health centers.**

Grants have been awarded directly to community health centers.

Agency Plan:

<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/hotline/>

National Health Service Corps

Funding Agency: U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration

Federal Funding: \$300,000,000

Description: To help bring primary care physicians, nurses, dentists, and other healthcare providers to traditionally underserved areas of the country. Funds are distributed through loan repayment programs, scholarships, grants, and field operations.

How to Apply: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/>

Agency Plan: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/hotline/>

Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research

Funding Agency: U.S. National Institutes of Health

Federal Funding: \$200 million

Description: This new program will support research on **Challenge Topics** which address specific scientific and health research challenges in biomedical and behavioral research that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds. Challenge Areas, defined by the NIH, focus on specific knowledge gaps, scientific opportunities, new technologies, data

generation, or research methods that would benefit from an influx of funds to quickly advance the area in significant ways. The research in these areas should have a high impact in biomedical or behavioral science and/or public health.

How to Apply: Applicants can apply electronically through the NIH Website

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-003.html>

Agency Plan: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/hotline/>

Health Information Technology

Federal Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Funding: \$19.2 billion

Description: This bill promotes the use of health information technology (health IT), such as electronic health records, by: requiring the government to take a leadership role to develop standards by 2010 that allow for the nationwide electronic exchange and use of health information to improve quality and coordination of care; investing \$19 billion in health information technology infrastructure and Medicare and Medicaid incentives to encourage doctors, hospitals, and other providers to use health IT to electronically exchange patients' health information; and strengthening Federal privacy and security law to protect identifiable health information from misuse as the health care sector increases use of health IT. This is especially important for Florida's senior population because their doctors in will specifically help our seniors by allowing their physicians in South Florida coordinate care with their physicians in their northern hometown.

How to Apply: Hospitals and physician offices will automatically receive these benefits through their CMS reimbursements. Other medical agencies and services can apply for competitive grants through the Department of Health and Human Services to offset the cost of implementing HIT. To apply go to www.hhs.gov or www.grants.gov

Agency Plan: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/index.html>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/hotline/>

Job Training and Worker Assistance



Dislocated Worker Assistance Emergency Grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Federal Funding: \$200 million

Description: These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.

How to Apply: These funds can be applied for through the Department of Labor as necessary.

Agency Plan: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.oig.dol.gov/hotlinemain.htm>

Youth Build

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Federal Funding: \$50 million

Description: These funds will allow for expanded services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.

How to Apply: These funds will be distributed through competitive grants through the Department of Labor. Competitive grant information will be available as the Department of Labor administers the program at

www.grants.gov and http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/

Agency Plan: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.oig.dol.gov/hotlinemain.htm>

“Green” and Health Care Worker Training

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Federal Funding: \$750 million

Description: These funds will be available through competitive grants for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. Competitive grants will be awarded for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy. Competitive grants will also be available to prepare workers for careers in the health care sector. These grants are also available to train workers for wireless and broadband deployment.

How to Apply: The Department of Labor will provide additional information. Please check www.grants.gov and www.dol.gov for more information.

Agency Plan: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:
<http://www.oig.dol.gov/hotlinemain.htm>

Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Federal Funding: \$120 million

Description: Funding is provided for part-time employment opportunities for low income seniors

How to Apply: Nonprofit organizations may apply. Current grantees will be provided with the additional funding. <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>.

Agency Plan: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:
<http://www.oig.dol.gov/hotlinemain.htm>

Job Corps

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Federal Funding: \$250 million

Description: These funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth. The funds will allow the Office of Job Corps to move forward on a number of ready-to-go rehabilitation and construction projects. A portion of the funds will be available to provide additional training for careers in the energy efficiency, renewable energy, and environmental protection industries.

How to Apply: Job Corps centers with shovel ready renovations and repairs may contact the National Office of Job Corps, within the Department of Labor to request funds or check on the status of existing requests. Visit <http://www.jobcorps.gov/contact.aspx>

Agency Plan: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:
<http://www.oig.dol.gov/hotlinemain.htm>

Workforce Investment Act Formula Grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Federal Funding: \$3.95 billion

Description: This funding is for formula grants to states for training and employment services. This money will be divided into services for adults (\$500 million), services for youths (\$1.2 billion), and services for dislocated workers (\$1.25 billion).

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed to the states by formula.

Agency Plan: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.oig.dol.gov/hotlinemain.htm>

State Unemployment Insurance

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Federal Funding: \$400 million

Description: These funds will be used for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment and training opportunities that will facilitate reentry to employment. The funds provided will be distributed by existing formula.

How to Apply: Unemployed persons should apply to their local unemployment agency. More information can be found at

<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/safety-net/unemployment-compensation--workforce-services>

Agency Plan: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.oig.dol.gov/hotlinemain.htm>

Public Safety and Homeland Security



Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution

Funding Agency: U.S. Office on Violence against Women

Federal Funding: \$225 million

Description: Funding for Violence against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs will be available until September 30, 2010. \$140 million is for the STOP Violence against Women Formula Assistance Program. \$43 million is for transitional housing assistance grants.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. State and local units of government, non-profit non-governmental victims' services programs may apply. Visit

http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm for STOP Violence Against Women program and

http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm for the transitional housing assistance grants. Florida-specific information is available at

<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/other-aid/violence-against-women>

Agency Plan: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery.htm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/index.html>

Edward Byrne Grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$225 million for competitive grants; \$2 billion for grants according to formula

Description: 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 crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth.

Formula Allocations (\$135,119,422 for FL state, cities, towns and counties):

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html> and

<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/other-aid/byrnejag-funding>

How to Apply (competitively):

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Agency Plan: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/index.html>

COPS Hiring Grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Community Oriented Policing Services

Federal Funding: \$1 billion

Description: State and local governments are eligible to apply for the hiring of additional law enforcement officers, to be available until September 30, 2010.

How to Apply: Competitive grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>

Agency Plan: <http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/index.html>

Victims Compensation

Funding Agency: U.S. Office of Justice Programs

Florida Funding: \$3,050,799

Description: The funding supports State compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, drunk driving, homicide and other Federal and state crimes.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed to the State. Information specific to the State of Florida is available at

<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/other-aid/crime-victims-compensation-and-crime-victims-assistance-grants>

Agency Plan: <http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryfunds.html>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/index.html>

FEMA State and Local Programs

Funding Agency: U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: \$150 million is for the Public Transportation Security Assistance and Railroad Security Assistance, including Amtrak security and \$150 million is for Port Security Grants. The bill waives the cost-share for

Port Security Grants funded in this Act. Priority will be given to construction projects which address the most significant risks and can also be completed in a timely fashion.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency directly to transit agencies. Eligible agencies will be determined by the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). Visit

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/psgp/index.shtm#1> for Port Security Grants and

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/tsgp/index.shtm> for Transit Security Grants and www.grants.gov

Agency Plan: http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/gc_1235067544334.shtm

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.dhs.gov/ xoig/about/>

Firefighter Assistance Grants

Funding Agency: U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Funding: \$210 million

Description: Funding is provided for modifying, upgrading or constructing non-Federal fire stations, not to exceed \$15,000,000 per competitive grant.

How to Apply: Local fire departments may apply through the Firefighter Assistance Grants Program. Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>

Agency Plan: http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/gc_1235067544334.shtm

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse: <http://www.dhs.gov/ xoig/about/>

Internet Crimes Against Children(ICAC) Task Force Program

Funding Agency: U.S. Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$50 million

Description: The funding will help state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to sexual exploitation and child pornography cases on the internet. This help encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education.

How to Apply: Competitive grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/> or

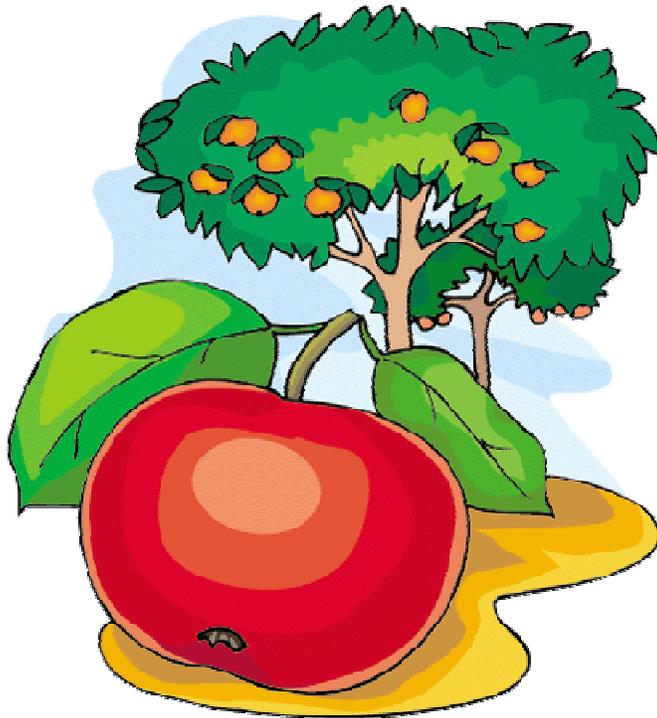
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/programs/ProgSummary.asp?pi=3#Funding>

Agency Plan: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/index.html>

Food & Nutrition for Low-Income Families



Programs for Women and Children

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Federal Funding: \$5 Million

Description: WIC (Women's Infants and Children) Contingency provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

How to Apply: Please contact a local WIC office. For Broward County: call (954) 767-5110 or (954) 767-5111. In Palm Beach County: Belle Glade (561) 996-1635, Delray Beach (561) 274-3112, Greenacres (561) 357-6000, Lantana (561) 547-6812, Jupiter (561) 746-0782, Royal Palm Beach (561) 333-9379, West Palm Beach (561) 514-5350, Administration (561) 681-2524. Or visit

http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/wic/pages/program_info/county.htm

For more information:

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/wic/pages/wic.htm>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.usda.gov/oig/hotline.htm>

Temporary Emergency Food Assistance

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Federal Funding: \$150,000,000

Description: TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute the food through local emergency food providers. Available foods vary depending on market conditions. In Florida, the Recipient Agencies are selected by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, every four years, as a result of a competitive procurement process or bid. Daily Bread Food Bank services both Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

To be eligible to receive TEFAP commodities to take home, households must (1) participate in another government program such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP aka Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, or reside in public housing; or (2) meet established income requirements.

How to Apply: Contact Daily Bread Food Bank at (305) 633-9861 or szuniga@dailybread.org

For More Information:

http://www.florida-agriculture.com/foodprograms/emergency_food_program.htm or
<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/safety-net/temporary-emergency-food-assistance-program> or
<http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/safety-net/temporary-assistance-for-needy-families>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.usda.gov/oig/hotline.htm>

National School Lunch Program

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Federal Funding: \$100 Million

Description: Schools must apply through the Florida Department of Education, Food and Nutrition Management Division and complete the requirements prior to the operation of these programs. Once approved, schools will receive funding by the Department of Education for each lunch and breakfast meal served provided they meet established state and federal regulations.

How to Apply:

<http://www.fldoe.org/FNM/natschoollunch/promotions.asp>

For More Information: <http://www.fldoe.org/FNM/natschoollunch/>

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (A.K.A Food Stamps)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Florida Funding: \$20,910,000

Description: The federal government boosted funding for SNAP by 13.6%. These funds will go directly to states to supplement their existing SNAP program. The money will be distributed based on the need of people in their state. The benefits will begin distribution within 60 days of February 17, 2009.

How to Apply: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/foodstamps.shtml>

For More Information: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/fsfactsheet.pdf> or <http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/safety-net/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:
<http://www.usda.gov/oig/hotline.htm>

Home- Delivered Nutrition Services

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Funding: \$32 Million

Description: Delivers nutritious meals to home-bound seniors.

How to Apply: States will receive the funding by formula. For more information on the Administration on Aging's Nutrition Programs, please see: http://www.aoa.gov/press/prodsmats/fact/pdf/fs_nutrition.doc or <http://flarecovery.com/about/state-and-local-projects/safety-net/elder-programs>

Agency Plan: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/index.html>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:
<http://www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/hotline/>

Congregate Nutrition Services

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging

Federal Funding: \$65 Million

Description: Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings.

How to Apply: States will receive the funding by formula. For more information on the Administration on Aging's Nutrition Programs, please see: http://www.aoa.gov/press/prodsmats/fact/pdf/fs_nutrition.doc

Agency Plan: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/index.html>

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Arts and Humanities



Arts and Humanities Projects

Funding Agency: U.S. National Endowment for the Arts

Federal Funding: \$50 million

Description: Competitive grant funding will be distributed in direct grants to fund arts projects and activities which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn. 40 percent of funds will be distributed to State arts agencies and regional arts organizations in a manner similar to the agency's current process. 60 percent will be awarded through competitive direct grants. The new program will fund projects that focus on the preservation of jobs in the arts. Funded projects must address two areas: salary support and contractual fees.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the State of Florida's Division of Cultural Affairs (<http://www.florida-arts.org/>) and by the federal agency <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

Agency Plan: <http://www.nea.gov/recovery/>

To Report Waste, Fraud or Abuse:

<http://www.nea.gov/about/OIG/Contents.html>

“Shovel Ready”

- The project meets the normal eligibility requirements under the existing Federal highway, transit, or other grant program.
- The project has completed all necessary design work and right-of-way acquisition.
- The project has completed all environmental reviews. If the project would result in significant environmental effects, the Federal agency must have issued an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Record of Decision determining that the project complies with environmental laws. As part of this environmental review process, project sponsors must have had public hearings to consider the transportation, environmental, community, and other effects of proposed projects. As part of the EIS Record of Decision, project sponsors must also have environmental mitigation plans ready to incorporate into the project design.
- The project is on the State plan (“State Transportation Improvement Program”) and, if applicable, Metropolitan plan (“Transportation Improvement Program”).
- The project is ready to be put out to bid, and contracts can be awarded and work underway within 90 days of enactment.

Due to this aggressive timeline, it is anticipated that much of the funding will go to repair and maintenance activities, rather than new construction.

Local Entities and States can use infrastructure money to fund “shovel ready” projects, including:

- Passenger and freight rail transportation
- Port infrastructure projects
- Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, and operational improvements for highways (including Interstate highways) and bridges (including bridges on public roads of all functional classifications)
- Transit projects including vehicles and facilities
- Carpool projects, fringe and corridor parking facilities and programs, bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways
- Modification of public sidewalks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Highway and transit safety infrastructure improvements and programs, hazard eliminations, projects to mitigate hazards caused by wildlife, and railway, highway grade crossings
- Capital and operating costs for traffic monitoring, management, and control facilities and programs
- Surface transportation planning programs
- Infrastructure-based intelligent transportation systems capital improvements
- Environmental restoration and pollution abatement projects to address water pollution or environmental degradation caused or contributed to by transportation facilities.

Definition provided by the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.