

Opportunities Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The following table provides a summary of most of the funds made available by the Recovery Act for infrastructure and construction projects. We have grouped the funds by the disbursing agency and have identified the amount, likely method of distribution and intended uses for the funds. We have provided some of the more important restrictions the Act imposes on the use or dissemination of funds, but in some cases there are more detailed restrictions found in the Act. This table is intended as a useful guide to the Act, not an exhaustive summary.

Program	Amount	Distribution Method	Uses and Restrictions
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT			
Agriculture Building and Facilities and Rental Payments	\$24 million	Federal contracts	Funds for construction, repair and improvement activities.
Agriculture Research Service Maintenance	\$176 million	Federal contracts	Funds for deferred maintenance on Agricultural Research Service facilities. Priority given to critical deferred maintenance and to projects that can be commenced and completed promptly.
Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program	\$1.38 billion	Discretionary federal grants and loans to rural communities	Funds for drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities with priority to smaller (10,000 or fewer) and poorer communities. Recipients to include municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, Indian tribes and nonprofits.
Rural Broadband Infrastructure Deployment	\$2.5 billion	Grants, loans and loan guarantees. The Rural Utilities Service will make competitive grants and loans through its distance learning, telemedicine and broadband programs.	Funds for broadband infrastructure in rural areas with insufficient access to broadband service to facilitate economic development. Priority given to projects that will provide end-users with competition, areas with the highest proportion of residents without broadband service and applications that demonstrate the project can be promptly commenced and completed.
Rural Community Facilities Program	\$130 million	Federal financing for local governments, nonprofit corporations and Indian tribes.	Funds for health care facilities, emergency services, libraries and other community needs such as child day care facilities.
Forest Service Capital Improvement and Maintenance	\$650 million	Federal contracts	Funds for road, bridge and trail maintenance, including related watershed restoration and ecosystem enhancement projects.

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COMMERCE DEPARTMENT			
Economic Development Assistance Program	\$50 million	Funds to be transferred to federally authorized regional economic development commissions	
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	\$4.7 billion (total)	Competitive grants to state and local governments, nonprofits and public-private partnerships	At least \$250 million for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband. At least \$200 million to upgrade technology and capacity at public computing centers (libraries and community colleges). Private entities, including broadband service and infrastructure providers, are eligible to receive grants under the program, if in the public interest.
National Institute of Standards and Technology: Scientific and Technical Research and Services	\$360 million	Federal contracts and competitive grants	\$180 million for construction of research facilities. \$180 million for grants for the construction of research science buildings.
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: Operations, Research and Facilities	\$600 million	Federal contracts	Funds for procurement, acquisition and construction. Additional \$230 million for operations, research and facilities.
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT			
Operation and Maintenance, Army	\$1.474 billion	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize Defense Department facilities; restore and modernize real property, including barracks; and invest in energy efficiency.
Operation and Maintenance, Navy	\$657 million	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize Defense Department facilities; restore and modernize real property, including barracks; and invest in energy efficiency.
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps	\$113 million	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize Defense Department facilities; restore and modernize real property, including barracks; and invest in energy efficiency.
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force	\$1.095 billion	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize Defense Department facilities; restore and modernize real property, including barracks; and invest in energy efficiency.

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Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve	\$98 million	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize Defense Department facilities; restore and modernize real property, including barracks; and invest in energy efficiency.
Operation and Maintenance, Navy Reserve	\$55 million	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize Defense Department facilities; restore and modernize real property, including barracks; and invest in energy efficiency.
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve	\$39 million	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize Defense Department facilities; restore and modernize real property, including barracks; and invest in energy efficiency.
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve	\$13 million	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize Defense Department facilities; restore and modernize real property, including barracks; and invest in energy efficiency.
Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard	\$266 million	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize Defense Department facilities; restore and modernize real property, including barracks; and invest in energy efficiency.
Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard	\$25 million	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize Defense Department facilities; restore and modernize real property, including barracks; and invest in energy efficiency.
Defense Health Program	\$400 million	Federal contracts	Funds to improve, repair and modernize military medical facilities and invest in energy efficiency of military medical facilities.
Defense Environmental Cleanup	\$5.127 billion	Federal contracts	Environmental cleanup.
Army Corps of Engineers	\$4.6 billion	Federal contracts and discretionary grants	<p>Funds to accelerate ongoing work or begin new projects that can be completed in one year. The Corps must use funds for projects that can be executed quickly and without additional budget authority.</p> <p>\$2 billion for construction, of which \$200 million is for water-related environmental infrastructure assistance.</p> <p>\$375 million for the Mississippi River and tributaries.</p> <p>\$2.075 billion for operations and maintenance.</p> <p>\$100 million for formerly utilized sites remedial action program.</p>

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Military Construction: Army	\$180 million	Federal contracts	\$80 million for design and construction of child development centers. \$100 million for design and construction of warrior transition complexes.
Military Construction: Navy and Marine Corps	\$280 million	Federal contracts	\$80 million for design and construction of child development centers. \$100 million for design and construction of troop housing. \$100 million for energy conservation and alternative energy projects.
Military Construction: Air Force	\$180 million	Federal contracts	\$80 million for design and construction of child development centers. \$100 million for design and construction of troop housing.
Military Construction: Army National Guard	\$50 million	Federal contracts	Funds for construction projects.
Military Construction: Air National Guard	\$50 million	Federal contracts	Funds for construction projects.
Military Construction: Defense-Wide	\$1.45 billion	Federal contracts	\$1.33 billion for construction of military hospitals. \$1.2 billion allocated for the Energy Conservation Investment Program.
Family Housing Construction: Army	\$34.5 million	Federal contracts	Funds for construction projects.
Family Housing Construction: Air Force	\$80 million	Federal contracts	Funds for construction projects.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	\$53.6 billion	States receive funding based on a population formula	Funds allocated to enhance local school budgets. Funds may be used for school modernization, renovation or repair, including modification, renovation and repairs that are consistent with a recognized green building rating system.
Education for the Disadvantaged	\$13 billion	Formula grants to states to make awards to local education agencies (LEAs)	Funds for schools serving disadvantaged students. \$3 billion for school improvement grants.
Impact Aid	\$100 million	Grants are awarded both by formula and competition to LEAs	Allows funds to be used for emergency repairs and modernization for LEAs that receive Impact Aid. (Construction is an allowable use of funds, but not an exclusive use for funds)

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ENERGY DEPARTMENT			
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program	\$3.2 billion	Cities with populations over 35,000 and counties with populations over 200,000 receive funding by formula; local governments that do not receive formula funding are eligible for pass-through funding from states	Funds may be used for, among other purposes, the implementation and installation in government buildings of renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources. \$2.8 billion for formula grants. \$400 million for competitive grants.
State Energy Program	\$3.1 billion	Formula and discretionary grants	
Smart Grid	\$4.5 billion	Grants	Grant funds to electric utilities to support modernization of the electrical grid and enhance the security and reliability of the grid.
Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup	\$483 million	Federal contracts	Environmental cleanup.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Hazardous Substance Superfund	\$600 million	Federal contracts	Funds for cleanup at existing Superfund sites and for initiation of construction at new sites.
Brownfields	\$100 million	Competitive grants to state and local governments	Funds for environmental site assessment and cleanup.
Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund	\$200 million	Grants to state and local governments	
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION			
Real Property Activities: Federal Buildings Fund	\$5.5 billion	Federal contracts	\$4.5 billion for the conversion of GSA facilities to High-Performance Green Buildings. \$750 million for federal buildings and courthouses. \$300 million for border stations and land ports of entry.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT			
Indian Health Facilities	\$415 million	Federal contracts	Funds for health facilities construction projects.
Health Resources & Services Administration: Community Health Centers	\$2 billion	Formula and discretionary grants	\$1.5 billion for construction and renovation of facilities and IT equipment for public health centers, including community health centers. \$500 million for grants to health centers.
National Institutes of Health (NIH): National Center for Research Resources	\$1 billion	Federal grants or contracts	Funds to construct, renovate or repair existing non-federal research facilities.
NIH: Buildings and Facilities	\$500 million	Federal contracts	Funds for repair, construction and improvement projects for NIH facilities.
HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT			
Office of the Under Secretary for Management	\$200 million	Federal contracts	Funds for planning, design and construction associated with consolidation of the Department of Homeland Security headquarters.
U.S. Customs: Border Security Fencing, Infrastructure and Technology	\$420 million	Federal contracts	Funds for planning, management, design and construction at land border ports of entry.
Coast Guard: Alteration of Bridges	\$142 million	Federal contracts	Funds for the alteration or removal of obstructive bridges.
Federal Emergency Management Agency: State and Local Programs	\$300 million	Formula grants to state and local governments	Funds to upgrade security for infrastructure assets.
Firefighter Assistance Grants	\$210 million	Competitive grants to fire departments	Funds for modifying, upgrading or constructing fire stations.
Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program Account		Loans to communities that have had their local economy significantly impacted by a presidentially-declared disaster	If a local government suffered a loss of 25 percent or more in tax revenues following a declared disaster, the entity is eligible to receive loans for amounts up to 50 percent of its pre-disaster annual operating budget.

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HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
Public Housing Capital Fund	\$4 billion	Formula and discretionary grants	Grants for public housing authorities. \$3 billion through existing formula. \$1 billion for competitive grants.
Community Development Block Grants	\$1 billion	Formula program	
Home Investment Partnerships	\$2.25 billion	Formula funding	Funds for state and local governments to expand supply of affordable housing to low-income and very-low-income persons.
Community Development Fund: Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes	\$2.25 billion	Competitive grants to state and local governments and nonprofit entities	Grants to redevelop abandoned and foreclosed homes.
Assisted Housing Stability, Energy and Green Retrofit Investments	\$250 million	Grants and loans	Funds for energy retrofit and green investments in assisted housing.
Lead Hazard Reduction Program	\$100 million	Competitive grants to state and local governments	Funds to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint health hazards.
INTERIOR DEPARTMENT			
Bureau of Reclamation	\$1 billion	Discretionary grants or federal contracts	Funds for development, maintenance, management and restoration of water and related natural resources in 17 Western states. \$126 million to be used for water reclamation and reuse projects. \$60 million to be used for rural water projects, primarily water intake and treatment facilities. \$50 million may be used on projects authorized by the Central Utah Project Completion Act. \$50 million may be used for projects authorized by the California Bay-Delta Restoration Act.

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Bureau of Land Management	\$305 million	Federal contracts	\$125 million for maintenance, rehabilitation and restoration of facilities and for remediation of abandoned mines and wells. \$180 million for construction and repair of roads, bridges, trails, and property, and for retrofitting existing facilities for energy efficiency.
Fish and Wildlife Service	\$115 million	Federal contracts	Funds for construction and repair of roads, bridges, trails and property, and for retrofitting existing facilities for energy efficiency.
U.S. Geological Survey	\$140 million	Federal contracts	Funds for repair, construction and restoration of facilities.
National Park Service	\$735 million	Federal contracts	\$146 million for deferred maintenance of facilities and trails and other repair and rehabilitation projects. \$589 million for construction and repair (and energy-efficient retrofits) of roads and facilities, as well as other critical infrastructure projects.
Bureau of Indian Affairs	\$450 million	Federal contracts	Funds for repair and restoration of roads, replacement school construction, school improvements and repairs, and detention center improvements and repairs.
Smithsonian Institution Facilities Capital	\$25 million	Federal contracts	Funds for repair and maintenance of existing facilities.
LABOR DEPARTMENT			
Office of the Job Corps	\$250 million	Federal contracts	Funds for construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of Job Corps centers.
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION			
Academic Research Facilities Modernization Program	\$200 million	Grants	Funds for the repair or renovation of obsolete laboratories and research facilities at higher education institutions, nonprofit research institutions and research museums.
Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction	\$400 million	Federal contracts	
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION			
Limitation and Administration Expenses	\$500 million	Federal contracts	Funds for replacement of the National Computer Center.

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STATE DEPARTMENT			
Diplomatic and Consular Programs	\$90 million	Federal contracts	Funds for urgent facilities requirements for passport and training functions.
International Boundary and Water Commission	\$220 million	Federal contracts	Funds for repair and rehabilitation related to water quantity program.
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT			
FAA Facilities and Equipment	\$200 million	Federal contracts	Funds for improvements to FAA infrastructure.
Airport Improvement Program	\$1.1 billion	Discretionary grants	Grant funds for airport construction projects. 50 percent of grants to be awarded within 120 days and the remainder within one year.
Highway Program	\$27.5 billion	Funds distributed by formula to states, with a portion suballocated to metropolitan areas	After set-asides for federal lands, territories, oversight and other items, \$27.5 billion should be apportioned to states via formula. Half of the \$27.5 billion is apportioned to states through Surface Transportation Program formula and the other half is apportioned through the FY 2008 obligation limitation ratio distribution. States have 120 days after apportionment (apportionment must be made within 21 days of the law's enactment) to obligate the first 50 percent of their highway apportionments and until one year after apportionment to obligate the remainder. The 50 percent of the funds not obligated within that time will be redistributed to other states that have met their obligation requirement. Suballocated funds are <i>not</i> subject to the 120-day redistribution requirement. The secretary of transportation can exempt states from the redistribution requirement only with extreme circumstances and after giving notice to Congress.

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Supplemental Discretionary Grants	\$1.5 billion	Discretionary grants	<p>Grants to state and local governments and transit agencies for surface transportation projects of national, regional and metropolitan area impact. Highway and transit projects are eligible, as are passenger rail and freight rail transportation projects and port infrastructure investments, including multimodal port facilities.</p> <p>Maximum grant is \$300 million and minimum grant is \$20 million (but the secretary of transportation can waive the minimum size threshold).</p> <p>Not more than 20 percent of the \$1.5 billion can be allocated to any particular state.</p> <p>\$200 million of program is available to pay subsidy and administrative costs of projects eligible for TIFIA financing.</p>
Transit: Capital Assistance	\$6.9 billion	Urbanized and rural formula grants	<p>\$100 million for discretionary grants to make transit systems more energy efficient.</p> <p>Remainder is distributed 80 percent by urbanized area formula, 10 percent by the non-urbanized area formula and 10 percent by the high-growth and high-density formula.</p> <p>Same obligation and redistribution process as for highways applies.</p>
Transit: Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment	\$750 million	Fixed Guideway Modernization Formula	
Transit: Capital Investment Grants	\$750 million	New Starts discretionary grants	Priority given to projects under construction or able to obligate funds within 150 days.
High Speed Rail/Intercity Passenger Rail	\$8 billion	Discretionary grants	Grants for intercity passenger rail and high speed rail.
Amtrak	\$1.3 billion		Capital projects.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT			
Western Area Power Administration	\$3.25 billion	Borrowing authority. WAPA may borrow from the Treasury Department an amount, in the aggregate, not to exceed \$3.25 billion in outstanding repayable balances.	Funds for constructing, financing, facilitating, planning, operating, maintaining or studying construction of new or upgraded electricity power lines and related facilities with at least one terminus within the area served by WAPA. Funds for delivering or facilitating the delivery of power generated by renewable energy resources.
VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT			
Veterans Health Administration: Medical Facilities	\$1 billion	Federal contracts	Funds for non-recurring maintenance for medical facilities, including energy projects.
State Extended Care Facilities	\$150 million	Grants	Funds to assist states to acquire or construct state nursing home and domiciliary facilities or to modify existing facilities.
BONDS AND CREDITS			
Private Activity Bonds			Interest on private activity bonds issued in 2009 and 2010 excluded from Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). AMT relief for private activity bonds issued after 2003 and refunded in 2009 and 2010.
New Markets Tax Credit		Distributed by the Treasury Department	Increases available credits for each of 2008 and 2009 to \$5 billion from \$3.5 billion.
Recovery Zone Bonds		New category of tax credit bonds. Each state receives share of national allocation based on percentage of job losses to national average. State allocations are suballocated to local municipalities.	Authorizes \$10 billion in recovery zone economic development bonds and \$15 billion in recovery zone facility bonds. Bonds can be used to finance infrastructure, job training, education and economic development in areas with high poverty, unemployment and foreclosures.
Withholding Requirement and Certain Governmental Payments For Goods and Services			Delays requirement that governmental entities withhold three percent on payments for goods and services from contractors for one year. Delay is extended from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011.

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Qualified School Construction Bonds		New category of tax credit bonds.	\$11 billion allocated for each of 2009 and 2010. Bonds available only if all proceeds used for construction, rehabilitation or repair of public school facilities or the acquisition of land for such facilities.
Qualified Zone Academy Bonds		Public schools in empowerment and enterprise zones designed to cooperate with businesses to enhance curriculum and increase graduation and employment rates are eligible.	Additional \$1.4 billion in issuing authority for state and local governments in 2009 and 2010 to issue tax credit bonds to finance expenses, including renovations, equipment purchases and teacher training.
Build America Bonds		Gives state and local governments the option to issue tax credit bonds or tax exempt bonds in 2009 and 2010.	Governments issuing tax credit bonds can elect to receive direct payment from federal government equal to subsidy that otherwise would have been delivered through federal tax credit.