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

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**Full Text of the Law**

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

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

**Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Cost Estimates**

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


**White House Information**

**Fact Sheets**

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

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

**Recovery.gov**

The Administration’s website that is intended to be a repository for information related to implementation and oversight of the stimulus. It currently includes overview information about the legislation, a timeline for implementation, a frequently asked questions page, and an announcement page that will be regularly updated. The Administration’s intent is to develop the site to encompass information about available funding, distribution of funds, and major recipients.

http://www.recovery.gov

Each federal agency receiving funds from the act will submit weekly cumulative reports on their recovery activities. Updated reports are submitted each Tuesday, and detail major actions taken by each agency and how much money has been spent.
Weekly Agency Reports: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/agency-weekly-reports

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance

OMB issued a detailed guidance document on February 18, 2009, directing executive branch agencies to develop a dedicated portion of their websites for information related to the recovery. This document was updated based on input from the various stakeholders on April 3, 2009, and June 22, 2009. All three guidance documents are available on the recovery.gov website, in the featured news section:


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

http://www.federalreporting.gov/

Congressional Sources

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


Government Accountability Office Reports

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

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

Other available GAO products include the following:


Federal Agency Websites

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

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


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

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

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


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


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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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


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


National Institutes of Health: http://www.nih.gov/recovery/

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

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


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


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

State Government Websites

(The list below reflects states that currently post ARRA information on the Web. CRS will update the list regularly as more information becomes available.)
Alabama: http://www.stimulus.alabama.gov/
Alaska: http://omb.alaska.gov/10_omb/budget/IndexEconomicStimulus.htm
Arizona: http://az.gov/recovery
Arkansas: http://recovery.arkansas.gov
California: http://www.recovery.ca.gov
Colorado: http://www.colorado.gov/recovery
Delaware: http://recovery.delaware.gov/default.shtml
Florida: http://www.flarecovery.com/
Florida-transportation: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economicstimulus/
Florida-Workforce: http://www.floridajobs.org/about%20awi/open_government/ARRA_plans_reports_OEL.htm
Georgia: http://stimulusaccountability.ga.gov
Georgia-transportation: http://www.dot.state.ga.us/informationcenter/gastimulus/Pages/default.aspx
Hawaii: http://hawaii.gov/gov/recovery
Idaho: http://accountability.idaho.gov
Illinois: http://recovery.illinois.gov/default.htm
Indiana: http://www.in.gov/gov/2985.htm
Iowa: http://www.iowa.gov/recovery/
Kentucky: http://kentuckyatwork.ky.gov/
Louisiana: http://www.stimulus.la.gov/
Maine: http://www.maine.gov/recovery/
Maryland: http://statestat.maryland.gov/recovery.asp
Massachusetts: http://www.mass.gov/recovery
Michigan: http://www.michigan.gov/recovery/
Minnesota: http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/stimulus
Mississippi: http://stimulus.ms.gov
Missouri: http://transform.mo.gov/
Montana: http://recovery.mt.gov/
Nebraska: http://www.recovery.nebraska.gov/
Nevada: http://nevada.gov/recovery/
New Hampshire: http://www.nh.gov/recovery
New Jersey: http://www.state.nj.us/recovery
New Mexico: http://www.recovery.state.nm.us/index.html
New York: http://www.recovery.ny.gov/
North Carolina: http://www.ncrecovery.gov/
North Dakota: http://www.nd.gov/recovery
Ohio: http://recovery.ohio.gov/
Oklahoma: http://www.ok.gov/recovery/
Oregon: http://www.oregon.gov/recovery
Pennsylvania: http://www.recovery.pa.gov/
Rhode Island: http://www.recovery.ri.gov/
South Carolina: http://stimulus.sc.gov/
South Dakota: http://recovery.sd.gov/
Tennessee: http://www.tnrecovery.gov
Texas: http://txstimulusfund.com/
Utah: http://www.recovery.utah.gov/
Vermont: http://recovery.vermont.gov/
Virginia: http://stimulus.virginia.gov/
Washington: http://recovery.wa.gov/
West Virginia: http://www.recovery.wv.gov/
Wisconsin: http://www.recovery.wisconsin.gov/
Wyoming: http://wyoming.gov/recovery/

State Funding Allocations

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

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

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


Department of Housing and Urban Development: http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm

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


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


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

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


State and Municipal Sources

The Council of State Governments has compiled information on executive orders and state legislation related to ARRA, as well as key deadlines and grants information: http://www.staterecovery.org/ and http://www.staterecovery.org/state-responses
The US Conference of Mayors has prepared a summary of the act, highlighting those provisions they consider to be important for cities: http://www.usmayors.org/recovery/


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

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

Non-Government Sources

The sources below provide information that your constituents may find useful.

The Onvia Corporation has created a site geared to the business community which is dedicated to tracking every recovery dollar in real time: http://recovery.org

Protiviti, a business consulting firm, has prepared a Q&A document which outlines the responsibilities of the recipients of ARRA funds, including reporting requirements:


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