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***Preliminary Guide to Competitive
Grant Funding***



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Introduction

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R. 1 / Public Law 111-5) was signed into law by President Obama. As the senior Senator from Louisiana, Senator Landrieu worked with the President and her colleagues in the Congress to ensure that this stimulus legislation provides a swift and targeted boost to our economy by creating nearly 50,000 new jobs in Louisiana and shoring up our critical infrastructure.

Louisiana State Government will administer formula and block grant funding for existing transportation, water infrastructure and flood protection, education, nutrition, training, and energy programs. In addition to these funds, dozens of competitive federal grant programs will provide more than \$30 billion across the nation in funding for eligible entities like local governments, municipalities, special governmental districts, university and education organizations, small businesses, and non-profit organizations.

This document is intended to provide Louisiana leaders in state and local government a preliminary outline and guide to the competitive grant programs funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. In the coming weeks, the federal agencies that administer these programs will provide more extensive guidance for the distribution of these funds.

Senator Landrieu's office is available to assist state and local leaders understand the provisions of this important legislation and utilize the funds made available as quickly as possible.

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EPA/Hazardous Substance Superfund – Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$600 million for EPA, Hazardous Substance Superfund Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the EPA, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, states and local governments. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the EPA Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the EPA Headquarters at:

Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460
Telephone: 202-272-0167
Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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EPA/State and Tribal Assistance, Brownfields Projects– Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$100 million for additional funding for projects authorized under the EPA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). CERCLA, enacted in 1980, provides Federal authority to respond directly to released or threatened releases of hazardous substances that may endanger public health or the environment. These funds will be administered nationally by the EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, the funds are available to state and local governments, universities and colleges and industry. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the EPA Headquarters at:

Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
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EPA/State and Tribal Assistance, Diesel Emission Reduction Act – Grants
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$300 million for additional funding for projects authorized under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA). DERA, enacted in 2005, is a national program that provides funds to clean-up diesel-powered vehicles. These funds will be administered nationally by the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, the funds are available to a state or local agency, or port authority, with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Also, available to nonprofit organizations that provide pollution reduction or educational services to those that own or operate diesel fleets. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the EPA Office of Air and Radiation. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through EPA Office at:

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EPA/State and Tribal Assistance, State Revolving Funds – Grants
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$4 billion for Clean Water State Revolving Funds and \$2 billion for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. These funds will be administered nationally by the EPA, through formula grants to states.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, the funds are distributed to the Louisiana's Department of Environmental Quality. Local municipalities must submit their proposed projects to the state agency. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the LA DEQ State Office at:

Louisiana DEQ
602 N. Fifth Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
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USDA Aquaculture Assistance - Competitive Grants
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$50 million for aquaculture assistance grants. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through competitive grants based on need.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are available to assist aquaculture producers who suffered from extraordinarily high feed costs during 2008. Grants are available to aquaculture producers who can document they suffered from extraordinary high feed costs that exceed the five year average price. Those seeking assistance should contact their local FSA office. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA Farm Service Agency field offices. FSA staff will be glad to discuss an aquaculture producer's individual situation. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the FSA State Office at:

USDA FSA Louisiana Office
3727 Government Street
Alexandria, Louisiana 71302
Telephone: (318) 473-7721
Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**USDA/Forest Service, Wildland Fire Management Watershed Program –
Grants**

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$500 million for the USDA/FS, Wildland Fire Management Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-FS through grants that provide funding for hazardous fuels reduction, forest health protection, rehabilitation and hazard mitigation activities on Federal land. Also, there is a requirement that \$50 million must be used to make wood-to-energy grants to promote increased utilization of biomass from Federal, State and private lands.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, state and local governments are eligible. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA Forest Service office. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the USDA Forest Service office at:

USDA Forest Service
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250
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USDA/NRCS, Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program - Loans

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$290 million for the USDA/NRCS, Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-NRCS through loans that purchase and restore floodplain easements and investment in both structural and non-structural watershed infrastructure improvements. Priority is given to projects that are most cost-effective and provide the greatest public safety, flood protection, economic, and environmental benefits. NRCS must complete existing infrastructure projects that have already initiated the planning, design or construction work. This program is normally funded through the annual Agriculture Appropriations Act.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, a sponsoring local organization of an authorized watershed project. "Local organization" means any state, political subdivision thereof, soil or water conservation district, flood prevention or control district, or combinations thereof, or any other agency having authority under State law to carry out, maintain and operate the works of improvement; or any irrigation or reservoir company, water users' association, or similar organization having such authority and not being operated for profit that may be approved by the Secretary; or any Indian tribe or tribal organization having authority under Federal, State, or Indian tribal law to carry out, maintain, and operate the works of improvement. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA NRCS. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the NRCS Office at:

USDA NRCS
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 6121-S
Washington, DC 20250
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Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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USDA/NRCS, Watershed Rehabilitation Program
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$50 million for the USDA/NRCS, Watershed Rehabilitation Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-NRSC through loans that rehabilitate aging flood control infrastructure. Priority is given to projects that are most cost-effective and provide the greatest public safety, flood protection, economic, and environmental benefits. This program is normally funded through the annual Agriculture Appropriations Act.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, a sponsoring local organization of an authorized watershed project. "Local organization" means any State, political subdivision thereof, soil or water conservation district, flood prevention or control district, or combinations thereof, or any other agency having authority under State law to carry out, maintain and operate the works of improvement; or any irrigation or reservoir company, water users' association, or similar organization having such authority and not being operated for profit that may be approved by the Secretary; or any Indian tribe or tribal organization having authority under Federal, State, or Indian tribal law to carry out, maintain, and operate the works of improvement. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA Rural Development field offices. Rural Development staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available from Rural Development and sister agencies within USDA. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the Rural Development State Office at:

USDA Louisiana State Office
3727 Government Street
Alexandria, Louisiana 71302
Telephone: (318) 473-7921
Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**USDA National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance –
Competitive Grants**

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$100 million for the USDA National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Program. Louisiana will receive \$1.7 million.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are available to assist school food authorities purchase equipment to help deliver meals to students participating in the National School Lunch Program. These funds will be administered by the State of Louisiana Department of Education through a competitive grant process to school food authorities based upon the need for equipment assistance in participating schools with priority given to schools in which not less than 50 of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the State of Louisiana Department of Education – Division of Nutrition Assistance. Detailed information on the program and applications for financial assistance are available by contacting:

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Louisiana Department of Education – Division of Nutrition Assistance
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804
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USDA Rural Development Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband-Competitive Grants and Loans

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$2.5 billion for the USDA Rural Development Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through competitive grants and loans that will fund distance learning, telemedicine and broadband activity in rural areas.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are available to assist in the development of essential broadband service and telemedicine and distance learning to rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Priority for funding is given to projects that provide service to the highest proportion of rural residents that do not have access to broadband service. Grants are available to rural broadband providers, as well as medical providers and educational entities. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA Rural Development field offices. Rural Development staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available from Rural Development and sister agencies within USDA. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the Rural Development State Office at:

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USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Programs- Competitive Grants and Loans

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$150 million for the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through competitive grants and loans that will leverage public, private and cooperative resources to create jobs and stimulate rural economic activity. Examples of Louisiana success stories include a grant of \$150,000 to refurbish mooring dock in Delcambre which saved 30 jobs and 10 businesses and a loan of \$1.68 million in Lafayette to construct a supermarket which saved 45 jobs and created an additional 20.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are available to assist in the development of economic activity in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA Rural Development field offices. Rural Development staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available from Rural Development and sister agencies within USDA. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the Rural Development State Office at:

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USDA Rural Community Facilities - Competitive Grants and Loans
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$130 million for the USDA Rural Community Facilities Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through competitive grants and loans that will fund facilities in rural areas. These facilities may include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. This program is normally funded through the annual Agriculture Appropriations Act.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are available to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Grants are authorized on a graduated scale. Applicants located in small communities with low populations and low incomes will receive a higher percentage of grants. Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA Rural Development field offices. Rural Development staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available from Rural Development and sister agencies within USDA. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the Rural Development State Office at:

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USDA Rural Utility - Competitive Grants and Loans
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$1.38 billion for the USDA Rural Utilities Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through competitive grants and loans that will fund rural utilities to help them expand and keep their technology up to date.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are available to assist in the development of essential electricity, telephone, water and waste disposal service in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Loans and grants are available to rural utility providers. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the USDA Rural Development field offices. Rural Development staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available from Rural Development and sister agencies within USDA. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the Rural Development State Office at:

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USDA/RUS, Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program– Grants and Loans
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$1.38 billion in new budget authority to support \$3.788 billion in loans and grants for the USDA/RUS, Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-RUS through grants and loans that provide funding for rural waste, waste water and waste disposal programs.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, state and local governments, including municipalities, parishes, special-purpose districts, Indian tribes, and non-profits corporations are eligible. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

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Department of Commerce –Economic Development Administration
Economic Development Assistance Program Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mary L. Landrieu

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$150 million for the Department of Commerce Economic Development Assistance Program grants. These funds will be administered nationally by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The main vehicle for this funding is expected to be the Public Works and Economic Development Program. This program helps support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry, support technology-led development, redevelop Brownfield sites and provide eco-industrial development. The Stimulus bill also allocated at least \$50 million for the Economic Adjustment Assistance Program, which provides a wide range of technical, planning and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. This program is designed to respond flexibly to pressing economic recovery issues and is well suited to help address challenges faced by U.S. regions and communities. An additional amount up to \$50 million may be transferred by the Department of Commerce to regional economic development commissions.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants will be used to leverage private investment, stimulate employment, and increase incomes in economically distressed communities. The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to give priority consideration to areas which have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring. Successful applications traditionally include sizable levels of local-government or nonprofit matching funds and private-sector leverage. EDA also looks for applications which demonstrate strong cooperation between the business sector, relevant regional partners, and local, state, and Federal governments. Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations, tribal governments and universities. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the EDA regional offices. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the Austin Regional Office at:

504 Lavaca Street
Suite 1100
Austin, TX 78701-2858
Telephone: (512) 381-8144
Fax: (512) 381-8177

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**Department of Commerce –National Institute of Standards & Technology
Research Science Building Construction Grant Program**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$180 million for the Department of Commerce (DOC) Research Science Building Construction grants, including fiscal year 2008 and 2009 competitions. These funds will be administered nationally by the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST). This program helps support proposals for the construction of science research buildings from institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations. The grant program was created under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-161) to provide funding for the construction of new buildings or the expansion of existing buildings for the sciences as they relate to the Department of Commerce and its agencies, which include NIST, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Telecommunications & Information Administration. The funds are intended to address NIST's backlog of maintenance and renovation and for construction of new facilities and laboratories.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, grants will be made on a competitive basis to institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations. Proposals will be evaluated by considering the scientific and technical merits of the proposal, the quality of the design of the proposed science research building, and the adequacy of a project execution plan that includes project scope, schedule, budget, management and financial support for the project. Selections also will be based on the degree to which the proposed project complements DOC science and technology programs; the applicant's experience in promoting national impacts through research outcomes, training, cooperation with Federal programs, and opportunities for visiting researchers; whether or not the proposed project would duplicate other Federally funded projects; the amount of additional funding the applicant is prepared to supply; and other factors. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are traditionally filed electronically via the Grants.gov website. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are currently being drafted. Additional information can be found at:

Grants.gov website: www.grants.gov
National Institute for Standards & Technology
100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1070
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070

Telephone: (301) 975-3097

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**Department of Commerce - National Telecommunications and Information
Administration State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Preliminary Fact Sheet

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$350 million for the Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration to establish the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program. This program was authorized by Public Law 110-385. In particular, funds will be used for statewide initiatives to identify and track the availability and adoption of broadband services within each state. The program funds will also be used for the development and maintenance of a national broadband inventory map. Funding is available until September 30, 2010.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are available to one entity in each State to identify and track broadband deployment and speeds statewide. Grants can also be used to identify barriers to broadband adoption and to create, in each county/parish, teams to develop plans for increasing broadband access. Eligible recipients include an agency of the State, municipalities, nonprofit organizations, or an independent commission which includes membership from one State agency. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications for this program will be filed with the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. More detailed information and applications are currently being developed. Interested applicants may contact the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) at:

U.S. Department of Commerce/NTIA
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230
Telephone: (202) 482-2048 or (202) 501-8009

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**Department of Commerce - National Telecommunications and Information
Administration Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) Broadband Grants**
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet - Office of Senator Mary L. Landrieu

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$450 million for the Department of Commerce Technology Opportunities Program (TOP). This program makes matching grants to improve broadband and digital network in the public and non-profit sectors. Examples of funded projects include those which expanded broadband connectivity for public safety officials, improved computer technology at public libraries, and promoted education opportunities for rural/urban residents. The Stimulus bill allocated \$200 million for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity, including at community colleges and public libraries. The remaining \$250 million is allocated for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service. Funding is available until September 30, 2010.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are available to accelerate broadband deployment in underserved and un-served areas and to strategic institutions that are likely to create jobs or provide significant public benefits. Grants are available to state, local and tribal governments, health care providers, schools, libraries, police departments, and community-based non-profit organizations. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications for this program have traditionally been filed with the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. However, as the program has not been funded for five years, it is unclear if the new program will follow these past procedures. More detailed information and applications are currently being developed. Interested applicants may contact the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) at:

U.S. Department of Commerce/NTIA
TOP, Room 4096
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Washington, DC 20230
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Department of Education
Higher Education - Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$100 million for Teacher Quality Enhancement grants. The purpose of funds is to improve teacher recruitment, preparation, and support to reduce shortages of qualified teachers in high-need school districts. These funds would be administered nationally by the Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, there are two types of grants. State grants would be eligible to state education agencies and partnership and recruitment grants would be eligible to institutions of higher education and local education agencies. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Interested parties should contact:

U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202
1-800-872-5327

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Department of Education
Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research – Independent Living
Programs Centers

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$87.5 million for the Independent Living Centers program. The purpose of this fund is to support the planning, conduct, administration, and evaluation of centers for independent living. These funds would be administered nationally by the Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services and the Rehabilitation Services administration.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, eligible entities would be nonprofit organizations. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Interested parties should contact:

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Department of Education
State Stabilization Fund - Innovation Fund
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mary L. Landrieu

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$5 billion for the Department of Education to be used at the Secretary's discretion for two different programs - State Incentive Grants (\$4.3 billion) and an Innovation Fund (up to \$650 million). These funds will be administered nationally by the Secretary of Education through competitive awards. These are new programs.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, eligible entities for the Innovation Fund are local education agencies, or partnerships between a nonprofit organization and local education agencies or a consortium of schools. The Secretary shall make awards to eligible entities that have made significant gains in closing the achievement gap. An eligible entity should have significantly closed the achievement gaps between groups of students; have exceeded the State's annual measurable objectives for 2 or more consecutive years or have demonstrated success in significantly increasing student academic achievement for all groups of students described in such section through another measure; have made significant improvement in other areas, such as graduation rates or increased recruitment and placement of high-quality teachers and school leaders, as demonstrated with meaningful data; and demonstrate that they have established partnerships with the private sector, which may include philanthropic organizations, and that the private sector will provide matching funds in order to help bring results to scale. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Education will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

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Washington, D.C. 20202
1-800-872-5327

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Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences - Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$250 million under the Institute of Education Sciences account. Of this money, 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. These funds would be administered nationally by the Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, eligible entities would be public or private organizations or agencies working to improve data coordination. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

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Department of Education
State Stabilization Fund - State Incentive Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, State Incentive Grants are to be made by the Secretary of Education to states that have made significant progress in meeting criteria, including maintenance of effort, achieving equity in teacher distribution, improving collection and use of data, enhancing the quality of standards and assessments and supporting struggling schools. Other eligibility requirements may apply. The Secretary shall determine which States receive grants under this section, and the amount of those grants, on the basis of information provided in State applications as well as other criteria as the Secretary determines appropriate.

In general, the Governor of a State wishing to receive funds under this program must submit an application that describes the State's progress in the areas mentioned above and how the State would use grant funding to continue making progress toward meeting the State's student academic achievement standards and closing achievement gaps. Other requirements may apply and the application process and details are subject to the Secretary's discretion. Each State receiving a grant under this section shall use at least 50 percent of the grant to provide local educational agencies in the State with subgrants based on their most recent relative shares of funding under Title I.

Application and Contact Information

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Department of Education Teacher Incentive Fund
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$200 million for the Teacher Incentive Fund. The purpose of this fund is to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools and provide educators with incentive to take on additional responsibilities and leadership. These funds would be administered nationally by the Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, eligible entities would be local education agencies, nonprofit organizations, state education agencies, and other organizations and/or agencies. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

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Department of Energy
Energy Efficiency and Conservation – Block and Competitive Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$3.2 billion for grants to states, tribes, and local governments to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and for improvements in energy efficiency. \$2.8 billion of the total will be allocated to states by formula. The remaining \$400 million is available through a competitive grant program. Funding can be used to conduct energy audits, perform energy efficiency improvements, develop or install energy efficiency technologies, and incentivize energy efficiency improvements in the private sector. The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy of the US Department of Energy (DOE) will likely administer the program.

Who is eligible for this funding?

The rules governing distribution for these grants have not yet been published. However, states, tribes, counties, cities are all eligible. Applicants should plan to provide DOE with a proposed energy efficiency and conservation strategy.

Application and Contact Information

Interested parties should contact:

U.S. Department of Energy
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Information Center
Phone: (877) 337-3463
Hours of Operation — 9 am – 7 pm EST, Mon-Fri
E-mail: eereic@ee.doe.gov

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Department of Energy - Advanced Battery Manufacturing Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$2 billion in competitive grants to support manufacturing advanced vehicle batteries and components. The Department of Energy will provide facility funding awards to manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries produced in the United States, including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component manufacturers, and software designers. The Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has published its intent to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement entitled "Automotive Battery Manufacturing Initiative."

Who is eligible for this funding?

Prospective applicants should be manufacturers or technology developers. Applicants are encouraged to form teams that include battery material suppliers and at least one battery original equipment manufacturer. It is also encouraged that teams include one or more potential customers/end users of the batteries to be produced. A non-Federal cost share will be required but has not been specified as yet.

Application and Contact Information

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kelly.mcdonald@netl.doe.gov
PO Box 880
Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

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HHS: Children and Families Services Programs - Competitive Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$50 million for Children and Families Services Programs to establish a new initiative to award capacity-building grants directly to nonprofit organizations. These funds will be administered nationally by the Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, this program is intended to expand the delivery of social services to individuals and communities affected by the economic downturn. Grantees will be expected to have clear and measurable goals and must be able to evaluate the success of their program. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

Administration for Children and Families
Department of Health & Human Services
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

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HHS: Head Start and Early Head Start - Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$2.1 billion for Head Start and Early Head Start. These funds will be administered nationally by the Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, \$1 billion will be awarded to Head Start programs according to the current statutory formula. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) should work with Head Start grantees in order to manage these resources in order to sustain fiscal year 2009 awards through fiscal year 2010. \$1.1 billion shall be allocated for Early Head Start and these funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. Guidance is still being formulated.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

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Department of Health & Human Services
Health Information Technology
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$2 billion for Health Information Technology (HIT) grants, training, infrastructure, dissemination of best practices, telemedicine, HIT clinical education.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT has the authority to administer grants. At this time, guidance has not yet been issued.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave. SW
Suite 729-D
Washington, DC 20201
202-690-7151
Email: onc.request@hhs.gov

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Department of Health & Human Services
Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) - Community Health Centers

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$1.5 billion for grants for construction, renovation and equipment, and for the acquisition of health information technology systems, for community health centers, including health center controlled networks receiving operating grants under section 330 of the Public Health Service ("PHS") Act, notwithstanding the limitation in section 330(e)(3). The bill also includes \$500 million for community health center grants. 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 uninsured populations. Grants for new sites and service-areas are to be two years in length as startup is phased in. These funds will be administered nationally by the Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, community health centers are public and private non-profit health care organizations that serve underserved populations and meet other criteria as determined in the health center program statute. Guidance is being formulated for this provision. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

The legislation report language encourages HRSA to consider supporting currently unfunded but approved community health center applications using the \$500 million for health center grants. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services will be administering this grant. Interested parties should contact:

Health Resources and Services Administration
Department of Health & Human Services
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

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Department of Health & Human Services
Health Resources & Services Administration - Health Professions Training
Programs

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Preliminary Fact Sheet

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$500 million for health professions training programs, some of which will be grant-based or loan-based. These funds will be administered nationally by the Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, within the \$500 million, \$300 million is allocated for National Health Service Corps (NHSC) recruitment and field activities, with \$75 million available through September 30, 2011 for extending service contracts and the recapture and reallocation of funds in the event that a participant fails to fulfill his or her term of service. Twenty percent of the NHSC funding shall be used for field operations. The remaining \$200 million is allocated for all the disciplines trained through the primary care medicine and dentistry program, the public health and preventive medicine program, the scholarship and loan repayment programs authorized in Title VII (Health Professions) and Title VIII (Nurse Training) of the PHS Act, and grants to training programs for equipment. Funds may also be used to foster cross-State licensing agreements for healthcare specialists. Guidance is being formulated for this provision. Eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

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Department of Health & Human Services
National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Research Resources
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$1.3 billion for the National Institutes of Health National Center for Research Resources program. These funds will be administered nationally by the National Institutes of Health through competitive awards for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities and to acquire shared instrumentation and other research equipment.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, these grants will be available to assist in the construction and renovation of existing non-federal biomedical or behavioral research facilities. The legislation requires that \$1 billion of the funds be used for grants or contracts to construct, renovate or repair existing Federal research facilities and \$300 million be given to the National Center for Research Resources to provide shared instrumentation and other capital research equipment to recipients of grants and contracts. Other eligibility requirements may apply. It is suggested in the report language that priority be given to applications that are expected to generate demonstrable energy-saving or beneficial environmental effects.

Application and Contact Information

The NIH National Center for Research Resources will be administering this grant. This falls under the US Department of Health and Human Services. Interested parties should contact:

National Center for Research Resources
National Institutes of Health
6701 Democracy Boulevard MSC 4874
Bethesda MD 20892-4874
301-435-0888

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Department of Health & Human Services
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of the Director
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mary L. Landrieu

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$800 million for the National Institutes of Health Office of the Director. These funds are for a range of scientific efforts with no formula for allocation other than being based on scientific priorities.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, these funds shall be used for purposes that can be completed within two years; priority shall be placed on short-term grants that focus on specific scientific challenges, new research that expands the scope of ongoing projects, and research on public and international health priorities. NIH is still formulating its plans to obligate the funding.

Application and Contact Information

NIH will be administering these funds. This falls under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Interested parties should contact:

National Institutes of Health (NIH)
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20892
NIHinfo@od.nih.gov
301-496-4000

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Department of Health & Human Services
Prevention and Wellness Programs
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
Office of Senator Mary L. Landrieu

What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$1 billion for prevention and wellness activities. These funds will be administered nationally by the Department of Health & Human Services.

Who is eligible for this funding?

According to the legislation, of these funds, \$300 million will be transferred to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to carry out the immunization fund. \$650 million will be used to carry out evidence-based clinical and community-based prevention and wellness strategies authorized by the Public Health Service Act, as determined by the Secretary, that deliver specific, measurable health outcomes that address chronic disease rates. \$50 million can be given to states to implement healthcare-associated infections reduction strategies. The Department is still formulating plans to allocate the funding.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Health & Human Services would be administering any potential grants. Interested parties should contact:

Administration for Children and Families
Department of Health & Human Services
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

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Department of Housing & Urban Development
Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$2 billion for the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grants. The grant program was created under the 2008 Foreclosure Bill (P.L. 110-289) and allows localities with the highest foreclosure numbers and rates to access funds towards repurchasing foreclosed, abandoned, and blighted properties. These units of government can then rehabilitate them if necessary, and rent or re-sell them. Unlike the initial funds in P.L. 110-289, which had formula-based grants, the funds in the Stimulus bill will be competitive grants. Non-profit organizations or consortia of non-profits may also utilize funds for foreclosure mitigation activities. The Secretary may use up to 10 percent of funds for capacity building for grantees receiving funds under the program. Grantees may not use more than 10 percent of awards for demolition activities unless the Secretary determines such an action is appropriate to local market conditions. Funds are available until September 30, 2010. Grantees must expend at least 50 percent of allocated funds 2 years from the date on which funds are obligated, and 100 percent of funds must be so expended within 3 years of such date.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, HUD awards grants to states and local jurisdictions to stabilize communities hardest hit by foreclosures and delinquencies. NSP grantees develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, NSP grantees must use at least 25 percent of the funds appropriated for the purchase and redevelopment of abandoned or foreclosed homes or residential properties that will be used to house individuals or families whose incomes do not exceed 50 percent of the area median income. In addition, all activities funded by NSP must benefit low- and moderate-income persons whose income does not exceed 120 percent of area median income.

Activities may not qualify under NSP using the "prevent or eliminate slums and blight" or "address urgent community development needs" objectives. NSP funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Establish financing mechanisms for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed homes and residential properties;
- Purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties abandoned or foreclosed;
- Establish land banks for foreclosed homes;
- Demolish blighted structures;
- Redevelop demolished or vacant properties

Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Under the Stimulus Bill, HUD has 75 days from the date of enactment to publish criteria for competitive proposals, which is estimated to be May 3, 2009. Applications are also required to be submitted not later than 150 days after enactment, which is estimated to be July 17, 2009. As such, detailed information and applications for financial assistance are currently being drafted. Additional information can be found at:

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

New Orleans Field Office
501 Magazine Street, 9th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70130
Telephone: (504)589-7214 ext. 1047

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FEMA Firefighter Assistance Grants - Competitive Grants and Loans
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$210 million for the FEMA Firefighter Assistance Grants. The Grant Programs Directorate of FEMA administers the grants in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. The primary goal of the Firefighter Assistance Grant is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. Since 2001, Firefighter Assistance Grant have helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are limited to fire departments and nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Service (EMA) organizations. Fire departments or nonaffiliated EMS organizations operating in any of the 50 States plus the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico are eligible for funding.

Application and Contact Information

Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through www.firegrantssupport.com as well as contacting the grants office:

Telephone: 866-274-0960

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Port Security Grants Program - Competitive Grants and Loans
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$150 million for the Port Security Grants Program (PSGP). The purpose of the PSGP is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, particularly attacks using explosives and non-conventional threats that could cause major disruption to commerce. PSGP funds are primarily intended to assist ports in enhancing maritime domain awareness, enhancing risk management capabilities to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from attacks involving improvised explosive devices, weapons of mass destruction and other non-conventional weapons, as well as training and exercises and Transportation Worker Identification Credential implementation.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants and loans are available to owners and operators of federally regulated terminals, facilities, or U.S. inspected passenger vessels or ferries as defined in the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 101, 104, 105, and 106. Also, port authorities or other State and local agencies are required to provide security services to eligible Ferry System applicants (MSTA regulated facilities) pursuant to an Area Maritime Security Plans (AMSP) or a Facility or Vessel Security Plan. Eligible applicants also include consortia composed of local river organizations, ports and terminal associations, and other local stakeholder groups representing federally regulated ports, terminals, U.S. inspected passenger vessels or ferries that are required to provide security services to federally regulated facilities in accordance with an AMSP or a Facility or Vessel Security Plan. Another entity that is encouraged to apply is the Group I and II Fiduciary Agents (including newly identified Group II port areas that chose to begin the FA process).

Application and Contact Information

Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through www.fema.gov as well as contacting the grants office:

Office of Domestic Preparedness
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Telephone: 1-800-368-6498
Fax: 202-786-9920

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**Public Transportation Security Assistance and Railroad Security Assistance
Grants - Competitive Grants and Loans**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$150 million for the Public Transportation Security Assistance and Railroad Security Assistance Grants. These funds provide grant funding to help strengthen the Nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. The program provides funds to owners and operators of transit systems (which include intra-city bus, commuter bus, and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, this funding is identified using a comprehensive, empirically-grounded risk analysis model. The risk methodology for the Transit Security Grant Program is consistent across modes and is linked to the risk methodology used to determine eligibility for the core DHS State and local grant programs. Awards will be made directly to transit agencies; therefore transit agencies will be responsible for submitting their own applications, including Investment Justifications and Detailed Budgets.

Application and Contact Information

Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through www.fema.gov as well as contacting the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness grants administrator:

1) Margaret Lee
mlee@ohsep.louisiana.gov
Telephone: (225) 922-7702

OR

2) Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Telephone: 1-800-368-6498
Fax: 202-786-9920

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**Department of Interior Historic Preservation for Historically Black Colleges -
Competitive Grants**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$15 million for grant assistance for historic preservation at historically black colleges and universities. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Interior through competitive grants.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, these grants are available to assist historically black colleges and universities with historic preservation efforts at their campuses. Louisiana schools include: Dillard University, Grambling University, Southern University A&M, Southern University and Xavier University. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the Department of Interior's Historic Preservation Office. Staff will be glad to discuss in detail any application questions. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the Department of Interior's Historic Preservation Office at:

Department of Interior – HP Office
1849 C Street, NW
Washington DC
Telephone: (202) 513-7270
Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Interior/USFWS, Resource Management and Construction– Grants and Loans

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$165 million for Interior/USFWS supplemental funding for management of lands and resources as well as construction. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Services through allocations to regional and state offices.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through the USFWS Office at:

USFWS
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240
Telephone: 1-800-344-9453
Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Byrne Competitive Grants

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What is this program?

The Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program) is an open, competitive solicitation. Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government. Only projects that are national in scope and respond to one or more of the priorities listed in the solicitation will be considered.

Byrne Discretionary Grant program funds could be used for the following purposes: (1) undertaking educational and training programs for criminal justice professionals and the general public about lawful and safe gun ownership, storage, and carriage; (2) providing technical assistance to states and local units of government; (3) providing financial assistance to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for demonstrations programs which, in light of research, would likely be successful in multiple jurisdictions; (4) undertaking projects that are national or multijurisdictional in nature.

Who is eligible for this funding?

Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government.

Application and Contact Information

The Office of Justice Programs encourages all interested and eligible applicants to register now to apply for funding. Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) registrant database through www.grants.gov. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the federal government.

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DOJ COPS Hiring Grants

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What is this program?

The COPS Office was created through the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. As a component of the Justice Department, the mission of the COPS Office is to advance the practice of community policing as an effective strategy to improve public safety. Moving from a reactive to proactive role, community policing represents a shift from more traditional law enforcement practices. By addressing the root causes of criminal and disorderly behavior, rather than simply responding to crimes once they have been committed, community policing concentrates on preventing both crime and the atmosphere of fear it creates. Additionally, community policing encourages the use of crime-fighting technology and operational strategies and the development of mutually beneficial relationships between law enforcement and the community. By earning the trust of the members of their communities and making those individuals stakeholders in their own safety, law enforcement can better understand and address the community's needs, and the factors that contribute to crime.

Who is eligible for this funding?

The stimulus will provide \$1,000,000,000 for grants to state, local, and tribal governments for the hiring of additional law enforcement officers.

Application and Contact Information

U.S. Department of Justice
Grant Program Specialist –
Discretionary/Non-Targeted: Katrice Hagan
Phone: 202.514.1156
E-mail: ask.Cops@usdoj.gov

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OVERVIEW

The Stimulus provides \$225 million for the Tribal Law Enforcement Assistance Program, \$125 million for rural law enforcement, and \$40 million for Southwest Border/Project Gunrunner grants. The Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”) will administer these initiatives.

The rural law enforcement grants will be aimed at combating drug abuse in rural America. The Tribal law enforcement initiative provides funding to American Indian tribes pursuant to the guidelines set forth under the Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program. The Southwest Border/Project Gunrunner initiative provides much needed funding to local law enforcement along the Southern Border or in high intensity drug trafficking areas.

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Violence Against Women Act: Transitional Housing Assistance Grants

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - *Preliminary Fact Sheet*

Office of Senator Mary L. Landrieu

What is this program?

The OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grant for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program (Transitional Housing Assistance Program) focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to provide transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing. Grants made under this grant program support programs that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services. It is critical that successful transitional housing programs provide a wide range of flexible and optional services that reflect the differences and individual needs of victims and that allows victims to choose the course of action that is best for them. Transitional housing programs may offer individualized services such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, and advocacy services as well as practical services such as licensed child care, employment services, transportation vouchers, telephones, and referrals to other agencies. Trained staff and case managers may also be available to work with clients to help them determine and reach their goals.

Who is eligible for this funding?

Under 42 U.S.C. § 13975(a), Transitional Housing Assistance Program grants may be awarded to States, units of government, Indian tribes, and other organizations, including domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers, domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, or community-based and culturally specific organizations, that have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Application and Contact Information

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
800 K Street, N.W., Suite 920
Washington, D.C. 2053
Phone: 202-307-6026
Fax: 202-307-3911
Website: www.usdoj.gov/ovw

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Office for Victims of Crime

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What is this program?

The Office for Victims of Crime (“OVC”) administers the Crime Victims Fund (established under the 1984 Victims of Crime Act) to help victims and victim service providers with needed funding. OVC distributes approximately 90 percent of the money collected by the Fund in the form of two major formula grant programs to state agencies: victim compensation and victim assistance.

Under its discretionary grant program, OVC has some flexibility in the topics and grantees it selects. Specifically, OVC makes discretionary grants to improve and enhance the quality and availability of victim services. Such grants can be awarded to states, local units of government, individuals, educational institutions, private nonprofit organizations, and private commercial organizations. Discretionary awards typically (but not always) are competitive. Discretionary funds support a wide range of activities, programs, and services, including initiatives that address.

The stimulus provides \$100 million for the OVC. \$5 million of this funding will be distributed on a competitive basis to fund technical, training, and field demonstration projects.

Who is eligible for this funding?

This grant opportunity offers awards of \$50,000 to \$500,000 to private nonprofit organizations or public agencies to support the development of national-scope training, technical assistance, and demonstration project initiatives. All initiatives must focus on improving the capacity of victim service providers and allied practitioners to advance rights and services to crime victims in a variety of areas, including child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, and stalking

Application and Contact Information

The OVC is working to extend the current deadline for this already existing grant program. It is also establishing additional performance measurement and reporting requirements. For information on the program and the application procedure, please visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/>.

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Worker Training in Emerging Sectors
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The stimulus includes \$750 million to fund competitive grants for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. \$500 million of this funding will go towards initiatives that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

\$250 million of the funding will go towards initiatives that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector. The remaining funding can also be used to prepare workers for careers in broadband deployment and advanced manufacturing.

Application and Contact Information

The Department of Labor will administer this program. The Department's website is <http://www.dol.gov/>.

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Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve: National Emergency Grants

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What is this program?

National Emergency Grants (NEG) are discretionary awards by the Secretary of Labor that temporarily expand service capacity at the State and local levels through time-limited funding assistance in response to significant dislocation events. Significant events are those that create a sudden need for assistance that cannot reasonably be expected to be accommodated within the ongoing operations of the formula-funded Dislocated Worker program, including the discretionary resources reserved at the State level.

Who is eligible for this funding?

National emergency grants may be used for the following purposes:

- Plant closures and mass layoffs affecting 50 or more workers at a single site of employment;
- Layoffs at several companies in a single local community including layoffs not meeting the single site criterion that, in total, have significantly increased the total number of unemployed individuals in the community. Priority will be given to those applications where the layoffs resulted in an increase of 1 percent in the local area unemployment during the preceding 12 months.
- Layoffs at multiple locations (multi--company) that occur within a 4--month period and in which each layoff impacts 50 or more workers;
- Closures and realignments of military installations;
- Emergencies or disasters that have been declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and
- Special assistance, including health insurance coverage assistance, to trade--impacted workers and other individuals eligible under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002.

Application and Contact Information

You can learn about the application process at:

http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/apply_neg.cfm

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Department of Transportation – MARAD Assistance to Small Shipyards
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$100 million for the Maritime Administration to invest in capital grants and related improvements to small shipyards located in or near maritime communities.

Who is eligible for this funding?

Either a shipyard or a State or local government on behalf of a shipyard can apply. The shipyard must be one in a single geographical location, located in or near a maritime community, that (1) is a small business concern within the meaning of section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632); and (2) does not have more than 600 production employees. Other eligibility requirements may apply

Application and Contact Information:

U.S. Department of Transportation
Maritime Administration
West Building
Southeast Federal Center
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Phone: 1-800-99-MARAD

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**Department of Transportation - Capital investments to public transit agencies
to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gasses**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$100 million for the Department of Transportation to distribute as discretionary grants to public transit agencies for capital investments. Priority will be given to projects based on the total energy savings that are projected to result from the investment.

Who is eligible for this funding?

Public Transit Agencies are eligible for this funding. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information:

Federal Transit Administration
East Building
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
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Department of Transportation – Grants-In-Aid to Airports
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Preliminary Fact Sheet - Office of Senator Mary L. Landrieu

What is this program?

Funding for grants-in-aid to airports pays for capital improvements at the Nation's airports, including those investments that emphasize capacity development, safety improvements, and security needs. Other priority areas for funding under this program include improvements to runway safety areas that do not conform to FAA standards, investments that are designed to reduce runway incursions, and aircraft noise compatibility planning and programs.

Who is eligible for this funding?

AIP grants for planning, development, or noise compatibility projects are at or associated with individual public-use airports (including heliports and seaplane bases). A public-use airport is an airport open to the public that also meets the following criteria:

- Publicly owned, or
- Privately owned but designated by FAA as a reliever, or
- Privately owned but having scheduled service and at least 2,500 annual enplanements.

Further, to be eligible for a grant, an airport must be included in the NPIAS. The NPIAS, which is prepared and published every 2 years, identifies public-use airports that are important to public transportation and contribute to the needs of civil aviation, national defense, and the Postal service.

What projects are eligible for this funding?

Eligible projects include those improvements related to enhancing airport safety, capacity, security, and environmental concerns. In general, sponsors can use AIP funds on most airfield capital improvements or repairs except those for terminals, hangars, and non-aviation development. Any professional services that are necessary for eligible projects — such as planning, surveying, and design — are eligible as is runway, taxiway, and apron pavement maintenance. Aviation demand at the airport must justify the projects, which must also meet Federal environmental and procurement requirements. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

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**Department of Transportation – Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail
Corridors and Intercity Rail Service**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

Capital Assistance to States – High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program. The program increases the States’ role in intercity passenger rail development by establishing a partnership for High Speed and intercity passenger rail investment along the model of those that currently exist for other modes of transportation such as for highways, airports, and transit systems. This program provides \$8 billion for investment in High Speed Rail Corridors as well as intercity rail service.

Who is eligible for this funding?

Eligibility for this program is still being formulated by the Office of Railroad Development.

Application and Contact Information

Grants.gov website: (www.grants.gov)
Peter Schwartz
Office of Railroad Development (RDV-11)
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Phone: (202) 493-6360

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Department of Transportation – Surface Transportation Competitive Grant Program

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$1.5 billion for the Department of Transportation to invest in surface transportation infrastructure. These funds will be administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Transportation through competitive grants and loans that will fund surface transportation infrastructure. Eligible projects include highway or bridge projects including interstate rehabilitation, improvements to the rural collector road system, the reconstruction of overpasses and interchanges, bridge replacements, seismic retrofit projects for bridges, and road realignments; public transportation projects, including investments in projects participating in the New Starts or Small Starts programs that will expedite the completion of those projects and their entry into revenue service; passenger and freight rail transportation projects; and port infrastructure investments, including projects that connect ports to other modes of transportation and improve the efficiency of freight movement:

Who is eligible for this funding?

State and local government entities as well as transit agencies are eligible to apply for the funds. **Funds for this program will only be awarded in amounts between \$20 million and \$300 million.** Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
Phone: 202-366-4000

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**Department of Transportation – Federal Transit Administration: Capital
Investment Grants**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$750 million to provide supplemental grants for the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts and Small Starts program. These funds will be administered nationally by the Federal Transit Administration

Who is eligible for this funding?

Eligible recipients include Public Bodies, Transit Authorities, and State DOT's. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Federal Transit Administration
East Building
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
Phone: (202) 366-4043

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Improvements to Existing Small Business Administration Programs

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) appropriates \$730 million to improve existing SBA programs and create new initiatives that will address the current economic crisis.

Major Provisions

Temporary SBA Fee Relief: As a result of the financial crisis and the recession, small business lending in the SBA's flagship loan programs – 7(a) and 504 programs – is in a freefall. The bill allocates \$375 million to allow for temporary waivers or reductions in the fees the SBA charges to lenders and borrowers in the 7(a) and 504 loan programs. When determining the amount and structure of the waivers/reductions, the bill requires the SBA to give borrowers and smaller banks priority in receiving fee relief.

Temporary Increase in SBA Guarantee Levels: This allows the SBA to – on a case by case basis – temporarily raise the guarantee level (up to 90%) for 7(a) loans, other than loans made through the SBA Express program. Currently, the maximum guarantee levels are 75% for loans over \$150,000, and 85% for loans of \$150,000 or less. The increased guarantee will provide a higher level of protection for risk-weary small business lenders who have tightened their lending standards considerably in the wake of the credit crunch.

Business Stabilization Program: The bill will also help banks provide relatively small, short-term loans to small business borrowers experiencing immediate financial hardship. Specifically, the new program will temporarily allow the SBA to (i) fully guarantee “stabilization” loans that cannot exceed \$35,000, and (ii) fully subsidize a small business borrower's interest payments on the stabilization loan. A borrower does not have to begin repaying the stabilization loan until 12 months after receiving it, and the loan must be paid in full within 5 years.

SBA Secondary Market Stimulus: Many SBA lenders – in both the 504 and 7(a) programs – rely on a secondary market for SBA loans. These lenders sell a portion of the SBA loans they have already made to broker-dealers. The sales provide lenders with an important funding stream that allows them to extend additional SBA loans. The broker-dealers, in turn, pool the loans and sell them to investors in the secondary market. In the wake of the subprime mortgage crisis, the secondary markets for SBA loans have frozen. To thaw the 7(a) secondary market, the bill permits the SBA to make loans to broker-dealers. These loans would then be used by the broker-dealers to finance the purchase of additional SBA loans from banks. Another provision in the bill will help unfreeze the secondary market for “first lien” loans in the 504 program by guaranteeing

pools of these loans, thus making them more attractive to risk-averse investors who have essentially abandoned all mortgage-backed securities.

Contact Information

Any questions can be directed to the SBA field offices. SBA staff will be glad to discuss your needs and the services available from the SBA. Detailed information for financial assistance is available through the SBA Louisiana District office at:

SBA Louisiana District Office
365 Canal St., Suite 2820
New Orleans, LA 70130
Phone: (504) 589-6685
Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm M-F

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National Endowment for the Arts – Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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What is this program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) includes \$50 million for National Endowment for the Arts grants and administration. These funds will be administered on a 40/60 split with 40 percent of funds distributed to state arts agencies and regional arts organizations and 60 percent of funds for competitively selected arts projects and activities. This program is normally funded through the annual Interior Appropriations Act.

Who is eligible for this funding?

In general, the funds will be distributed to fund art 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. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Application and Contact Information

Applications are filed with the Louisiana Division of the Arts and/or with National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through either office at:

NEA
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20506-0001
Telephone: 202-682-5400
Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Louisiana Division of the Arts
PO Box 44247
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4247
Grants Office: 225-342-8184
Grants Help-Line: 225-342-8132

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