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## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Roadmap



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Dear Friends and Community Partners,

In this historic time for our country, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is a dramatic lifeline to families and businesses across Florida and the struggling Tampa Bay area. President Barack Obama initiated a bold recovery plan of action upon taking office just as Franklin Delano Roosevelt did seventy years ago. Our neighbors and community now have better opportunities to stop the downward spiral of shrinking jobs, health care and savings.

I am pleased to share with you this "Roadmap" of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Roadmap provides information on job creation opportunities funded by the Recovery Plan. The Roadmap also provides helpful summaries and websites. Our Roadmap is not exhaustive, but it is a general guide to help you understand how this money flows under President Obama's Recovery Plan to our community. As you may know, much of the funding for the Recovery Plan was sent from the Federal government directly to the states and to local governments. Therefore, you will frequently find that the contacts and funding sources at the state and local level that you have used in the past will be the same as you pursue funding through the Recovery Act.

The economic engines of the Tampa Bay area are education, health and construction – and all benefit under our Recovery Plan. I look forward to working with you as you participate in this historic opportunity to foster new job opportunities and spur long term economic growth in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor  
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## **Program Funding Provided From The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

[www.usda.gov/recovery](http://www.usda.gov/recovery)

**Program:** Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband

**Funding Agency:** Rural Utilities Service

**Federal Funding:** \$2.5 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure throughout the country. Seventy-five percent of the area to be served by such funds shall be in a rural area without sufficient access to high speed broadband service.

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

### **U.S. Department of Transportation**

[www.dot.gov/recovery](http://www.dot.gov/recovery)

**Program:** National Surface Transportation Supplemental Discretionary Grants

**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation

**Federal Funding:** \$1.5 billion

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

**How to Apply:** Funds will be awarded through competitive grants from the U.S. DOT. Please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and [http://www.dot.gov/citizen\\_services/grants\\_loans/](http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/) as more information will be posted as it becomes available.

**Program: Transit Capital Assistance**

**Funding Agency:** Federal Transit Administration

**Federal Funding:** \$6.9 billion

**Description:** These funds will be administered through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Eighty percent of the funding will be distributed through the FTA's urbanized formula, 10% of the funding will be through FTA's rural formula, and 10% will be through FTA's growing states and high density formula.

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

For more information please visit <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economicstimulus/>

**Program: Rail Transportation: Intercity and High Speed**

**Funding Agency:** US Department of Transportation: Federal Railroad Administration

**Federal Funding:** \$8 billion

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

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

**Federal Agency: Federal Aviation Administration (Airport Improvements)**

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

**How to Apply:** Funds will be used by the FAA to provide discretionary airport grants to repair and improve critical infrastructure at our nation's airports.

**Federal Agency: Federal Aviation Administration**

**Federal Funding:** \$200 million

- Upgrade the FAA's power systems: \$50 million
- Modernize aging en route air traffic control centers: \$50 million
- Replace air traffic control towers and TRACONS: \$80 million
- Install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment: \$20 million

**How to Apply:** Funds will be used by the FAA's discretion for the purposes listed above.

**Federal Agency: Amtrak**

**Amtrak funding:** \$1.3 billion

**How to Apply:** This funding will solely be provided to Amtrak. Funds will be used by the U.S. Department of Transportation for improvements for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK). \$450 million will be spent for security improvements. No more than 60% of the remaining funds will be spent in the Northeast Corridor. It requires that funds be awarded within 30 days of enactment and that all projects funded be completed within two years.

**Federal Agency: Federal Transit Administration**

**Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment:** \$750 million

**How to Apply:** Funds will be distributed through an existing authorized formula for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems.

**Federal Agency: Federal Transit Administration**

**Capital Investment Grants: \$750 million**

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

### **Army Corps of Engineers Funding**

**Federal Agency: Army Corps of Engineers**

**Federal Funding:** \$4.6 billion

**Funding by Army Corps Program:**

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

**Description:** The Corps of Engineers provides construction and operation and maintenance of the nation's flood control and navigation infrastructure, as well as the construction environmental restoration projects. The Army Corps of Engineers will receive \$4.6 billion in Recovery funding for backlogged projects.

- The 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is included in one Army Corps District:  
Tampa Office: (813)831-4894

### **Department of Commerce**

[www.commerce.gov/recovery](http://www.commerce.gov/recovery)

**Program: Economic Development Assistance Programs**

**Funding Agency:** Economic Development Administration

**Federal Funding:** \$150 million U.S. (Conference Report)

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

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

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

**Program: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

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

**Federal Funding:** \$4.7 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

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

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the NTIA. Visit <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/> or <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm>.

**Program: Scientific and Technical Research and Services**

**Funding Agency:** National Institute of Standards and Technology

**Federal Funding:** \$580 million

**Description:** Of that total, \$360 million would be for research and development facility construction grants, and \$220 million for research grants, additional research fellowships and advanced research and measurement equipment and supplies.

**Department of Justice**

[www.usdoj.gov/recovery](http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery)

**Program: Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution**

**Funding Agency:** Office on Violence against Women

**Federal Funding:** \$225 million U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** Funding for Violence against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs will be available until September 30, 2010. \$175 million is for the STOP Violence against Women Formula Assistance Program. \$50 million is for transitional housing assistance grants.

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. State and local units of government, non-profit non-governmental victims' services programs may apply. Visit [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm) for STOP Violence Against Women program and [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm) for the transitional housing assistance grants.

**Program: Byrne Competitive Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

**Federal Funding:** \$225 million U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** The funding is for competitive, peer-reviewed grants to units of State, local, and tribal government, and to national, regional, and local non-profit organizations to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth.

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program: Rural Law Enforcement**

**Funding Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

**Federal Funding:** \$125 million U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** The funding is for grants to combat the persistent problems of drug-related crime in rural America. Funds are available on a competitive basis for drug enforcement and other law enforcement activities in rural states and rural areas, including for the hiring of police officers and for community drug prevention and treatment programs.

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.

**Program: Victims Compensation**

**Funding Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

**Federal Funding:** \$100 million U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** The funding is for formula grants to be administered through the Justice Department's Office for Victims for Crime to support State compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, drunk driving, homicide and other Federal and state crimes.

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>

**Program: Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program**

**Funding Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

**Federal Funding:** \$50 million U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** The funding will help State and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children.

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>  
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/programs/ProgSummary.asp?pi=3#Funding>

## National Science Foundation

[www.nsf.gov/recovery](http://www.nsf.gov/recovery)

**Program: Robert Noyce Scholarship Program**

**Funding Agency:** National Science Foundation

**Federal Funding:** \$60 million U.S. (Conference Report)

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

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

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5733](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5733) or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

**Program: Math and Science Partnerships**

**Funding Agency:** National Science Foundation

**Federal Funding:** \$25 million U.S. (Conference Report)

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

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

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5756&org=NSF](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5756&org=NSF) or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

## Department of Education

[www.ed.gov/recovery](http://www.ed.gov/recovery)

**Program: Impact Aid**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$100 million U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** This funding is for construction of schools that educate “federally-connected students or have federally-owned land.” Disbursement will be made to local school jurisdictions that are “financially burdened by federal activities.”

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

- 50% will be distributed at the of March

- The other 50% will be distributed once the state submits an amendment to its Consolidated Application that addresses how it will meet the recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

**Program: Innovation and Improvement**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$200 million U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** All the funding provided is for the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) program.

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

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

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

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

**Program: Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$680 million U.S. (Conference Report)

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

**How to Apply:** All registered vocational rehabilitation service providers may apply. For independent living programs, all non-profit organizations that run centers for independent living are eligible to apply. To apply for funding for Services for Older Blind Individuals, agencies serving individuals who are blind may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/cil/index.html> or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program: Student Financial Assistance**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$15.84 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

**Florida Funding:** \$936.5 million

**District 11:** \$68.7 million

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

**How to Apply:** Applicants for a Pell Grant should visit

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html> or [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or

<http://studentaid.ed.gov> or [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov) to obtain application and further information.

- Pell Grants will available in July.

**Program: Institute of Education Sciences**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$250 million U.S. (Conference Report)

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

**How to Apply:** Institutions of Higher Education may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/index.asp>

- The Department of Education hopes to begin applications in April or May
- Funds will be available within 60 days of being awarded

## Department of Homeland Security

[www.dhs.gov/recovery](http://www.dhs.gov/recovery)

**Program: State and Local Programs**

**Funding Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Federal Funding:** \$300 million U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** \$150 million is for the Public Transportation Security Assistance and Railroad Security Assistance, including Amtrak security and \$150 million is for Port Security Grants. The bill waives the cost-share for Port Security Grants funded in this Act. Priority will be given to construction projects which address the most significant risks and can also be completed in a timely fashion.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be distributed by the federal agency directly to transit agencies. Eligible agencies will be determined by the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). Visit <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/psgp/index.shtm#1> for Port Security Grants and <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/tsgp/index.shtm> for Transit Security Grants and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

**Program: Firefighter Assistance Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Federal Funding:** \$210 million U.S. (Conference Report)

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

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

**Program: Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program Account**

**Funding Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Federal Funding:** \$5 million U.S. (Conference Report)

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

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

## **Department of Defense**

[www.defenselink.mil/recovery](http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery)

**Program: Near Term Energy Efficiency Technology Demonstrations and Research**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Defense

**Federal Funding:** \$300 million U.S.

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

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

[http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/docs/guide to dod contracting opportunities us 20070425.pdf](http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/docs/guide%20to%20dod%20contracting%20opportunities%20070425.pdf)

## **Housing and Urban Development**

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>

**Program: Supplemental Grants to Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Federal Funding:** \$4 billion

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

**How to Apply:** \$3 billion would be administered through the current grant process and \$1 billion would be administered through a new competitive grant process. The new

process would provide funding to projects that rehabilitate units to improve energy efficiency, that increase affordable housing projects that are ready-to-go, and address the housing needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Projects that can award contracts, based on bids, within 120 days from the date that funds are available to the recipients would be given priority. Details for the competitive grants will be available at [www.HUD.gov](http://www.HUD.gov) or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program: Public Assisted Housing Stability and Energy Efficiency**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Federal Funding:** \$2.25 billion

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

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

**Program: HOME**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Federal Funding:** \$2.25 billion

**Description:** HOME is a flexible source of dollars for local jurisdictions, and funding provided through this account will help to rehabilitate and construct housing, as well as fill financing gaps caused by the credit freeze. There are thousands of ready-to-go housing projects that have been stalled due to the economic crisis. HOME will serve as a financing mechanism to fill the gaps left by the private market, and will spur construction jobs in the hard-hit homebuilding industry. Funds are distributed by formula.

**How to Apply:** State and local governments are eligible to apply. For further details and to apply visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

**Program: Emergency Food and Shelter Program**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Homeland Security

**Federal Funding:** \$100,000,000

**Description:** The Emergency Food and Shelter Program began in 1983 with a \$50 million federal appropriation. The program was created by Congress to help meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter. The program is governed by a national board composed of representatives of the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; United Jewish Communities; The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; and United Way of America. The Board is chaired by a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**How to Apply:** Additional money will be given to the organizations listed above. The national board will allocate these additional funds to local agencies through an established federal formula based on unemployment, population and poverty data.

### **Small Business Provisions**

[www.sba.gov/recovery](http://www.sba.gov/recovery)

**Funding Agency:** Small Business Administration

**Federal Funding:** \$630,000,000

**Description:** This program provides \$630 million to the SBA to guarantee private sector loans to small businesses: \$6 million for direct loans, and increased SBA guarantees on certain types of loans. The \$630 million is for two purposes: \$375 million is for reimbursements, loan subsidies and loan modifications related to SBA 7(a) loans; and \$255 million is for a new small business stabilization program.

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

\* Additional provisions for small businesses can be found in the tax section of this document.

### **Financial Services**

[www.cdfifund.gov/recovery](http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery)

**Program:** Community Development Financial Institution Programs

**Funding Agency:** Department of Treasury

**Federal Funding:** \$100,000,000

**Description:** The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program was established by the Reigle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 to use federal resources to invest in and build the capacity of CDFIs to serve low-income people and communities lacking adequate access to affordable financial products and services.

**How to Apply:** An organization wishing to apply must be either already certified as a CDFI or be able to become certified by the Fund within two years of its application. For further details on how to become certified and to apply visit [http://www.cdfifund.gov/what we do/programs id.asp?programID=7](http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7).

## Department of Health and Human Services

[www.hhs.gov/recovery](http://www.hhs.gov/recovery)

### **Program: Community Health Centers**

**Funding Agency:** Health Resources and Services Administration, which is an office within the Department of Health and Human Services

**Federal Funding:** \$500,000,000

**Description:** These funds are to be used to support new sites and service areas, to increase services at existing sites and to provide supplemental payments for spikes in the uninsured. Grants for new sites and services are to be two years in length. The Conferees specifically encourage funding currently approved community health centers applications.

**How to Apply:** This funding is for community health centers. Grants will be available through HRSA and will be awarded directly to community health centers. Community Health centers can apply through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or <http://www.hrsa.gov/>.

### **Program: National Health Service Corp.**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services through HRSA

**Federal Funding:** \$300,000,000

**Description:** This funding will be used for extending service contracts and operations. Funding will also go to training programs for the primary care medicine and dentistry fund, the public health and preventative medicine program and scholarship.

**How to Apply:** Additional information can be found at <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/>.

### **Program: Head Start**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

**Federal Funding:** \$1 Billion

**Florida Funding:** \$75.4 Million

**Tampa Funding:** \$4.8 Million

**Description:** The Head Start funds will be allocated according to current statutory formula. HHS will work with local Head Start grantees in order to manage these resources to sustain FY 09 awards through FY10.

**How to Apply:** For more information and to apply visit [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov) or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

### **Program: Early Head Start**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

**Federal Funding:** \$1.1 billion

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

**How to Apply:** These will be competitive grants administered through the Department of Health and Human Services. Apply through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov).

**Program:** Establish a New Initiative to award capacity building grants directly to nonprofits

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

**Federal Funding:** \$100,000,000

**Description:** This program will expand the delivery of social services to individuals and communities affected by the economic downturn.

**How to Apply:** The guidelines for the grant process will be established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. More information can be obtained at [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program:** Health IT

**Federal Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

**Federal Funding:** \$19 billion

**Description:** This bill promotes the use of health information technology (health IT), such as electronic health records, by: requiring the government to take a leadership role to develop standards by 2010 that allow for the nationwide electronic exchange and use of health information to improve quality and coordination of care; investing \$19 billion in health information technology infrastructure and Medicare and Medicaid incentives to encourage doctors, hospitals, and other providers to use health IT to electronically exchange patients' health information; and strengthening Federal privacy and security law to protect identifiable health information from misuse as the health care sector increases use of health IT.

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

**Program:** National Institute of Health (NIH)

**Federal Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

**Federal Funding:** \$10 billion

**Description:** \$1 billion of the total allotted money will be distributed as competitive grants through the NIH National Center for Research. These grants will be awarded for construction and renovation of external research facilities.

**How to Apply:** For additional information and to apply for a grant visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm>.

## Department of Interior

[www.interior.gov/recovery](http://www.interior.gov/recovery)

### **Program: Bureau of Land Management**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management

**Federal Funding:** \$305 million

**Description:** This funding is for the management of lands and resources under the Bureau’s jurisdiction. The Bureau should select the individual projects based on a prioritized process which weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest time and which creates lasting value. Projects can include deferred maintenance, abandoned mine and well site remediation, road and trail maintenance, watershed improvement, and high priority habitat restoration.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be distributed at the Bureau’s discretion and not available for applicants.

### **Program: Wildland Fire Management**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management

**Federal Funding:** \$15 million

**Description:** These funds will be used for high priority hazardous fuels reduction projects on Federal lands.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be distributed at the Bureau’s discretion and not available for applicants.

### **Program: Operation of the National Park System**

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

**Federal Funding:** \$146 million

**Description:** These funds will be used for operations of the national park system. Eligible projects to be funded within this account include, but are not limited to, repair and rehabilitation of facilities and other infrastructure, trail maintenance projects and other critical infrastructure needs. The selection of individual projects will be selected by the National Park Service. It will be based on a prioritization process that weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs and creates lasting value.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be distributed at the National Park Service’s discretion and not available for applicants.

### **Program: Historic Preservation Fund**

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

**Federal Funding:** \$15 million

**Description:** These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be available through competitive grants administered through the Department of Interior. Check [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for the announcement of the grant openings.

**Program: Department of Interior - Construction**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Interior

**Federal Funding:** \$589 million

**Description:** Eligible projects include: major facility construction, road maintenance, abandoned mine cleanup, equipment replacement, and preservation and rehabilitation of historic assets.

**How to Apply:** The Department of Interior will have the discretion to award funding for projects currently backlogged.

**Program: Surveys, Investigations and Research**

**Funding Agency:** United States Geological Survey

**Federal Funding:** \$140 million

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

**How to Apply:** Discretionary funding will be administered through the United States Geological Survey. Visit [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov) for more information.

**Department of Labor**

[www.dol.gov/recovery/](http://www.dol.gov/recovery/)

**Program: Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Labor

**Federal Funding:** \$200 million

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

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

**Program: Youth Build**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Labor

**Federal Funding:** \$50 million

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

**How to Apply:** These funds will be distributed through competitive grants through the Department of Labor. Grant information will be available as the Department of Labor administers the program at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program: “Green” and Health Care Worker Training**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Labor

**Federal Funding:** \$750 million

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

**How to Apply:** The Department of Labor will provide additional information as to how to apply as they administer this program. Please check [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov) for more information.

**Program: Community Service Employment for Older Americans**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Labor

**Federal Funding:** \$120 million

**Description:** The Community Service Employment grants for older Americans are a community service and work based training program created in 1965. Through this program, older workers have access to the SCSEP services as well as other employment assistance available through the One-Stop Career Centers of the workforce investment system. The wages paid to these low-income seniors will provide a direct stimulus to the economies of local communities.

**How to Apply:** Nonprofit organizations may apply. Current grantees will be provided with the additional funding directly from the Department of Labor.

**Program: Job Corps**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Labor

**Federal Funding:** \$250 million

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

**How to Apply:** Discretionary funding will be used by the Office of Job Corps within the Department of Labor.

## Department of Energy

[www.energy.gov/recovery](http://www.energy.gov/recovery)

**Program: Biomass from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$800 million

**Description:** The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for biomass research and development.

**How to Apply:** Please check <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/> for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program: Geothermal from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Recovery Funding:** \$400 million

**Description:** The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for geothermal technologies research and development.

**How to Apply:** Please check <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/> for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$3.2 billion

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

**How to Apply:** Please check [www.doe.gov](http://www.doe.gov) for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program: Advanced Battery Manufacturing Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$2 billion

**Description:** Domestic manufacturing facilities are eligible for this funding. The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components.

**How to Apply:** Please check [www.doe.gov](http://www.doe.gov) for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program: Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$300 million

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

**How to Apply:** The Department of Energy will administer these grants on a competitive basis through its Clean Cities Program, to state and local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and appropriate private entities to be used to purchase and demonstrate alternatively fueled vehicles that utilize fuel cell, electric, or hybrid drive system technologies. Please visit [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for the announcement following the program's implementation.

**Program: Transportation Electrification**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$400 million

**Description:** This funding is for a transportation electrical system construction program, authorized by the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act, at transportation facilities, including seaports and truck stops.

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

**Program: Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate program and Energy Star program**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$300 million

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

**How to Apply:** The Department of Energy will administer these rebates through the Energy Star program. Please visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for more information as the program is implemented.

**Program: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability -Smart Grid Investment**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$4.5 billion

**Description:** The existing transmission system in the United States requires modernization in light of increasing demand. This funding will provide for research and development, pilot projects, and federal matching funds for the Smart Grid Investment Program to

meet the goal of developing a modern electric grid, enhancing security and reliability of energy infrastructure, and facilitating recovery from disruptions to the energy supply. A smart grid is an approach to operating the nation's electricity transmission and distribution system using advanced digital technology to save energy and cost, and to allow demand response, use of storage technologies (including plug-in hybrid batteries), integration of dispersed renewable and distributed generators, enhanced reliability and quicker repair of outages, and improved power quality.

**How to Apply:** There will be a regional demonstration initiative administered through the Department of Energy. There will also be 50% matching grants to states provided by the Department. More information will be available at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Program: Fossil Energy Research and Development**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$3.4 billion

**Description:** This funding provides funding for research, development, and demonstration of carbon sequestration, also known as carbon capture projects.

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

**Program: Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$483 million

**Description:** This funding will create jobs in environmental cleanup and remediation services; address legal requirements with states to perform mandated cleanup activities; and accelerate the completion of capital projects, shortening out-year mortgage costs. Sites related to past nuclear activities are excluded.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be awarded discretionally as well as competitively in the form of grants. Please check [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for more information as it is announced.

**Program: Science**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$1.6 billion

**Description:** The Office of Science at the Department of Energy is the single largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States, providing more than 40 percent of total funding for this vital area of national importance. It oversees – and is the principal federal funding agency of – the Nation's research programs in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences. Independent scientific research provides the foundation for innovation and future technologies. But U.S. Federal funding for research and development has declined steadily over the last decade. This funding will support improvements to DOE

laboratories and scientific facilities to provide the foundation for research and development efforts.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) for more information.

**Program: Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$390 million

**Description:** This Fund's primary mission is to provide decontamination and decommissioning and cleanup of the nation's three gaseous diffusion plants, namely Tennessee Technology Park in Tennessee, the Paducah GDP in Kentucky, and the Portsmouth GDP near Piketon, Ohio.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be awarded discretionally by the Department of Energy. Please check [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) for more information.

**Program: Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$400 million

**Description:** Energy to support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy efficiency as authorized by the America COMPETES Act. The Department of Energy estimates that this amount of funding will support 50,000 jobs through research and construction of laboratory facilities.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) for more information.

**Program: Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$6 billion

**Description:** This new loan program would provide loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies. The \$6 billion is expected to support more than \$60 billion in loans for these projects. \$10 million from this \$6 billion will support the administrative expenses for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan program.

**How to Apply:** After implementing this new loan program, more information will be available at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov).

**Program: Defense Environmental Cleanup**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$5.127 billion

**Description:** This funding will accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the Nation's past nuclear activities. This funding will create jobs in environmental cleanup and remediation services; address legal requirements with states to perform mandated cleanup activities; and accelerate the completion of capital projects, shortening out-year mortgage costs.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) for more information.

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

[www.epa.gov/recovery](http://www.epa.gov/recovery)

**Program: Hazardous Substance Superfund**

**Funding Agency:** EPA

**Federal Funding:** \$600 million

**Description:** Funds are limited to the Superfund Remedial program. The Superfund Remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and the environment. Of the over 15,000 uncontrolled hazardous waste sites nation-wide, EPA currently has listed 1,255 sites on its National Priority List. It is these sites, selected based on a hazard ranking system, which would benefit from recovery funds.

**How to Apply:** The EPA will award these funds based on the National Priority List for Superfund Remedial sites. Please continue to check [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) or [www.epa.gov/superfund](http://www.epa.gov/superfund) for additional information.

**Program: Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Account**

**Funding Agency:** EPA

**Federal Funding:** \$200 million

**Description:** Through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program, EPA provides resources to states and territories for the oversight, enforcement and cleanup of petroleum releases from underground storage tanks (USTs). EPA estimates that every year 7,570 new releases occur. Added to the number of sites not yet completed, there could be as many as 116,000 sites requiring clean up actions in 2009.

**How to Apply:** The EPA will award these funds based on their priority lists for the program. Please visit [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) as they continue to administer the program.

## **Program: Brownfields Projects**

**Funding Agency:** EPA

**Federal Funding:** \$100 million

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

**How to Apply:** Eligible entities include state, local and tribal governments, legislatures, general purpose units of local government, land clearance authorities or other quasi-governmental entities and non-profit organizations. Grants will be distributed by federal agency on a competitive basis. Visit [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for more information.

## **Program: Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grants**

**Funding Agency:** EPA

**Federal Funding:** \$300 million

**Description:** Created in 2005, the DERA program provides grants and loans to states and local governments for projects that reduce diesel emission. Priority projects include those that maximize public health benefits by significantly reducing particulate matter emissions which are a significant threat to both human health and a likely contributor to global warming. The program also targets geographic areas with high air pollution and air toxics and areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution, such as truck stops and ports. EPA funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs.

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

## Tax Provisions

[www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6](http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6)

**Program: Computers as Qualified Education Expenses in 529 Education Plans**

Plans are tax-advantaged savings plans that cover all qualified education expenses, including: tuition, room & board, mandatory fees and books. The bill provides that computers and computer technology qualify as qualified education expenses.

**How To Apply:** Families that use 529 Education Plans will now be able to withdraw funds from the 529 account, tax free, to go toward to purchase of computers or computer technology. For more information, visit <http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/index.asp>

**Program: Incentives to Hire Unemployed Veterans and Disconnected Youth.**

Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups; families receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, certain veterans receiving food stamps or disability compensation, certain ex-felons, residents of designated communities, individuals in vocational rehabilitation, certain youths employed during the summer, certain food stamp recipients, certain recipients of SSI, and long term recipients of family assistance. The bill creates two new targeted groups of prospective employees: unemployed veterans and disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6 months. This proposal is estimated to cost \$231 million over 10 years.

**How to Apply:** The participating business will receive the work opportunity tax credit when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p954.pdf>.

**Program: Qualified School Construction Bonds.**

The bill creates a new category of tax credit bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities or for the acquisition of land on which a public school facility will be constructed. There is a national limitation on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by State and local governments of \$22 billion (\$11 billion allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010). There is a national limitation on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by Indian tribal governments of \$400 million (\$200 million allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010). This proposal is estimated to cost \$9.877 billion over 10 years.

**How to Apply:** The taxpayer holding qualified school construction bonds on a credit allowance date is entitled to a tax credit. The amount of the tax credit is determined by multiplying the bond's credit rate by the face amount on the holder's bond. The tax credit will be received when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) .

**Program: Extension and Increase in Authorization for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs).**

The bill allows an additional \$1.4 billion of QZAB issuing authority to State and local governments in 2009 and 2010, which can be used to finance renovations, equipment purchases, developing course material, and training teachers and personnel at a qualified zone academy. In general, a qualified zone academy is any public school (or academic program within a public school) below college level that is located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community and is designed to cooperate with businesses to enhance the academic curriculum and increase graduation and employment rates. QZABs are a form of tax credit bonds, which offer the holder a Federal tax credit instead of interest. This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.045 billion over 10 years.

**How to Apply:** The taxpayer holding qualified school construction bonds on a credit allowance date is entitled to a tax credit. The amount of the tax credit is determined by multiplying the bond's credit rate by the face amount on the holder's bond. The tax credit will be received when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p954/ar02.html#d0e3636>

**Program: "Making Work Pay" Tax Credit**

For 2009 and 2010, the bill provides a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 for working individuals and \$800 for working families.

**How to Apply:** Taxpayers will receive this benefit through a reduction in the amount of income tax withheld from their paychecks. Taxpayers may consult with their employer and visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for more information.

**Program: Economic Recovery Payment to Recipients of Social Security, SSI, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Disability Compensation Benefits**

This provision would provide a one-time payment of \$250 to retirees, disabled individuals and SSI recipients receiving benefits from the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement beneficiaries, and disabled veterans receiving benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The one-time payment is a reduction to any allowable Making Work Pay credit.

**How to Apply:** For more information, please visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or [www.treasury.gov](http://www.treasury.gov).

**Program: Refundable Credit for Certain Federal and State Pensioners**

The bill would provide a one-time refundable tax credit of \$250 in 2009 to certain government retirees who are not eligible for Social Security benefits. This one-time credit is a reduction to any allowable Making Work Pay credit.

**How to Apply:** For more information, please visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**Program: Increase in Earned Income Tax Credit**

The earned income tax credit (EITC) is a tax credit for low-income working individuals and families that is refundable for certain taxpayers, meaning it can be claimed even if the credit is worth more than the taxes owed. This provision would

temporarily increase the earned income tax credit from 40% to 45% for working families with three or more children.

**How to Apply:** Taxpayers will receive this credit by claiming the credit on their tax returns. The provision is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. For more information about the EITC, please contact [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or the Office of Congresswoman Kathy Castor.

**Program: Sales Tax Deduction for Vehicle Purchases.**

The provision provides all taxpayers with a deduction for State and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, light truck, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles through 2009. This deduction is subject to a phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$125,000 (\$250,000 in the case of a joint return).

**How to Apply:** Taxpayers can seek this deduction by claiming the deduction on their 2009 tax return.

**Program: Temporary Suspension of Taxation of Unemployment Benefits.**

Under current law, all federal unemployment benefits are subject to taxation. The average unemployment benefit is approximately \$300 per month. The proposal temporarily suspends federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits per recipient. Any unemployment benefits over \$2,400 will be subject to federal income tax. This proposal is in effect for taxable year 2009.

**How to Apply:** The provision will take effect and suspend the withholding of federal income tax on unemployment benefits automatically.

**Program: Industrial Development Bonds (IDB).**

Under current law, certain manufacturing facilities are eligible for tax exempt bond financing. Section 144(a) (12) (C) specifically limits the definition of a manufacturing facility for the purposes of such financing to facilities that are used in the manufacturing or production of tangible personal property. This provision amends the definition of manufacturing facility to any facility used in the manufacturing, creation, or production of tangible or intangible property described in section 197(d)(1)©(iii). Intangible property is any patent, copyright, formula, process, design, pattern, knowhow, format, or other similar item. The proposal also clarifies which physical components of a manufacturing facility qualify as “ancillary” and therefore are subjected to a 25% limitation in the amount of bond issuance used to build or reconstruct those components.

**How to Apply:** This provision will take effect adding to the definition for tax exempt bonds.

**Program: Advanced Energy Investment Credit.**

This provision establishes a new 30% investment tax credit for facilities engaged in the manufacture of advanced energy property. Credits are available only for projects certified by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, through a competitive bidding process. The Secretary of Treasury must establish a certification program no later than 180 days after date of enactment, and may allocate

up to \$2.3 billion in credits. Advanced energy property includes technology for the production of renewable energy, energy storage, energy conservation, efficient transmission and distribution of electricity, and carbon capture and sequestration.

**How to Apply:** Please check [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) for more information as the Advanced Energy Investment Credit is implemented.

**Program: Modify Speed Requirement for High-Speed Rail Exempt Facility Bonds.**

Under current law, States are allowed to issue private activity bonds for high-speed rail facilities. Under current law, a high-speed rail facility is a facility for the transportation of passengers between metropolitan areas using vehicles that are reasonably expected to operate at speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour between scheduled stops. This provision would allow these bonds to be used to develop rail facilities that are used by trains that are capable of attaining speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour.

**How to Apply:** This provision adds to the definition of an existing bond. More information can be found at [www.treasury.gov](http://www.treasury.gov).

**Program: Tax Credit Bond Option for State and Local Governments (“Build America Bonds”).**

The Federal government provides significant financial support to State and local governments through the federal tax exemption for interest on municipal bonds. Both tax credit bonds and tax-exempt bonds provide a subsidy to municipalities by reducing the cash interest payments that a State or local government must make on its debt. Tax credit bonds differ from tax exempt bonds in two principal ways: (1) interest paid on tax credit bonds is taxable; and (2) a portion of the interest paid on tax credit bonds takes the form of a Federal tax credit. The Federal tax credit offsets a portion of the cash interest payment that the State or local government would otherwise need to make on the borrowing. For 2009 and 2010, this proposal provides State and local governments with the option of issuing a tax credit bond instead of a tax-exempt governmental obligation bond. Because the market for tax credits is currently small given current economic conditions, the bill would allow the State or local government to elect to receive a direct payment from the Federal government equal to the subsidy that would have otherwise been delivered through the Federal tax credit for bonds.

**How to Apply:** Please check [www.treasury.gov](http://www.treasury.gov) for more information as they implement this program.

**Program: Long-term Extension and Modification of Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit.**

This proposal would extend the placed-in-service date for wind facilities for three years (through December 31, 2012). This proposal would also extend the placed-in-service date for three years (through December 31, 2013) for certain other qualifying facilities: closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; waste-to-energy; and marine renewable facilities.

**How to Apply:** This proposal extends existing tax credits. Information on how to file can be found at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**Program: Temporary Election to Claim the Investment Tax Credit in Lieu of the Production Tax Credit.**

Under current law, facilities that produce electricity from solar facilities are eligible to take a thirty percent (30%) investment tax credit in the year that the facility is placed in service. Facilities that produce electricity from wind, closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation, hydropower, landfill gas, waste-to-energy, and marine renewable facilities are eligible for a production tax credit. The production tax credit is payable over a ten-year period. Because of current market conditions, it is difficult for many renewable projects to find financing due to the uncertain future tax positions of potential investors in these projects. The bill would allow facilities to elect to claim the investment tax credit in lieu of the production tax credit.

**How to Apply:** Participants will be able to file the tax credit on their tax return. For more information, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**Program: Repeal Subsidized Energy Financing Limitation on the Investment Tax Credit.**

Under current law, the investment tax credit must be reduced if the property qualifying for the investment tax credit is also financed with industrial development bonds or through any other Federal, State, or local subsidized financing program. The provision in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would repeal this subsidized energy financing limitation on the investment tax credit in order to allow businesses and individuals to qualify for the full amount of the investment tax credit even if such property is financed with industrial development bonds or through any other subsidized energy financing.

**How to Apply:** Participants will find that the financing limitation for subsidized energy has been removed.

**Program: Tax Credits for Alternative Refueling Property**

The alternative refueling property credit provides a tax credit to businesses (e.g., gas stations) that install alternative fuel pumps, such as fuel pumps that dispense E85 fuel, electricity, hydrogen, and natural gas. For 2009 and 2010, this provision would increase the 30% alternative refueling property credit for businesses (capped at \$30,000) to 50% (capped at \$50,000). Hydrogen refueling pumps would remain at a 30% credit percentage; however, the cap for hydrogen refueling pumps will be increased to \$200,000. In addition, this provision would increase the 30% alternative refueling property credit for individuals (capped at \$1,000) to 50% (capped at \$2,000).

**How to Apply:** Participants will be able to file for this tax credit on their tax return. For more information, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**Program: Removal of Dollar Limitations on Certain Energy Credits**

Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a thirty percent (30%) tax credit for qualified small wind energy property (capped at \$4,000). Individuals are allowed to claim a thirty percent (30%) tax credit for qualified solar water heating property (capped at \$2,000), qualified small wind energy property (capped at \$500 per kilowatt of capacity, up to \$4,000), and qualified geothermal heat pumps (capped at \$2,000).

This provision would repeal the individual dollar caps. As a result, each of these properties would be eligible for an uncapped thirty percent (30%) credit.

**How to Apply:** Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return. For more information, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**Program: Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle Credit**

This provision modifies and increases a tax credit passed into law at the end of last Congress for each qualified plug-in electric drive vehicle placed in service during the taxable year. The base amount of the credit is \$2,500. If the qualified vehicle draws propulsion from a battery with at least 5 kilowatt hours of capacity, the credit is increased by \$417, plus another \$417 for each kilowatt hour of battery capacity in excess of 5 kilowatt hours up to 16 kilowatt hours. Taxpayers may claim the full amount of the allowable credit up to the end of the first calendar quarter in which the manufacturer records its 200,000<sup>th</sup> sale of a plug-in electric drive vehicle. The credit is reduced in following calendar quarters. The credit is allowed against the alternative minimum tax (AMT). This bill also restores and updates the electric vehicle credit for plug-in electric vehicles that would not otherwise qualify for the larger plug-in electric drive vehicle credit and provides a tax credit for plugin electric drive conversion kits.

**How to Apply:** Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return.

**Program: Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (“CREBs”)**

This provision authorizes an additional \$1.6 billion of new clean renewable energy bonds to finance facilities that generate electricity from the following resources: wind; closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; marine renewable; and trash combustion facilities. This \$1.6 billion authorization will be subdivided into thirds: 1/3 will be available for qualifying projects of State/local/tribal governments; 1/3 for qualifying projects of public power providers; and 1/3 for qualifying projects of electric cooperatives.

**How to Apply:** Qualified participants will be able to utilize this bond program as it is developed. Check [www.treasury.gov](http://www.treasury.gov) for additional information after this program is implemented.

**Program: Tax Credits for Energy-Efficient Improvements to Existing Homes**

This provision would extend the tax credits for improvements to energy efficient existing homes through 2010. Under current law, individuals are allowed a tax credit equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements installed during the taxable year. This tax credit is capped at \$50 for any advanced main air circulating fan, \$150 for any qualified natural gas, propane, oil furnace or hot water boiler, and \$300 for any item of energy efficient building property. For 2009 and 2010, this provision would increase the amount of the tax credit to thirty percent (30%) of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements during the taxable year. This provision would also eliminate the property-by-property dollar caps on this tax credit and provide an aggregate \$1,500 cap on all property qualifying for the credit. This provision would update the energy-efficiency standards of the property qualifying for the credit.

**How to Apply:** Participants will be able to file for the tax credit on their tax return.

**Program: Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds**

This provision authorizes an additional \$2.4 billion of qualified energy conservation bonds to finance State, municipal and tribal government programs and initiatives designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This provision would also clarify that qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community programs. This provision also clarifies that qualified energy conservation bonds may be used for programs in which utilities provide ratepayers with energy-efficient property and recoup the costs of that property over an extended period of time.

**How to Apply:** Qualified participants will be able to utilize this bond program as it is developed. Check [www.treasury.gov](http://www.treasury.gov) for additional information after this program is implemented.

**Program: Addition of Permanent Sequestration Requirement to CO2 Capture Tax Credit**

Last year, Congress provided a \$10 credit per ton for the first 75 million metric tons of carbon dioxide captured and transported from an industrial source for use in enhanced oil recovery, and \$20 credit per ton for carbon dioxide captured and transported from an industrial source for permanent storage in a geologic formation. Facilities were required to capture at least 500,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year to qualify. This provision would require that any taxpayer claiming the \$10 credit per ton for carbon dioxide captured and transported for use in enhanced oil recovery must also ensure that such carbon dioxide is permanently stored in a geologic formation.

**How to Apply:** New provision does not change the way participants file for the tax credit, just the qualifications to be able to apply for the tax credit.

**Program: Parity for Transit Benefits**

Current law provides a tax-free fringe benefit employers can provide to employees for transit and parking. Those benefits are set at different dollar amounts. This provision would equalize the tax-free benefit employers can provide for transit and parking. The proposal sets both the parking and transit benefits at \$230 a month for 2009, indexes them equally for 2010, and clarifies that certain transit benefits apply to federal employees.

**How to Apply:** Eligible participants will receive information on how to apply through their workplace as this program is implemented.

**Program: Treasury Department Energy Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits**

Under current law, taxpayers are allowed to claim a production tax credit for electricity produced by certain renewable energy facilities and an investment tax credit for certain renewable energy property. These tax credits help attract private capital to invest in renewable energy projects. Current economic conditions have severely undermined the effectiveness of these tax credits. As a result, this provision would allow taxpayers to receive a grant from the Treasury Department in lieu of tax credits. This grant will operate similarly to the current-law investment tax credit.

**How to Apply:** The Treasury Department will issue a grant in an amount equal to thirty percent of the cost of the renewable energy facility within sixty days of the facility being placed in service or, if later, within sixty days of receiving an application for such grant.

**Program: Extension of Emergency Unemployment Compensation.**

Through December 31, 2009, this provision continues the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, which provides up to 33 weeks of extended unemployment benefits to workers exhausting their regular benefits.

**How to Apply:** Those receiving unemployment compensation will automatically receive this extension.

**Program: Increase in Unemployment Compensation Benefits.**

The bill increases unemployment weekly benefits by an additional \$25 through 2009.

**How to Apply:** Those receiving unemployment compensation will automatically receive this extension.

**Program: Unemployment Compensation Modernization**

This provision provides one-time grants to reward and encourage States enacting specific reforms designed to increase UC coverage among low wage, part-time and other jobless workers, as well as provides an additional \$500 million in administrative funding to all States.

**How to Apply:** States will receive this funding to support unemployment compensation modernization.

**Program: Temporary Assistance to States with Advances to Unemployment Trust Funds.**

This provision temporarily waives interest payments and the accrual in interest on loans received by state unemployment trust funds through December 31, 2010.

**How to Apply:** Application not necessary as interest payments are waived as this program is implemented.

**Program: Expansion of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Programs**

This provision expands current Trade Adjustment Assistance Programs. Among other things, it extends TAA to trade-affected services sector workers and workers affected by off shoring or outsourcing to all countries, including China or India. It increases training funds available to states by 160 percent to \$575 million per fiscal year, creates a new TAA program for trade-affected communities, allows for automatic TAA eligibility for workers suffering from import surges and unfair trade, makes training, healthcare and reemployment TAA benefits more accessible and flexible, and improves the TAA for Firms and TAA for Farmers programs. It reauthorizes all TAA programs (which expired December 31, 2007) through December 31, 2010. 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.

**How to Apply:** TAA is administered through the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. For more information, visit <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/>.

**Program: Duty Refund Recollection**

This provision prohibits U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from demanding that U.S. lumber, steel, and other companies repay duties that CBP collected on Canadian and Mexican imports, and then distributed to the companies between 2001 and 2005.

**How to Apply:** Application not necessary as the program is implemented.

**Program: Refundable First Time Home Buyer Tax Credit**

There is an \$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers who purchase a home from Jan 1, 2009 to December 1, 2009. It also eliminates repayment obligations that are under current law unless the home is sold within three years of purchase. In that case, the credit would still be subject to the current-law recapture rules.

**How to Apply:** **Eligible taxpayers** can claim this credit when filing their taxes.

**Program: Child Tax Credit**

A child tax credit is a tax credit based on the number of dependent children in a family. This provision would increase the eligibility of the refundable child tax credit.

**How to Apply:** The provision is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. The tax credit will be given after filing for taxes. For more information, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**Program: Low Incoming Housing Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits**

Under current law, taxpayers are allowed to claim a low-income housing tax credit for certain investments made in low-income housing. These tax credits help attract private capital to invest in the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of qualified low-income housing buildings. Current economic conditions have severely undermined the effectiveness of these tax credits. As a result, the bill would allow taxpayers to receive a grant from the Treasury Department in lieu of tax credits. Under this provision, state housing agencies would receive a grant equal to up to eighty-five percent of forty percent of the state's low-income housing tax credit allocation in lieu of the low-income housing tax credits they would have received. The subawards are subject to the same requirements (including rent, income, and use restrictions on such buildings) as

the low-income housing tax credit allocations. The grant program would apply to each state's 2009 low income housing tax credit allocation.

**How to Apply:** Qualified housing agencies can apply the state housing credit agency.

**Program: Alternative Minimum Tax**

This provision would provide more than 26 million families with tax relief in 2009 by extending AMT relief for nonrefundable personal credits and increasing the AMT exemption amount to \$70,950 for joint filers and \$46,700 for individuals.

**How to Apply:** This benefit will automatically go into effect without any action from the taxpayer.

**Program: Extension of Bonus Depreciation**

Businesses are allowed to recover the cost of capital expenditures over time according to a depreciation schedule. Last year, Congress temporarily allowed businesses to recover the costs of capital expenditures made in 2008 faster than the ordinary depreciation schedule would allow by permitting these businesses to immediately write-off fifty percent of the cost of depreciable property (e.g., equipment, tractors, wind turbines, solar panels, and computers) acquired in 2008 for use in the United States. The bill would extend this temporary benefit for capital expenditures incurred in 2009.

**How to Apply:** The extension of the first-year depreciation deduction is generally effective for property placed in service after December 31, 2008. This benefit can be claimed when filing for taxes.

**Program: Extension of Small Business Expensing**

In order to help small businesses quickly recover the cost of certain capital expenses, small business taxpayers may elect to write-off the cost of these expenses in the year of acquisition in lieu of recovering these costs over time through depreciation. Until the end of 2010, small business taxpayers are allowed to write-off up to \$125,000 of capital expenditures subject to a phase-out once capital expenditures exceed \$500,000. Last year, Congress temporarily increased the amount that small businesses could write-off for capital expenditures incurred in 2008 to \$250,000 and increased the phaseout threshold for 2008 to \$800,000. The bill would extend these temporary increases for capital expenditures incurred in 2009.

**How to Apply:** Small business can obtain this credit when filing for taxes.

**Program: 5-Year Carryback of Net Operating Losses for Small Businesses**

A net operating loss means the amount by which a taxpayer's business deductions exceed the gross income. Under current law, net operating losses may be carried back to the two taxable years before the year that the loss arises and carried forward to each of the succeeding twenty taxable years after the year that the loss arises. For 2008, the bill would extend the maximum NOL carry back period from two years to five years for small businesses with gross receipts of \$15 million or less.

**How to Apply:** This provision is effective for net operating losses arising in taxable years ending after December 31, 2007. The taxpayer can file for this benefit when filing for taxes.

**Program: Work Opportunity Tax Credit**

Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups. The bill would create two new targeted groups of prospective employees: (1) unemployed veterans; and (2) disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6 months.

**How to Apply:** Companies can claim this credit when filing their taxes.

**Program: Temporary Reduction of Small Business Corporation Built-In Gains Holding Period from 10 Years to 7 Years.**

Under current law, if a taxable corporation converts into an S corporation, the conversion is not a taxable event. An S Corporation pays no corporate level tax. Instead a loss of gain goes directly to their shareholders. When a company converts to an S corporation, they must hold its assets for ten years in order to avoid a tax on any built-in gains that existed at the time of the conversion. The bill would temporarily reduce this holding period from ten years to seven years for sales occurring in 2009 and 2010.

**How to Apply:** This provision will go into effect for businesses for taxable year beginning after December 31, 2008.

**Program: Small Business Capital Gains**

This provision increases the percentage of exclusion for qualified business stock sold by an individual from 50 percent to 75 percent.

**How to Apply:** This provision is effective for stock issued after the date of enactment and before Jan. 1, 2011. Businesses can claim this credit when filing for taxes.

**Program: Delayed Recognition of Certain Cancellation of Debt Income**

Under current law, a taxpayer generally has income where the taxpayer cancels or repurchases debt for an amount less than its adjusted issue price. The amount of cancellation of debt income ("CODI") is the excess of the old debt's adjusted issue price over the repurchase price. Certain businesses will be allowed to recognize CODI over 10 years (defer tax on CODI for the first four or five years and recognize this income ratably over the following five taxable years) for specified types of business debt repurchased by the business after December 31, 2008 and before January 1, 2011.

**How to Apply:** Business can claim this when they file for taxes. For information on qualifications, visit [www.treasury.gov](http://www.treasury.gov) .

**Program: Delay Application of Withholding Requirement on Certain Governmental Payments for Goods and Services.**

For payments made after December 31, 2010, the Code requires withholding at a three percent rate on certain payments to persons providing property or services made by Federal, State, and local governments. The withholding is required regardless of whether the government entity making the payment is the recipient of the property or services. Numerous government entities and small businesses have raised concerns about the application of this provision. The provision would delay for one year (through December 31, 2011) the application of the three percent withholding requirement on government payments for goods and services in order to provide time for the Treasury Department to study the impact of this provision on government entities and other taxpayers.

**How To Apply** This provision is effective on the date of enactment.

**Program: New Market Tax Credits**

New Market Tax Credits are given to qualified equity investment made to acquire stock in a corporation or a capital interest in a partnership that is a qualified community development entity (CDE). Under current law, there are \$3.5 billion of New Markets Tax Credits available for each of 2008 and 2009. The provision increases the available credits for 2008 to \$5 billion and the available credits for 2009 to \$5 billion.

**How to Apply:** This tax credit will go directly to state certified CDE's.

**Program: Eliminate Costs Imposed on State and Local Governments by the Alternative Minimum Tax**

The alternative minimum tax (AMT) can increase the costs of issuing tax exempt private activity bonds imposed on State and local governments. Under current law, interest on tax- exempt private activity bonds is generally subject to the AMT. This limits the marketability of these bonds and, therefore, forces State and local governments to issue these bonds at higher interest rates. Last year, Congress excluded one category of private activity bonds (i.e., tax- exempt housing bonds) from the AMT. The bill would exclude the remaining categories of private activity bonds from the AMT if the bond is issued in 2009 or 2010. The bill also allows AMT relief for current refunding of private activity bonds issued after 2003 and refunded during 2009 and 2010.

**How to Apply:** Municipalities will not need to apply; this provision will automatically take effect.

### **Health Insurance Assistance**

**Program: COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act)**

To assist individuals in maintaining health coverage, the bill provides a 65% subsidy for COBRA continuation premiums for up to 9 months for workers who have been involuntarily terminated, and for their families. This subsidy also applies to health care continuation coverage if required by states for small employers. To qualify for premium assistance, a worker must be involuntarily terminated between September 1,

2008 and December 31, 2009. The subsidy would terminate upon enrollment in any new employer sponsored health care coverage or Medicare eligibility. Workers who were involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008 and enactment, but failed to initially elect COBRA because it was unaffordable, would be given an additional 60 days to elect COBRA and receive the subsidy. To ensure that this assistance is targeted at workers who are most in need, participants must attest that their same year income will not exceed \$125,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for families.

**How to Apply:** Current law requires employers to work with employees about how to access COBRA and private health plans must also assist former employees in receiving this benefit. Additional information can be found at:  
<http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm>.

**Program: Temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase**  
**Florida Funding: \$817,026,000**

The bill increases FMAP funding for a 27-month period beginning 10/1/2008 through 12/31/2010, with an across-the-board increase to all states of 6.2% and a similar increase for territories. A bonus structure (in addition to the across-the-board increase) provides an additional decrease in State financial obligations for Medicaid based on increases in the State's unemployment rate. States will also be required to maintain effort on eligibility.

**How to Apply:** States will automatically receive this benefit.

**Program: Temporary Increase in Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments**

The bill increases states' FY2009 annual DSH allotments by 2.5 percent, and increases states' FY 2010 by 2.5 percent above the new FY2009 DSH allotment. After FY2010, states' annual DSH allotments would return to 100% of the annual DSH allotments as determined under current law.

**How to Apply:** DSH hospitals will automatically benefit from this provision.

**Program: Extension of Moratoria on Medicaid Regulations.**

The bill extends moratoria on Medicaid regulations for targeted case management, provider taxes, and school-based administration and transportation services through June 30, 2009. The bill also adds a moratorium on the Medicaid regulation for hospital outpatient services through June 30, 2009. The provision includes a Sense of Congress that the Secretary of HHS should not promulgate regulations concerning payments to public providers, graduate medical education, and rehabilitative services.

**How to Apply:** The moratoria will automatically go into effect.

**Program: Prompt Payment Requirements for Nursing Facilities and Hospitals.**

The bill temporarily applies Medicaid prompt pay requirements to nursing facilities and hospitals.

**How to Apply:** This benefit will automatically be provided for Nursing facilities and hospitals.

## **Funding Through the State of Florida**

**Program:** Highway Infrastructure: Highways and Bridges Projects

**Funding Agency:** Florida Department of Transportation

**Federal Funding:** \$27.5 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

**Florida Funding:** \$1.35 Billion

**Tampa- St. Petersburg:** \$52.13 Million

**Sarasota-Bradenton:** \$14.14 Million

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

**How to Apply:** Federal funds will be distributed by formula to the states.

For more information please visit <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economicstimulus/>

**Program:** Weatherization Assistance Program

**Funding Agency:** Florida Department of Community Affairs

**Federal Funding:** \$5 billion

**Florida Funding:** \$175,984,474

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

**How to Apply:** Funds will be added to the State's Weatherization Program. To find more information about Florida's program and information on where to apply visit:

<http://www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/wap/index.cfm>

**Program:** State Energy Program

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$3.1 billion

**Florida Funding:** \$126,089,000

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

**How to Apply:** Funds will be distributed at the State's discretion. For more information please visit: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/> or

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/state\\_energy\\_program/projects\\_all\\_by\\_state.cfm/state=FL](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/projects_all_by_state.cfm/state=FL)

## **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

**Program:** Clean Water State Revolving Funds

**Funding Agency:** EPA

**Federal Funding:** \$4 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

**Florida Funding:** \$132.3 million

**Description:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's CWSRF program awards annual capitalization grants to states as a long-term source of state financing a) for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities, b) for the implementation of non-point water quality management activities, and c) for the development and implementation of comprehensive estuary conservation and management plans. The recovery funds will help address the \$388 billion funding gap.

**How to Apply:** For more information please visit <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/> or <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/>. To submit a proposal: <http://www.frwa.net/ProjectRequestForm/Project%20Request%20Form.htm>

**Program:** Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

**Funding Agency:** EPA

**Federal Funding:** \$2 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

**Florida Funding:** \$88.1 million

**Description:** The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) provides grants, distributed by formula, to states to capitalize their revolving loan funds which then finance drinking water infrastructure improvements. With the recovery funds, states would begin to address the \$274 billion funding gap estimated by EPA

**How to Apply:** For more information please visit <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/> or <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/>. To submit a proposal: <http://www.frwa.net/ProjectRequestForm/Project%20Request%20Form.htm>

## **Department of Labor**

**Program:** Workforce Investment Act Formula Grants

**Funding Agency:** Department of Labor

**Federal Funding:** \$2.95 billion

**Florida Funding:** \$142,872,000

**Description:** This funding is for formula grants to states for training and employment services. The \$2.95 billion in federal funding will be divided into services for adults (\$500 million), services for youths (\$1.2 billion), and services for dislocated workers

(\$1.25 billion). Ohio funding amounts will be: Adults - \$19,448,000; Youth - \$42,873,000; Dislocated workers - \$80,551,000.

**How to Apply:** For more information please visit: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/>

**Program: State Unemployment Insurance**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Labor

**Federal Funding:** \$400 million

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

**How to Apply:** Unemployed persons should apply to their local Florida One-Stop Office. For Hillsborough County please visit:

<http://www.floridajobs.org/onestop/onestopdir/OneStopDirList.asp?Region=15> ,

For Pinellas please visit:

<http://www.floridajobs.org/onestop/onestopdir/OneStopDirList.asp?Region=14>

For more information about unemployment in Florida please visit:

<http://www.floridajobs.org/Unemployment/index.html>

### **National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities**

**Program: Grants and Administration**

**Funding Agency:** National Endowment for the Arts

**Federal Funding:** \$50 million U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** Grant funding will be distributed in direct grants to fund arts projects and activities which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn. 40 percent of funds will be distributed to State arts agencies and regional arts organizations in a manner similar to the agency's current process. 60 percent of the funds shall be for competitively selected arts projects and activities according to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965.

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the State of Florida and by the federal agency to non-profit organizations. Visit <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html> or <http://www.arts.gov/news/news09/nea-announces-recovery-programs.html> for more information.

### **Department of Education**

**Program: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Florida Funding:** \$2.706 billion

**Federal Funding:** \$53.6 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** \$39.5 billion will be distributed to local school districts using existing funding formulas and will be used for preventing cutbacks, preventing layoffs, school modernization. \$5 billion will go to states as bonus grants for meeting key performance measures in education. \$8.8 billion will go to states for high priority needs such as public safety and other critical services, which may include education and for modernization, renovation, and repairs of public school facilities and institutions of high education facilities.

**How to Apply:** Funds will be distributed by the state.

- Detailed instructions on applying and the application itself will be available by the end of March
- States can apply to receive 67% under severe budget shortfall, and up to 90% if they are facing “massive layoffs”
- Funds will be available to the state 2 weeks after approval of the application

**Program: Education for the Disadvantaged**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**State Funding:** \$ 508,900,000

**District 11 Funding:** \$44.7 million

**Federal Funding:** \$13 million U.S. (Conference Report)

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

**How to Apply:** Funds will be distributed by the state.

- 50% will be distributed at the of March
- The other 50% will be distributed once the state submits an amendment to its Consolidated Application that addresses how it will meet the recordkeeping and reporting requirements

**Program: School Improvement Programs**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$720 million U.S. (Conference Report)

**Florida Funding:** \$147.5 million

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

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency and by the state. Visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grantsapply>.

- 50% will be distributed at the of March
- The other 50% will be distributed once the state submits an amendment to its Consolidated Application that addresses how it will meet the recordkeeping and reporting requirements

**Program: Special Education**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Education

**Federal Funding:** \$12.2 billion (Conference Report)

**Florida Funding:** \$622.1 million

**District 11 Funding:** \$44.7 million

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

**How to Apply:** Funds will be distributed by the state.

- 50% will be distributed at the end of March
- The other 50% will be distributed once the state submits an amendment to its Consolidated Application that addresses how it will meet the recordkeeping and reporting requirements

## **Food Nutrition Services**

**Program: WIC (Women’s Infants and Children) Contingency**

**Funding Agency:** Florida Department of Health through USDA

**Federal Funding:** \$500 Million

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

**How to Apply:** State agencies are responsible for determining participant eligibility and providing benefits and services, and for authorizing vendors. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Family/wic/> and <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm>.

**Program: Temporary Emergency Food Assistance**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Agriculture

**Federal Funding:** \$150,000,000

**Description:** TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute the food through local emergency food providers. Available foods vary depending on market conditions

**How to Apply:** States will receive an allotment based on federal formula, which they will distribute.

- The first \$25 million to support administrative functions will be distributed in March.

**Program: National School Lunch Program**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Agriculture through USDA

**Federal Funding:** \$100 Million

**Description:** Funds will be provided to states administering a school lunch program in a manner proportional with each states administrative expense allocation. States shall then provide competitive grants to school food authorities based on the need for equipment assistance. From these grants, priority will be given to schools that have 50% or more of students that are eligible to receive free or reduced priced meals.

**How to Apply:** For more information visit: [http://www.florida-agriculture.com/foodprograms/lunch\\_program.htm](http://www.florida-agriculture.com/foodprograms/lunch_program.htm)

**Program: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Food Stamps**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Agriculture

**Federal Funding:** \$19,900,000

**Description:** This money will go directly to states to supplement their existing food stamp program. The money will be distributed based on the need of people in their state. The benefits will be given to recipients on April 1, 2009.

**How to Apply:** Persons who need food stamps should contact Florida Department of Children and Families: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/>

**Program: Childcare and Development Block Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services through Administration for Children and Families

**Federal Funding:** \$2 Billion

**Florida Funding:** \$108.9 Million

**Description:** The funding for these grants will be distributed to states for quality improvements for infant and toddler care. This additional funding will enable states to provide child care assistance for an additional 300,000 children in low-income working families who have been suffering from the economic downturn, and is estimated that it will generate paid employment for roughly 125,000 caregivers.

**How to Apply:** The funds will be distributed directly to states. For more information visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/ccdf/index.htm>

**Program: Congregate Nutrition Services**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging

**Federal Funding:** \$65 Million

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

**How to Apply:** There is a federal formula that is used to distribute this funding to states. States will automatically receive the funding for disbursement. For more information visit <http://www.aoa.gov/>

**Program: Home-Delivered Nutrition Services**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

**Federal Funding:** \$32 Million

**Description:** Programs that bring nutritional and dietary safe meals to seniors.

**How to Apply:** There is a federal formula that is used to distribute this funding to states. States will automatically receive the funding for disbursement. For more information visit <http://www.aoa.gov/>

**Program: Community Services Block Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

**Federal Funding:** \$1 billion

**Description:** The Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) is a formula grant that provides funds to States, Territories, and federally and State recognized Indian tribes/tribal organizations so that they may provide supportive services and activities to assist low-income individuals and families to become self-sufficient. Typically, States fund these services by making sub-grants to locally based Community Action Agencies and other eligible entities that provide services to low-income individuals and families.

**How to Apply:** This money will be disbursed directly to states who will then allocate the funds to eligible institutions. One percent of state allocations must be used for benefit coordination services. States will receive this money from the Dept. of Health and Human Services. Please visit [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/csbg\\_program.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/csbg_program.htm) for more information on CSBG through the Recovery Act

## **Funding Directly to Cities**

### **Department of Justice**

**Program: Byrne-Jag Assistance Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Office of Justice Programs

**Florida Funding:** \$81,537,096

**City of Tampa:** \$1,708,038

**Hillsborough County:** \$2,076,674

**Federal Funding:** \$2 billion (Conference Report)

**Description:** The funding is allocated by formula to State and local law enforcement agencies to help prevent, fight, and prosecute crime.

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the Department. Visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html>.

**Program: COPS Hiring Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Community Oriented Policing Services

**Federal Funding:** \$1 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

**Description:** The grants will go to State, local, and tribal governments for the hiring of additional law enforcement officers, to be available until September 30, 2010.

**How to Apply:** Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. CHRP grant solicitation opens March 16, 2009 and closes April 14, 2009. Visit <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=464> to apply or <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/> for more information.

## Housing and Urban Development Programs

**Program: Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Federal Funding:** \$1.98 billion

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

**How to Apply:** HUD must issue Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) with application requirements no later than May 3, 2009. Applicants will prepare an application and, for programmatic funding, complete citizen participation before submitting to HUD. Applications will be due to HUD not later than 150 days after enactment. HUD will review applications and make awards shortly thereafter. Eligible applicants are states, units of general local government, nonprofit entities, and consortia of nonprofit entities, which may submit proposals in partnership with for profit entities. For more information visit: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/nspg.cfm>

**Program: Community Development Block Grants**

**Funding Agency:** Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Federal Funding:** \$1 billion

**Florida Funding:** \$42,694,000

**Description:** This is money that is distributed to states and counties for community development.

**How to Apply:** For more information visit: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>

**Program:** Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

**Funding Agency:** Department of Energy

**Federal Funding:** \$3.2 billion

**Description:** The Department of Energy will disburse this funding by formula to local governments. This program will assist eligible entities in implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, to reduce total energy use, and to improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building and other appropriate sectors.

**How to Apply:** By formula, every city with a population of 35,000 or more; every county with a population of 200,000 or more will receive direct funding from the Department of Energy. Each state is guaranteed to have at least its 10 largest cities and 10 largest counties eligible for formula grants, regardless of population. This program has not been implemented previously.

## Contact Information

If you would like more information on specific projects in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, please the following links:

**Department of Agriculture**

[www.usda.gov/recovery](http://www.usda.gov/recovery)

**Department of Transportation**

[www.dot.gov/recovery](http://www.dot.gov/recovery)

**Department of Commerce**

[www.commerce.gov/recovery](http://www.commerce.gov/recovery)

**Department of Justice**

[www.usdoj.gov/recovery](http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery)

**National Science Foundation**

[www.nsf.gov/recovery](http://www.nsf.gov/recovery)

**Department of Education**

[www.ed.gov/recovery](http://www.ed.gov/recovery)

**Department of Homeland Security**

[www.dhs.gov/recovery](http://www.dhs.gov/recovery)

**Department of Defense**

[www.defenselink.mil/recovery](http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery)

**Department of Housing and Urban  
Development**

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>

**Small Business Provisions**

[www.sba.gov/recovery](http://www.sba.gov/recovery)

**Financial Services**

[www.cdfifund.gov/recovery](http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery)

**Department of Health and Human  
Services**

[www.hhs.gov/recovery](http://www.hhs.gov/recovery)

**Department of the Interior**

[www.interior.gov/recovery](http://www.interior.gov/recovery)

**Department of Labor**

[www.dol.gov/recovery/](http://www.dol.gov/recovery/)

**Department of Energy**

[www.energy.gov/recovery](http://www.energy.gov/recovery)

**Environmental Protection Agency**

[www.epa.gov/recovery](http://www.epa.gov/recovery)

**Florida Contacts:**

<http://www.myflorida.com/directory/>

(a complete listing of all Florida  
Departments and contact information)