

Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



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Dear Friend:

Our economy is facing the greatest economic crisis in my lifetime. With unemployment rising above eight percent and the economy shedding hundreds of thousands of jobs per month, Congress was compelled to act and did so in the form of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The recovery bill is a responsible but imperfect response to this economic crisis facing us. The combination of \$300 billion in tax cuts and \$500 billion in government investment will improve the economy in the short and long term. The legislation is expected to create or save 3.5 million jobs in the next two years, 269,000 of them in Texas.

Due to the recovery legislation's immense scope, I have assembled this guide as a beginning point to assist individuals, businesses, community organizations, and local governments in finding resources made available to them by the economic recovery bill. Please keep in mind that while Congress appropriated funding, there are no earmarks in the bill, so individual lawmakers do not have the ability to set aside money for specific projects. Decisions regarding approval of funding and disbursements are up to the State of Texas or federal agencies. I will continue to work with the state and federal agencies to ensure funding for projects that are tested, vetted, and worthy.

This guide will distinguish between the programs which are administered through federal agencies and those administered through state agencies. In most cases, the federal funding does not require a local match. I will continue to update and enrich this document as the Act is implemented by various agencies and more information becomes available.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act requires the White House to maintain a website, Recovery.Gov (<http://www.recovery.gov>), with detailed information on how recovery funds are being spent. I would encourage you to visit this website and the ones listed throughout the document for additional information.

I hope you'll find this information helpful. My office is here to help you determine potential sources of funding, as well as determine the way to access that funding. We may not know all the answers, but we do know how to find them and stand ready to assist. Please do not hesitate to call my office with any questions, comments, or suggestions. You can also contact me via my website, www.house.gov/doggett, as well as find regular updates on what is happening in Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lloyd Doggett".

Lloyd Doggett

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Transportation

Grant: Highway Improvement Programs
Amount: \$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment.
Type: Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub allocated by population areas.
Administrator: state departments of transportation
Purpose: For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.
Website: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure>
<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>
Contact: Federal funds will be distributed by formula to the states. Projects proposed by TXDOT for funding can be found at www.dot.state.tx.us/project_information/stimulus/default.htm. In addition to the funding allocated by TXDOT, each local Metropolitan Planning Organization will also be allowed to select local projects. Please contact your local MPO listed below regarding other projects that may be funded. The deadline to submit projects to CAMPO is March 20, and the projects will be voted on at the June CAMPO meeting.

Austin – Capital Area MPO (CAMPO): <http://www.campotexas.org/>

505 Barton Springs Road,
Suite 700
Austin, TX 78704
(512) 974-2275

Texas \$2,250,015,146
Austin \$29,196,497

Grant: Transit Capital Assistance
Amount: \$8.4 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.
Type: Funds are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas - 80% of the capital assistance funds are to be distributed through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) urbanized formula; 10% through their rural formula; and 10% through their growing states and high density formula
Administrator: Federal Transit Administration
Description: These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities
Website to find state and district #s: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html
Contact: Formula funding through FTA to states and qualifying cities.

Texas will receive \$374,524,702.

Austin – CapMetro will receive \$26,107,448 from Urbanized Area Apportionment funds:
http://www.capmetro.org/news/news_detail.asp?id=6296
customer.service@capmetro.org
1-800-474-1201

Grant: Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)
Amount: \$750 million was included for capital investment grants.
Type: Distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction
Administrator: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Purpose: For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guideway system, or bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities
Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html
Contact: You must be a current recipient to apply for additional funding. The allocation of FTA Recovery funds will be announced via the Federal Register. Government-wide information will also be posted on <http://www.recovery.gov>

Grant: National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants
Amount: \$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System.
Type: Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments
Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation
Websites: <http://www.dot.gov/>
http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/
Contact: Funds will be awarded through competitive grants from the U.S. DOT. Please visit www.grants.gov and http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/ as more information will be posted as it becomes available.

Grant: Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service
Amount: \$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program.
Type: Discretionary grants for state government for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service
Agency: Federal Railroad Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Website: www.fra.dot.gov
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>
<http://www.grants.gov>
Contact: Funds will be distributed by grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Railroad Administration. Grant information will be available at www.grants.gov and <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>

Grant: Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to airports for infrastructure improvements
Amount: \$1.1 billion
Type: competitive grants
Agency: Federal Aviation Administration
Purpose: Grants to airports who are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for repairs and improving critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion
Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

Grant: Federal Aviation Administration -- Competitive Grants to improve FAA power systems
Amount: \$200 million

Type: competitive grants
Agency: Federal Aviation Administration
Purpose: Upgrade the FAA's power system -- \$50 million, modernize aging air traffic control centers -- \$50 million, replace air traffic control centers and TRACONS -- \$80 million, install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment -- \$20 million
Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

Environment (Water, Enviro Cleanup, and Army COE)

Grant: Clean Water State Revolving Fund
Amount: \$4 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
Type: Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities
Administrator: Texas Water Development Board
1700 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 463-7847
iana.lutringer@twdb.state.tx.us
Purpose: To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater Federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for States to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.
Activities: Loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants; agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control, including storm water and sewer overflows; alternative treatment technologies; and water reuse and conservation projects.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>
Contact: Funds will be distributed by formula to the states and will be awarded by the Texas Water Development Board based on needs lists which were submitted by the January 23, 2009 deadline. For more information you can go to the TWDB website at <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/economicrecovery.asp>
Texas - \$179,122,284

Grants: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
Amount: \$2 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
Type: Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities
Administrator: state departments of public health or environmental protection
Provisions: Directs priority funding to projects on State priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment
Purpose: To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater Federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for States to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.
Activities: Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>
Contact: Funds will be distributed by formula to the state through the Texas Water Development Board. Based on needs lists which were submitted by the January 30, 2009 deadline. For more information you can go to the TWDB website at <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/economicrecovery.asp>

Grants: Brownfields Evaluation and Clean-Up
Amount: \$100 million was included for Brownfields projects
Type: low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.
Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

Brownfields Grants and Funding: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pilot.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer>

Contacts: EPA Region 6: <http://www.epa.gov/earthlr6/6sf/bfpages/sfbfhome.htm>
 1445 Ross Avenue
 Suite 1200
 Dallas, Texas 75202
 214/665-6780
 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/remediation/bsa/bsa.html>
 512/239-5872
vcp@tceq.state.tx.us

Eligible entities include state, local and tribal governments, legislatures, general purpose units of local government, land clearance authorities or other quasigovernmental entities and non-profit organizations. Grants will be distributed by federal agency on a competitive basis. Visit www.epa.gov/recovery or www.grants.gov for more information.

Grant: Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup
Amount: \$600 million
Administrator: Environmental Protection Agency
Provisions: Funds will be limited to the 1,255 sites on its National Priority List of superfund remedial sites. The superfund remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and environment

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm> (Visit for a list of eligible projects in your district)
Contacts: EPA Region 6: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/eparecovery/superfund6.htm>
 1445 Ross Avenue
 Suite 1200
 Dallas, Texas 75202
 214-665-6701
 The EPA will award these funds based on the National Priority List for Superfund Remedial sites. Please continue to check www.epa.gov/recovery or www.epa.gov/superfund for additional information.

Grants: Diesel Emission Reduction Program
Amount: \$300 million was included for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants.
Type: Competitive grants fund technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs - 70% of the funding supports nation-wide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to states with approved programs
Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Purpose: Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/>
www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery>

Webform: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm>
Contacts: EPA Region 6: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/eparecovery/cleandiesel6.htm>
1445 Ross Avenue
Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202
(214) 665-3102
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
(512) 239-1000

Eligible entities include US regional, State, local, tribal or port agencies with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality and non-profit organizations that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that operate diesel fleets. Visit www.grants.gov or www.epa.gov/recovery for more information.

State Clean Diesel Grant Program: <http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/progstate.htm>

Grants: Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust
Amount: \$200 million
Agency: Environmental Protection Agency
Description: Grants will be awarded through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program (administered by the EPA). Priority will be given based on LUST's scoring of sites
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/ltffacts.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/wheruliv.htm> (Visit for a list of eligible projects and contacts in your state/district)
Contacts: EPA Region 6: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/eparecovery/ust6.htm>
1445 Ross Avenue
Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202
(214) 665-2730
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
(512) 239-1000

The EPA will award these funds based on their priority lists for the program. Please visit www.epa.gov/recovery as they continue to administer the program.

Grants: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction
Amount: \$2 billion was included for United States Army Corps of Engineers for construction activities.
Type: Funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.
Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Description: Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and storm protection, ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array of other purposes.
Website: <http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/default.aspx> (for updates and information on contracting and biz opportunities)
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx> -- to find regional contacts who can provide a list of projects/plans

Grants: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance
Amount: \$2 billion was included United States Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance activities.
Type: Funding will be provided to existing Corps projects
Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Description: Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of facilities constructed by the Corps. Work to be accomplished consists of dredging, repair, and operation of structures and other facilities.

Website: <http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/default.aspx> (for updates and information on contracting and biz opportunities)
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx> -- to find regional contacts who can provide a list of projects/plans

Grants: Bureau of Reclamation -- Clean Drinking Water Fund

Amount: \$1 billion

Type: Grants based on priority ranking system

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

Purpose: Provide clean, reliable drinking water to rural areas and to ensure adequate water supply to western localities impacted by drought

Website: <http://www.usbr.gov/>

Grants: Watershed Infrastructure

Amount: \$340 million

Type: Grants based on priority ranking system

Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Purpose: Watershed improvement programs to design and build flood protection, water quality projects, repair aging dams, and purchase and restore conservation easements in river flood zones

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html>

Grants: Rural Water and Waste Disposal

Amount: \$1.38 billion

Type: Grants

Agency: Department of Agriculture -- State Administrators

Purpose: Help communities fund drinking water and wastewater treatment systems

Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

Contact: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/states/usamap.htm>

Texas Rural Development
Federal Building, Suite 102
101 South Main Street
Temple, TX 76501
(254) 742-9710

Energy

Grants: State Energy Efficiency Programs

Amount: \$3.1 billion was included for the State Energy Program.

Type: States receive funding through a formula to be determined by Department of Energy

Description: States use grants to promote energy conservation and efficiency and reduce energy demand by developing and implementing comprehensive State energy conservation plans.

Contact: State Energy Conservation Office: <http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/resources/arra.php>
111 East 17th Street, #1114
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 463-1931

Grants: Weatherization Assistance Program
Amount: \$5 billion was included for the Weatherization Assistance Program. Provisions also expand the eligibility of low income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program and increasing the funding assistance level per dwelling (from \$2,500 per dwelling to \$6,500)
Type: States receive funding through a formula
Description: Provides energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free of charge
Purpose: To assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient
Contact: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
 221 East 11th Street
 Austin, Texas 78701-2410
 (512) 475-3800

Texas - \$ 340,627,735

Funds will be added to the State’s Weatherization Program. Individuals can apply for the TDHCA programs by contacting one of the following offices:

OFFICE	COUNTY	CONTACT INFO
Community Action Committee of Victoria	Gonzales	http://www.unitedwayvictoria.org/communityaction.html 361-578-2989 cacv@sbcglobal.net http://www.unitedwayvictoria.org/communityaction.html
Community Action Committee of Victoria	Lavaca	361-578-2989 cacv@sbcglobal.net http://ccaction.com/
Combined Community Action, Inc.	Bastrop	1-800-688-9065 rmgersch@ccaction.com http://ccaction.com/
Combined Community Action, Inc.	Caldwell	1-800-688-9065 rmgersch@ccaction.com http://ccaction.com/
Combined Community Action, Inc.	Colorado	1-800-688-9065 rmgersch@ccaction.com http://ccaction.com/
Combined Community Action, Inc.	Fayette	1-800-688-9065 rmgersch@ccaction.com http://ccaction.com/
Combined Community Action, Inc.	Hays	1-800-688-9065 rmgersch@ccaction.com http://www.co.travis.tx.us/health_human_services/default.asp
Travis County Health & Human Services & Veterans Services	Travis	(512) 854 –7250 house@co.travis.tx.us

Grants: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)
Amount: \$3.2 billion was included for EECBG.
Type: Competitive grants to local governments, Indian tribes, states, and U.S. territories
Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Purpose: To reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy consumption, improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other energy consuming sectors of the economies of eligible entities

Description: Assists states and local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include:

conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources.

Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm

Contact: State Energy Conservation Office: <http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/resources/arra.php>
111 East 17th Street, #1114
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 463-1931

Grants: **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)**

Amount: \$16.8 billion was included for EERE

Type: Competitive grants to private sector, state and local governments, national labs, and universities

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Programs: Ten energy programs, including the Biomass Program; Building Technologies Program; Federal Energy Management Program; Geothermal Technologies Program; Hydrogen, Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Program; Industrial Technologies Program; Solar Energy Technologies Program; Vehicle Technologies; Wind & Hydropower Technologies Program; and Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/

contact State Energy Conservation Office: <http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/resources/arra.php>
111 East 17th Street, #1114
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 463-1931

Grants: **Biomass Program**

Amount: \$800 million to be dedicated to projects related to biomass

Type: Competitive grants

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Activities: For research, development and demonstration for converting biomass resources to biofuels

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/biomass

Grants: **Geothermal Technologies Program**

Amount: \$400 million to be dedicated for geothermal activities and projects

Type: Competitive grants

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Activities: Research, development and demonstration efforts that emphasize the advancement of enhanced geothermal systems

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal

Grants: **Advanced Battery Manufacturing**

Amount: \$2 billion was included for Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components

Type: Competitive grants to domestic manufacturing facilities

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Activities: For the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components; and to provide facility funding to manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries that are produced in the United States, including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component manufacturers, and software designers

Website: www.eere.energy.gov

Grants: Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program

Amount: \$300 million was included for the Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program

Type: Competitive grant to state governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities.

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) - Clean Cities Program

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To establish a grant program through the DOE Clean Cities Program to encourage the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles or other emerging electric vehicle technologies.

Activities: Funds used for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles, including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. Funds used for the installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, or hybrid vehicle project funded by the grant are also eligible.

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities

Grants: Transportation Electrification

Amount: \$400 million for Transportation Electrification grant projects.

Type: Competitive grant to states, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To implement a grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions, including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground support equipment and cargo handling equipment

Website: www.eere.energy.gov

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

State Energy Conservation Office: <http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/resources/arra.php>
111 East 17th Street, #1114
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 463-1931

Grants: Smart Grid Investment Program

Amount: \$4.5 billion was included for the Smart Grid Investment Program.

Type: Regional demonstration initiative and matching grants to states

Office: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, energy storage research, development, demonstration and deployment, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply, and authorized purposes.

Website: www.oe.energy.gov
www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm

Contact: 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/recovery and www.grants.gov

Grants: **Fossil Energy Research and Development Program**

Amount: \$3.4 billion was included for Fossil Energy Research and Development Program.

Type: competitive grants and contracts

Office: Office of Fossil Energy

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: Research and Development programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently store greenhouse gases.

Website: www.fossil.energy.gov

Grants: **Physics Research Science Program**

Amount: \$1.6 billion was included for the science program.

Type: Competitive grants to universities, companies, and national laboratories

Office: Office of Science

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: Grants will primarily be awarded for research in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences

Website: www.science.doe.gov
<http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html>

Grants: **Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)**

Amount: \$400 million included for the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E).

Type: Awards to institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research and development centers.

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy

Website: www.energy.gov

Loan: **Innovative Technology Loan**

Amount: \$6 billion

Type: Loan guarantees to eligible applicants include any firm, corporation, company, partnership, association, society, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, or governmental non-Federal entity that meets specific guidelines

Agency: Department of Energy

Purposes: Loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies

Website: <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html>

Grants: Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup
Amount: \$5.127 billion
Type: Awards based on priorities established by Dept. of Energy
Agency: Department of Energy
Purpose: Accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the nation's past nuclear activities
Website: [Click here to check for sites in your state/district - -](#)
<http://www.em.doe.gov/pages/siteslocations.aspx?PAGEID=MAIN>

Loan: Transmission Loan Guarantees
Amount: \$4 billion
Type: Guarantee loans that support early commercial use of advanced technologies
Agency: Department of Energy
Purposes: Loans for renewable energy power generation and transmission projects
Website: www.eere.energy.gov
<http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/>

Grants: Industrial carbon capture and energy efficiency improvement projects
Amount: \$1.52 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: Department of Energy
Website: www.netl.doe.gov

Grants: Grants for identifying sites to store carbon dioxide emissions
Amount: \$50 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: Department of Energy
Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov>

Grants: Training of electric grid workers
Amount: \$100 million
Type: Grants to states; partners could include non-profits, labor associations, state and local veterans' groups, and state and local gov'n'ts
Agency: Department of Energy
Website: www.oe.energy.gov
<http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm>

Bonds: Clean Renewable Energy Bonds
Amount: \$1.6 billion
Type: Tax-credit bonds for state/local/tribal gov'n'ts, public power providers, and electric cooperatives
Agency: Internal Revenue Service
Purposes: Create interest-free financing for certain renewable energy projects
Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html>

Bonds: Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

Amount: \$2.4 billion; Texas approx. \$256 million; City of Austin \$7.7 million; Travis County \$2.3 million
Type: Tax-credit bonds issued for capital expenditures
Agency: Internal Revenue Service
Description: Very broad parameters for energy conservation projects including capital expenditure in public buildings, green community programs, renewable energy production, various R&D applications, mass commuting facilities, energy-related demonstration projects, and public energy efficiency education campaigns
Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html>

Housing

Grants: Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs Grants
Amount: \$4 billion
Type: \$3 Billion States receive funding through a formula
\$1 billion was also included for competitive grants
Office: Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements
Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description: Funds to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) for building repair and modernization, including critical safety repairs.
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir.cfm>
HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/index.cfm>
State Formulas:
Austin Housing Authority--\$3,912,363
Gonzales Housing Authority--\$249,840
San Marcos Housing Authority--\$587,643
Housing Authority of the City of Caldwell--\$75,906
Lockhart Housing Authority--\$183,689
Bastrop Housing Authority--\$79,763
Travis County Housing Authority--\$182,074

Grants: Homelessness Prevention Fund
Amount: \$1.5 billion
Type: States and localities receive funding through a formula
Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Purpose: Funding provides short-term homeless prevention assistance to those losing their housing.
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/>
HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>
State Formulas:
Austin \$3,062,820

Grants: Community Development Block Grants
Amount: \$1 billion was included in formula funds to be distributed to local communities and states for community development and affordable housing activities.
Type: States and localities receive funding through a formula
Administrator: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description: Funding for community and economic development projects including housing and services for those hit hard by tough economic times.

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

HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

State Formulas:

AUSTIN--\$2,003,004
SAN MARCOS--\$139,827
TRAVIS COUNTY--\$226,300

Grants: **Neighborhood Stabilization Program**

Amount: \$2 billion

Office : Office of Community Planning and Development

Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development

Type: Competitive grants

Description: Help communities purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed, vacant properties in order to create more affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight.

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

HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

State Formulas:

Grants: **Lead Hazard Reduction Program**

Amount: \$100 million

Office: Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control

Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development

Type: Competitive grants

Description: Funds for competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to remove lead-based paint hazards in low-income housing.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/grantprograms.cfm>

HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

State Formulas:

Grants: **HOME Investment Partnership Program**

Amount: \$2.25 billion

Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development

Type: Funds will distributed by formula to states

Description: Funds will provide state and local governments with funds to create and rehabilitate affordable housing

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/>

HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

State Formulas:

Grants: **Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)**

Amount: \$2.25 billion

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

Type: Funds will distributed by formula to 52 State Housing Credit Agencies

Description: Funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects via a formula-based allocation to State housing credit allocation agencies

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

Texas - \$148,354,769

Grants: Rural Housing Insurance Fund
Amount: \$200 million
Agency: USDA - Rural Development - Rural Housing Service
Type: Direct and guaranteed loans
Description: Funds to insure or guarantee rural housing loans for single-family homes, rental and cooperative housing, and rural housing sites
Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>
Forms: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/formstoc.html>

Grants: Rural Community Facilities
Amount: \$130 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Type: Competitive grants
Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

Small Business / Economic Development

Loan: Small Business Administration - 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program
Amount: \$375 million
Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)
Provision: Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program
SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans
Purpose: To ensure small businesses have access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business.
Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/>
<http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html>

Loan: Small Business Administration- 504 Loan Program
Amount: \$375 million
Agency: Small Business (SBA)
Description: Funds to ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans. 504 loans may be used for purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities, or modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities; or purchasing long-term machinery and equipment.
Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html>
<http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html>

Grant: Business Stabilization Program
Amount: \$225 million
Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that have a qualifying small business loan and are experiencing immediate financial hardship

Website: www.sba.gov

Grant: Economic Development Assistance
Amount: \$150 million
Agency: Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration
Description: Funds for economically distressed areas to generate private sector jobs. Priority consideration will be given to those areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring.
Type: Competitive grants
Website: <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>

Grant: Community Development Financial Institutions
Amount: \$100 million
Agency: U.S. Department of the Treasury
Description: These funds will be used to help spur economic development and low-cost financial services to underserved communities.
Website: <http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/>

Loan: Micro-Loan Program
Amount: \$6 million
Agency: Small Business (SBA)
Description: Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level.
Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html>
<http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html>

Job Training & Unemployment

Grants: Employment Training Services for Adults
Amount: \$500 million
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Description: Funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm

Grants: Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Services
Amount: \$1.25 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Description: Funds are to provide quality employment and training services to assist individuals in finding employment, and to help employers find the skilled.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA_default.cfm?#

Grants: Employment Training Services for Youths

Amount: \$1.2 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Description: Funds to create summer employment opportunities for people under 24 years old.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/

Grants: Employment Services

Amount: \$250 million
Type: States will receive formula funds.
Description: Funding for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner_Peyser.cfm

Grants: Dislocated Worker Assistance

Amount: \$200 million
Office: Employment & Training Administration
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor
Type: Competitive grants
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.
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/>
<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/>

Grants: YouthBuild

Amount: \$50 million
Type: Formula funds and competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor
Description: Provides services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/

Grants: Green Jobs Training

Amount: \$500 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration
Type: Competitive grants
Description: These funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/>

Grants: Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Amount: \$120 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration
Type: Formula funds and competitive grants - Nonprofits may apply
Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities for low income seniors
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>

Grants: Job Corps Program
Amount: \$250 million
Office: Office of Job Corps
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor
Type: Competitive grants
Description: The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth.
Website: <http://www.jobcorps.gov/>

Grants: Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers
Amount: Reauthorizes all TAA programs until Dec. 31 2010, increases funding to states by \$575 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance
Type: Discretionary grants
Description: Fund to help workers at firms who have become (or are threatened to become) fully or partially separated from employment due to trade with foreign countries.
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/taa/WhoWeServe.cfm>

Health

Grants: Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase
Amount: \$86.6 billion
Description: Funds to provide states with an increase in federal matching funds for state Medicaid expenditures to avoid budget shortfalls.
Agency: State Medicaid
Type: Formula funding to States
State Funding Websites: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmap.html>
<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefunds.html>

Grants: Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants
Amount: \$1.5 billion
Office: Bureau of Primary Health Care
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
Type: Competitive grants for existing grantees
Description: To renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements.
Websites: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

Grants: Community Health Center Services Grants
Amount: \$500 million was included for Community Health Centers.
Office: Bureau of Primary Health Care
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
Type: Competitive grants for existing grantees
Description: To increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare.
Website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>

Grants: Community Health Center Services Grants - New Access Point Grants

Amount: \$155 million
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Service Administration
Type: Grants administered by Department of Health and Human Services
Description: Funds to create 126 new Community Health Centers.
Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html>
Facilities Funded: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/applicant.html>

Grants: National Health Service Corps
Amount: \$300 million
Office: National Health Service Corps
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration
Type: Competitive grants, scholarships, and loan repayment
Description: To fund training for primary healthcare providers in specific health professional in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps
Website: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/>

Grants: Health Care Workforce
Amount: \$200 million
Office: Bureau of Health Professions
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
Type: Competitive grants, scholarships, and loan repayment
Description: To provide for training of health professions
Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

Grants: Biomedical Research
Amount: \$8.7 billion
Office: Office of the Director
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Type: Competitive grants
Description: To expand jobs in biomedical research to study diseases.
Website: http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm

Grants: University Research Facilities
Amount: \$1.3 billion
Agency: National Institutes of Health - National Center for Research Resources
Type: Competitive Grants
Purpose: To renovate and equip university research facilities.
Description: Funding will be used for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities and for the acquisition research equipment.
Website: <http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/>

Grants: Prevention and Wellness Program
Amount: \$950 million was included for the Center for Disease Control for evidence based clinical and community prevention and wellness programs.
Description: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Type: Competitive grants

Description: Funds to support state and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and infectious diseases.

Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/>
<http://www.hhs.gov/>

Grants: Comparative Effectiveness Health Research

Amount: \$1.1 billion

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Type: Competitive grants

Purpose: To compare the effectiveness of different medical treatments

Description: This funding will be used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition. This research will not be used to mandate coverage decisions or impose one-size-fits-all" medicine on patients. It will be designed to enable medical professionals and patients improve treatment. \$300 million will be administered by AHRQ

Website: <http://www.ahrq.gov/>

Grants: Health Information Technology Grants

Amount: \$2 billion

Office: Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, CDC, and Indian Health Service/States or State-Designated Entities

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Type: Competitive grants

Description: To authorize the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology in order to promote the use and exchange of electronic health information.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

Grants: Health Information Technology Improvements

Amount: \$17 billion was included to improve investments and incentives through Medicare and Medicaid to ensure widespread adoption and use of interoperable health information technology (HIT).

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Description: Hospitals and Physician offices will automatically receive benefit through CMS reimbursements. Grants will be available through HHS for other medical agencies.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

Grant: Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Type: Competitive grants

Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

Grant: Indian Health Service
Amount: \$500 million
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Director of the Indian Health Services
Type: Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Director of Indian Health Services
Description: Funds to modernize aging hospitals and health clinics and make healthcare technology upgrades to improve healthcare for underserved rural populations.
Website: <http://www.ihs.gov/>

Grant: NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research
Amount: \$200 million
Agency: National Institutes of Health - Office of Extramural Research
Type: Competitive grants
Description: [Funds will support research on specific scientific and health research challenges that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds](#)
Website: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/

Public Safety

Grant: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
Amount: \$53.6 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding
Administrators: State Governors
Description: To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education (see p. 29) and other services.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>
State Recovery Sites: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page>

Grants: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
Amount: \$210 million
Agency: Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Type: Competitive grants
Purposes: To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations
Website: www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/

Grants: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants
Agency: \$2 billion
Administrator: Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance
Type: Formula funding to state and local police forces
Description: Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>
Allocations: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>

Grants: Byrne Competitive Grants Program

Amount: \$225 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type: Competitive grants
Description: Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Grants: Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants
Agency: \$1 billion
Office: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
Agency: Department of Justice
Type: Competitive grants
Description: For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers
Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2108>
Eligibility: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx>

Grants: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Amount: \$175 million
Agency: Department of Justice- Office on Violence Against Women
Type: Formula funding to state agency
Description: STOP formula grants are intended for use by states and territories; state, local and tribal courts (including juvenile courts); Indian tribal governments; local governments; and nonprofit, nongovernment victim services programs. Recipients are required to meet one or more of 14 statutory purpose areas. These areas include, but are not limited to: training law enforcement officers, judges, court personnel and prosecutors; developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs; developing, installing or expanding data collection; and developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm

Grants: Transitional Housing Assistance Program
Amount: \$50 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Transitional Housing Assistance Program
Type: Competitive grants to states, local government, Indian Tribes, nonprofits and services providers.
Description: May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support services designed to enable individuals who are fleeing domestic violence, violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community by providing those individuals with services such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance.
Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm

Grants: Victims Compensation
Amount: \$100 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Office for Victims of Crime
Type: Formula funding to state agencies
Description: Funding to support State compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of Federal and state crimes.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryfunds.html>
Application: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryformula.html>

Grants Rural Law Enforcement
Amount: \$125 millions
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type: Competitive grants
Description: The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities in rural America.
Website <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Grants Assistance for Tribal Law Enforcement
Amount: \$225 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type: Competitive grants
Description: The funding is for grants to construct jails and other law enforcement activities on tribal lands.
Website <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Grants Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)
Amount: \$40 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities along the Southern Border.
Website <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Grants: Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program
Amount: \$50 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Type: Formula funding to state agency
Description: Funds to help State and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet to sexually exploit children.
Website: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>

Child Care

Grants: Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
Amount: \$2 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding
Description: Provides subsidized child care services through vouchers or contracts with providers to low-income working families.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/nonpublic/childcare.html>

Grants: Head Start / Early Start Programs
Amount: \$2.1 billion was included for Head Start Program funding and the expansion of the Early Head Start Program.
Type: States will receive formula funding
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families

Description: Funding is administered directly to Head Start programs in states to provide development, educational, health, nutritional, social and other activities that prepare children to succeed in school.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>

Grants: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
Amount: \$1 billion was included for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).
Type: States will receive formula funding
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families
Description: Provides funding to local community action agencies for services for the growing number of low-income families hurt by the economic crisis, such as housing and mortgage counseling, jobs skills training, food pantry assistance, as well as benefits, outreach, and enrollment. CDBG funds are distributed in Texas through the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).
Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbgs/>
<http://www.orca.state.tx.us/index.php/Community+Development/CDBG+General+Info>

Grant: Rural Community Facilities
Amount: \$130 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Type: Competitive grants
Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

Grants: Education for Homeless Children and Youth
Amount: \$70 million
Agency: Department of Education
Type: Formula funding to States
Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

Education

Grant: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
Amount: \$53.6 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding
Administrators: State Governors
Description: To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>
State Recovery Sites: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page>

Grant: IDEA Special Education
Amount: \$12.2 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding.

Administrator: State Department of Education
Description: To assist States and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special education for students with disabilities.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Grant: Education for the Disadvantaged
Amount: \$13 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
Description: Provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with supplemental education funding, especially in high-poverty areas.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html>

Grant: Education Technology
Amount: \$650 million was included for the Enhancing Education through Technology program.
Type: States will receive formula funding
Description: Funds for State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology in the classroom
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Grant: Vocational Rehabilitation
Amount: \$540 million was included for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants.
Type: States will receive formula funding
Description: To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Grant: Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants
Amount: \$300 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education
Type: Competitive grants to states and school districts
Description: \$200 million for competitive grants to school districts and states to provide financial incentives for teachers and principals who raise student achievement.
\$100 million for competitive grants to states to address teacher shortages and modernize the teaching workforce.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html>

Grant: Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program
Amount: \$250 million was included in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program.
Agency: Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences
Type: Competitive grants to States
Description: Grants to design and develop data systems that analyze individual student data to find ways to improve student achievement.

Website:	http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/
Grant:	Student Financial Assistance
Amount:	\$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. \$200 million was included for work-study programs. These additional funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn.
Agency:	Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid
Description:	To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.
Type:	Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html
State Funding Amounts:	http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf
Grant:	College Work Study
Amount:	\$200 million
Agency:	Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid
Description:	Funding for part-time employment opportunities to assist students in financing the costs of postsecondary education
Type:	Formula grants
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html
State Funding Amounts:	http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf
Grant:	Rural Community Facilities
Amount:	\$130 million
Agency:	U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Type:	Competitive grants
Description:	Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm
Grant:	Independent Living State Grants
Amount:	\$18.2 million
Type:	States will receive formula funding
Description:	To provide independent living (IL) services to individuals with significant disabilities
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html
State Funding Amounts:	http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf
Rehabilitation Services:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html
Grant:	Services for Older Individuals who are Blind
Amount:	\$34.3 Million
Type:	States will receive formula funding
Description:	Grants are made to states to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual impairment makes employment difficult to obtain.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>
Rehabilitation Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html>

Grants: Education for Homeless Children and Youth
Amount: \$70 million
Agency: Department of Education
Type: Formula funding to States
Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

Grants: Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Agency: National Park Service
Funding: \$15 million
Type: Competitive grants
Description: These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.
Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps>
HBCU Grants: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm>

Arts

Grants: National Endowment of the Arts Competitive Grants
Agency: National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) - National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities
Amount: \$30 million
Type: Competitive grants (Matching requirement waived)
Description: Grants to fund arts projects which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in financial support.
Website: www.nea.gov
Helpful Link: <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

Food Assistance

Grant: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Amount: \$19.9 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding
Agency: Department of Agriculture
Purpose: To supplement State's existing food stamp program.
Description: Funds will temporarily increase benefits provided under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and help cover administrative and management costs.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/snap.htm>
State Contacts: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact_info/hotlines.htm

Grant: Senior Nutrition Programs
Amount: \$100 million
Type: States will receive formula funding

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging
Purpose: To provide for an additional amount of funds for "Aging Services Programs."
Description: Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings and deliver nutritional and dietary safe meals to seniors.
Website: <http://www.aoa.gov/>

Grant: School Lunch Program
Amount: \$100 million
Type: States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state
Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA
Purpose: To carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance.
Description: Federal school meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/>

Grant: Emergency Food Assistance
Amount: \$150 million
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Agency: Department of Agriculture
Description: TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute food through local emergency food providers.
Purpose: To provide for costs associated with the distribution of commodity foods.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/>

Grant: Supplemental WIC Nutrition Program
Amount: \$500 million
Type: Allocated as the Secretary deems necessary
Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA
Description: WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income women, infants, and children who are found to be at nutritional risk.
Purpose: To support participation should cost or participation exceed budget estimates
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm>

Telecom

Grants: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Amount: \$4.7 billion
Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Description: Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm>

Grants: Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband
Amount: \$2.5 billion
Agency: USDA: Rural Utility Service
Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure.
Type: Grants and Loans

Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

Coupon: Digital TV Conversion Coupon Program

Amount: \$650 million

Agency: Federal Communications Commission

Description: Funds to continue the coupon program to enable American households to convert from analog television transmission to digital transmission.

Type: coupons to individuals

Website: <http://www.dtv.gov/>

While the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan contains no provisions unique to Texas, there are many tax provisions from which Texas will benefit:

Higher Education:

Incorporating a provision that I authored, the recovery plan would provide a new “American Opportunity” tax credit of up to \$2,500 of the cost of tuition and course materials. Under this new tax credit, for 2009 and 2010, taxpayers will receive a tax credit based on one hundred percent (100%) of the first \$2,000 of tuition and related expenses (including books) paid during the taxable year and twenty-five percent (25%) of the next \$2,000 of tuition and related expenses paid during the taxable year. Forty percent (40%) of the credit would be refundable. This tax credit will be subject to a phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$80,000 (\$160,000 for married couples filing jointly).

Working Families:

“Making Work Pay” tax credit: The recovery plan includes a refundable tax credit for 2009 and 2010 of up to \$500 for working individuals and \$1,000 for working families. This credit is estimated to cut taxes for more than 95% of working families in the United States. The credit will phase out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married couples filing jointly). Taxpayers can receive this benefit through a reduction in the amount of income tax that is withheld from their paychecks, or through claiming the credit on their tax returns.

Increase in earned income tax credit. The bill would temporarily increase the earned income tax credit for working families with three or more children. The bill would increase the earned income tax credit to forty-five percent (45%) of the family’s first \$12,570 of earned income for families with three or more children and would increase the beginning point of the phase-out range for all married couples filing a joint return (regardless of the number of children) by \$1,880.

Increase eligibility for the refundable portion of child credit. The bill would increase the eligibility for the refundable child tax credit in 2009 and 2010. For 2008, the child tax credit is refundable to the extent of 15 percent of the taxpayer’s earned income in excess of \$8,500. The bill would eliminate this floor for 2009 and 2010.

Help for Homebuyers:

Refundable first-time home buyer credit. Last year, Congress provided taxpayers with a temporary refundable tax credit that was equivalent to an interest-free loan equal of up to \$7,500 for first-time home buyers. The bill would eliminate the repayment obligation for taxpayers that purchase homes after January 1, 2009, making it an actual tax credit and not a loan.

Expand Employment Opportunities for Veterans and Youths:

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 2008, 2009 or 2010 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.

Assistance for State and Local Governments:

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 for 2009 and 2010.

Extension and increase in authorization for qualified zone academy bonds (QZAB). The bill would allow 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.

Tax credit bond option for State and local governments. 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. The bill would provide 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 issued in 2009 and 2010.

Recovery Zone Bonds. The bill creates a new category of tax credit bonds for investment in economic recovery zones. The bill authorizes \$10 billion in recovery zone economic development bonds and \$15 billion in recovery zone facility bonds. These bonds could be issued during 2009 and 2010. Each state would receive a share of the national allocation based on that state's job losses in 2008 as a percentage of national job losses in 2008. That allocation would be sub-allocated to local municipalities. Municipalities receiving an allocation of these bonds would be permitted to use these bonds to invest in infrastructure, job training, education, and economic development in areas within the boundaries of the State, city or county (as the case may be) that has significant poverty, unemployment or home foreclosures.

Investment in Green Jobs and Green Technology

Long-term extension and modification of renewable energy production tax credit. The bill would extend the placed-in-service date for wind facilities for three years (through December 31, 2012). The bill 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.

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 that are placed-in-service in 2009 and 2010 to elect to claim the investment tax credit in lieu of the production tax credit.

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 bill 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.

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

Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (“CREBs”). The bill 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.

Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds. The bill authorizes an addition \$2.4 billion of qualified energy conservation bonds to finance State, municipal and tribal government programs and initiatives designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The bill would also clarify that qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community programs. See p. 16 for more information.

Tax credits for energy-efficient improvements to existing homes. The bill extends the tax credits for improvements to energy-efficient existing homes through 2010. For 2009 and 2010, the bill increases 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. The maximum credit is capped at \$1,500 for all property qualifying for the credit.

Tax credits for alternative fuel pumps. 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, hydrogen, and natural gas. For 2009 and 2010, the bill 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, the bill would increase the 30% alternative refueling property credit for individuals (capped at \$1,000) to 50% (capped at \$2,000).

Enhanced R&D credit. The bill provides an enhanced twenty percent (20%) R&D credit in taxable years beginning in 2009 and 2010 for research expenditures incurred in the fields of fuel cells, battery technology, renewable energy, energy conservation technology, efficient transmission and distribution of electricity, and carbon capture and sequestration.