



American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

## Information for Ohio Non-Profits

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# Overview

- President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on February 17, 2009
- Total cost: \$787.2 billion
  - \$575.3 billion in spending
  - \$211.9 billion in tax cuts
- Single largest cash infusion into the economy in American history

# Purpose of the Act

- To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery
- To assist those most impacted by the recession
- To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health
- To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits
- To stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases

*Note: If submitting an application, stress how your proposed project meets these state objectives!*

# How Funds Are Distributed

- Hundreds of programs and funding streams
- Pre-established formulas to states
- Pre-established formulas to cities
- Competitive grant programs
- Discretionary grants
- Loans and loan guarantees
- Aggressive timeline
  - Feb 19: federal agencies to begin reporting formula block grant awards
  - March 3: federal agencies to begin reporting use of funds
  - May 3: federal agencies to begin reporting on allocations for entitlement programs
  - May 20: federal agencies to begin reporting on competitive grants and contracts
  - July 15: recipients of federal funds to begin reporting on use of funds
- Extremely fluid process of how and when program guidelines and deadlines are established and RFPs are distributed

# Ohio's Share

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Highways                                | \$ 935,677,000         |
| Transit                                 | \$ 167,036,000         |
| Rail Modernization                      | \$ 12,773,000          |
| Drinking Water                          | \$ 58,911,000          |
| Clean Water                             | \$ 224,048,000         |
| Weatherization                          | \$ 276,553,000         |
| State Energy Programs                   | \$ 122,604,000         |
| Medicaid                                | \$ 2,620,147,000       |
| Education                               | \$ 1,463,710,000       |
| Title I                                 | \$ 481,692,000         |
| Special Ed                              | \$ 465,505,000         |
| Education Technology                    | \$ 23,902,000          |
| Education for the Homeless              | \$ 1,384,000           |
| Foster Care                             | \$ 40,327,000          |
| Immunization                            | \$ 9,893,000           |
| Emergency Food & Shelter                | \$ 4,685,000           |
| Homelessness Prevention                 | \$ 65,985,000          |
| Violence Against Women Grants           | \$ 7,991,000           |
| Internet Crimes Against Children Grants | \$ 969,000             |
| General Purpose Fiscal Stabilization    | \$ 325,667,000         |
| Child Care                              | \$ 68,140,000          |
| Head Start                              | \$ 27,338,000          |
| Public Housing                          | \$ 128,974,000         |
| Food Stamps                             | \$ 756,000,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$8,289,911,000</b> |

# Websites of Interest

- [Recovery.gov](http://Recovery.gov)
  - Federal government's portal
- [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov)
  - Clearing house for RFP's issued by federal agencies
- [Recovery.ohio.gov](http://Recovery.ohio.gov)
  - Ohio's portal

# Individual Assistance

- Allows withdrawal of 529 funds, tax free, for the purchase of computers and computer technology
- Refundable tax credit 2009 and 2010 for working individuals (\$400) and working families (\$800)
- One-time \$250 payment to retirees, disabled individuals and Supplemental Security Income recipients
- One-time \$250 refundable tax credit in 2009 to certain government retirees not eligible for Social Security benefits
- Temporary increase to Earned Income Tax Credit from 40% to 45% for working families with 3 or more children
- Sales tax deduction for vehicle purchases through 2009 (subject to phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income over \$125,000 or \$250,000 for joint return)
- Taxable year 2009 suspension of federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits per recipient
- Increase in tax credit for energy-efficient improvements to existing homes from 10% to 30% (\$1,500 cap)

# Individual Assistance (cont.)

- Through 2009, extension of Emergency Unemployment Compensation program providing up to 33 weeks of extended unemployment benefits
- Through 2009, increased unemployment weekly benefits by \$25
- \$8,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers purchasing home between 1/1/09 and 12/1/09
- 65% subsidy for COBRA continuation premiums for up to 9 months for involuntarily terminated workers and their families
- \$19.9 billion (13.6% increase) in monthly food stamp benefits – enroll at Hamilton County JFS
- \$3.7 million for “Meals on Wheels”

# Nonprofit Opportunities

- **Community Services Block Grant**
  - Ohio has approximately \$39 million to provide a broad range of services to ameliorate the causes and conditions of poverty including employment, education, housing, nutrition, and emergency services
  - Administered by the Office of Community Services at the Department of Development
- **Homeless Assistance Grant**
  - Ohio has \$20 million to provide outreach and assessment, emergency shelter, transitional housing, direct housing, and permanent supportive housing to meet emergency needs of homeless individuals and families.
  - Will be administered by the Department of Development
  - RFP expected to be released in May
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Fund**
  - Ohio has \$83.4 million to provide funds to assist with local housing needs, including housing rehabilitation, new construction, rental assistance and down payment assistance programs.
  - Will be administered by the Office of Housing & Community Partnerships at the Department of Development
  - HUD also has \$1.98 billion available to award in competitive grants
  - Guidance is expected by May 3
- **Victim Assistance Grants**
  - Ohio has \$1.26 million to provide funding for programs that serve victims of crime and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, homicide and other crimes.
  - Ohio Attorney General's office expected to release RFP in May or June

# Nonprofit Opportunities (cont.)

- Workforce Investment Act
  - \$3.95 billion for various programs
  - Ohio has \$138 million to administer for training and employment services for dislocated workers as well as training and counseling activities for adult workers and youth
    - \$20.7 million for state-funded programs
      - \$6.7 million: Urban Youth Works- low income urban youth \$50,000-500,000 grants
      - \$2.0 million: Recovery Conservations Corps- hire 16 to 24 yr olds to improve state parks and natural areas
      - \$4.0 million: Constructing Futures- pre apprenticeship training for low income and underserved adults
      - \$8.0 million: Ohio Learning Accounts and Project Hometown Investment in Regional Economies (HIRE)- specialized support to remove barriers for dislocated workers
    - \$14.6 million for rapid response efforts
    - \$102.7 million to be distributed by the state's 20 WIBs
  - Proposals are to be submitted to [recovery.ohio.gov](http://recovery.ohio.gov)
- National Endowment for the Arts
  - \$50 million in in direct grants to fund arts projects and activities which preserve jobs in non-profit arts sector
    - 40% distributed to state and regional arts organizations, 60% competitive grants
    - Ohio Arts Council received \$353,400 to distribute statewide
      - Applications due June 15

# Nonprofit Opportunities (cont.)

- Weatherization Assistance Program
  - Ohio has \$273 million to provide services to low income households to reduce energy costs
  - Average investment of up to \$6,500 per home in energy efficiency upgrades and will be available for families making up to 200% of the federal poverty level – or about \$44,000 a year for a family of four
  - Will be administered by the Department of Development
- HOME Investment Partnerships
  - Ohio has \$83.4 million to provide funds to assist with local housing needs, including housing rehabilitation, new construction, rental assistance and down payment assistance programs.
  - HUD guidance expected in May
  - Will be administered by the Office of Housing & Community Partnerships at the Department of Development
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program
  - Grants to nonprofit and faith-based organizations at local level to supplement their programs for emergency food and shelter to provide immediate needs of homeless
  - No national application process- local boards receive formula funds based on number of unemployed persons within each qualifying jurisdiction
- Energy Efficiency Grants
  - Ohio has \$96 million to provide grants to fund various energy efficiency and renewable energy programs
  - No deadlines have been identified to date

# Nonprofit Opportunities (cont.)

- Capacity Building Grants
  - \$50 million available nationally to build capacity of faith-based and community organizations, including training and grants
  - Department of Health and Human Services to release RFP in April
- Economic Development Assistance
  - \$150 million disbursed competitively through EDA's six Regional Offices in grants to states, local government entities and eligible non-profits to create jobs and generate private sector investment by promoting comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts
  - Rolling application with Economic Development Administration so no deadline

# Ohio's Oversight

- Ronn Richard
  - State Infrastructure Czar
    - Part-time, volunteer position appointed by Governor Strickland
  - President & CEO of The Cleveland Foundation
- Sally Cooper
  - Special Assistant for Federal Stimulus in Governor Strickland's Office
  - Responsible for directing the state's stimulus package process
- Winston M. Ford
  - Deputy Inspector General
  - Will monitor agencies' distribution of stimulus money, review contracts and investigate allegations of wrongdoing
- Approximately 128 state employees throughout agencies working to coordinate Ohio's distribution of funds

# Conclusion

This presentation only touches on a few of the many funding streams enhanced by the stimulus package.

## ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review the programs to determine if you qualify
2. Engage your grant writers to submit competitive proposals
3. Pay attention to announcements about funding opportunities
4. Interact with elected officials and bureaucrats charged with overseeing these programs
5. Contact us with questions:

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