

# Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



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## Overview

President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law on February 17, 2009. Intended to create or save 3.5 million jobs, the bill includes both targeted tax cuts and stimulative spending.

This document first outlines the tax relief included in the Recovery Act, explaining the tax cuts for individuals and businesses, energy incentives, and bond provisions for states and local governments. This information is largely a summary of provisions, as exact information on how to apply is not yet available from the IRS.

Next is a section on benefits for the unemployed, including family health insurance coverage assistance supported by Congresswoman Bean.

In the remaining sections, the grant, loan, and other funding allocations included in the Recovery Act are outlined. This section is critical reading for any community government, school district or agency looking to apply for federal funding. Local contact information is included whenever possible.

Check [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) and <http://recovery.illinois.gov> for additional opportunities. If you apply for a grant, please contact Congresswoman Bean's District Office in Schaumburg to inquire about a letter of support.

For an electronic copy of this document, and other information about the Recovery Act, visit Congresswoman Bean's website, where there is a page dedicated to information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

[www.house.gov/bean/stimulus](http://www.house.gov/bean/stimulus)

This document is available there with direct hyperlinks to each website.

## Contact Information

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## Tax Relief

More than 35 percent of the package will provide direct tax relief to about 95 percent of American workers, and spur investment and job growth for American businesses.

In addition to the information found below, you may visit an IRS site devoted specifically to the Recovery Act at: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>. To navigate to this information, go to the IRS homepage, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), and select the 'Tax Professionals' tab. The website is labeled, "IRS Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009."

## Benefits for Individuals

### Making Work Pay Credit

For 2009 and 2010, qualifying taxpayers (dependents, nonresident aliens, estates, and trusts are not qualified) are eligible for the "Making Work Pay Credit," in an amount equal to the lesser of 6.2 percent of the taxpayer's earned income or \$400 (\$800 for taxpayers filing jointly). This credit begins to phase out for individual taxpayers with adjusted gross income of \$75,000 and joint filers with adjusted gross income of \$150,000.

### One-Time Economic Recovery Payment for Retirees

The Act provides a one-time \$250 payment to persons who were eligible for the following government benefits within the three months prior to enactment of the new law: Social Security benefits; railroad retirement benefits; veterans' compensation or pension benefits; and supplemental security income benefits. This one-time payment reduces any allowable Making Work Pay credit.

### Extension of AMT Relief for 2009

The Act extends tax relief from the individual alternative minimum tax for 2009 by allowing nonrefundable credits to be claimed against the tax and by increasing the AMT exemption amount. This prevents 1,021,000 Illinois taxpayers from seeing an increase in their taxes due to the Alternative Minimum Tax.

### Refundable Credit for Certain Government Retirees

For 2009, the Act provides a refundable \$250 credit (\$500 for taxpayers filing jointly who are both eligible for the credit) for retirees who receive a government pension or annuity from work not covered by Social Security and who weren't eligible to receive the One Time Economic Recovery Payment. For example, retired teachers not receiving Social Security and who did not receive the One Time Economic Recovery Payment are eligible for this tax credit, although eligible retirees will need to file a 2009 tax return to receive the credit. The IRS Financial Management Service will be distributing the payments by mail.

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### Exclusion of Unemployment Income

For 2009, the Act provides that a taxpayer's gross income does not include the taxpayer's first \$2,400 of unemployment compensation.

### American Opportunity Tax Credit

For 2009 and 2010, the Act provides taxpayers a new "American Opportunity Tax Credit" of up to \$2,500 per year for qualified higher education expenses. The law makes 40 percent of the credit refundable. The credit may be applied against alternative minimum tax liability. The credit will be subject to phase out for individual taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income greater than \$80,000 (\$160,000 for taxpayers filing jointly).

### Modified Child Tax Credit

The Act increases the portion of the child care tax credit that is refundable for 2009 and 2010 to 15 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income, up to \$3,000.

### Changes in the Earned Income Tax Credit

For 2009 and 2010, the Act temporarily increases the earned income tax credit for working families with three or more children. Under current law, working families with two or more children currently qualify for an earned income tax credit equal to 40 percent of the family's first \$12,570 of earned income. This credit is subject to a phase-out for working families with adjusted gross income in excess of \$16,420 (\$19,540 for married couples filing jointly). The Act increases the earned income tax credit to 45 percent of the family's first \$12,570 of earned income for families with three or more children and increases 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.

### Refundable First-Time Home Buyer Credit

Last year, Congress provided taxpayers with a refundable tax credit that was equivalent to an interest-free loan equal to 10 percent of the purchase of a principal residence (up to \$7,500) by first-time home buyers. The provision applies to homes purchased on or after April 9, 2008 and before July 1, 2009. Taxpayers receiving this tax credit are currently required to repay any amount received under this provision back to the government over 15 years in equal installments, or earlier under certain circumstances (for example, when the home is sold). The credit phases out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$75,000 (\$150,000 in the case of a joint return). The Act eliminates the repayment obligation for taxpayers that purchase homes on or after January 1, 2009, increases the maximum value of the credit to \$8,000, allows financing of the home purchase by mortgage revenue bonds (which was prohibited under the prior credit requirements) and extends the period for which home purchases are eligible through November 30, 2009. Like the pre-Act provision, the Act permits a taxpayer to claim the credit on the taxpayer's 2008 tax return for an eligible purchase in 2009. The Act requires a taxpayer to pay back the amount of the credit if the house is sold within three years of purchase. The Act does not eliminate the requirement that a homebuyer must be a "first time" homebuyer to qualify for the credit.

### Computers as Qualified Education Expenses in Section 529 Plans

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Section 529 Education Plans, such as Illinois' Bright Start program, are tax-advantaged savings plans that cover all qualified education expenses, including: tuition, room & board, mandatory fees and books. The Act provides that computers and computer technology qualify as qualified education expenses.

### Sales Tax Deduction for Vehicle Purchases

The Act provides taxpayers who itemize deductions (and do not deduct sales taxes in lieu of income taxes) with an itemized deduction for state and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, light trucks, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles in 2009. Taxpayers who do not itemize also may claim the deduction as an increased standard deduction. The deduction is phased out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$125,000 (\$250,000 for a joint return). Only taxes attributable to the portion of the purchase price that does not exceed \$49,500 may be deducted.

## Energy Incentives

Below is a summary of tax relief programs dedicated to alternative energy development. For information on how to apply for specific provisions, please see the section on "Energy" included later in this guide.

### Advanced Energy Tax Credit

The Act establishes a new 30 percent investment tax credit for qualified investment in a "qualifying advanced energy project." A qualifying advanced energy project is a project that re-equips, expands or establishes a manufacturing facility for the production of (i) property designed to be used to produce energy from renewable resources, (ii) fuel cells, microturbines, or energy storage systems for use with electric or hybrid electric motor vehicles, (iii) electric grids to support the transmission of intermittent sources of renewable energy, (iv) property designed to capture and sequester carbon dioxide emissions, (v) property designed to refine or blend renewable fuels or to produce energy conservation technologies, (vi) new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles, qualified plug-in electric vehicles or components designed to for use with such vehicles, or (vii) other advanced energy property designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

These credits are available only for projects certified by the Secretary of the Treasury under a program established in consultation with the Secretary of Energy. A competitive bidding process applies. Up to \$2.3 billion of credits can be certified. Check [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) for more information as the Advanced Energy Investment Credit is implemented.

### Extension of Energy Tax Credit for Electricity Produced from Renewable Resources

The Act includes a three-year extension of the renewable energy production tax credit for wind facilities (through December 31, 2012) and for closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation, hydropower, landfill gas, waste-to-energy, and marine renewable facilities (through December 31, 2013).

### Investment Tax Credit in Lieu of Production Tax Credit; Grants from Treasury

Under current law, facilities that produce electricity from solar facilities are eligible to take a 30 percent investment tax credit in the year that the facility is placed in service. Facilities that produce electricity

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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 Act allows facilities to elect to claim the investment tax credit in lieu of the production tax credit. The Act also permits taxpayers to receive grants from Treasury in lieu of production tax credits for certain renewable energy facilities and certain renewable energy property. The Treasury Department will issue a grant equal to 30 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 the grant). Check [www.treasury.gov](http://www.treasury.gov) for more information as this investment tax credit is implemented.

### Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (“CREBs”)

The Act authorizes an additional \$1.6 billion of clean renewable energy bonds to finance facilities that generate electricity from the following sources: wind, closed-loop biomass open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation, hydropower, landfill gas, marine renewables and trash combustion facilities. This 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 Act 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, and for other qualified conservation purposes. The Act clarifies that qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community projects. The Act also clarifies that the bonds may be issued for programs in which utilities provide ratepayers with energy efficient property and recoup the costs of the property over an extended period of time.

### Tax Credits for Energy-Efficient Improvements to Existing Homes

The Act extends through 2010 tax credits for improvements to energy-efficient existing homes. The Act increases the amount of the credit to 30 percent of the amount paid or incurred for qualified energy efficiency improvements. The Act eliminates the property-by-property dollar caps on the credits and provides an aggregate cap of \$1,500 on all property qualifying for the credit in a taxable year. The Act also updates the energy-efficiency standards for property qualifying for the credit.

### Tax Credits for Alternative Fueling Property

The Act increases for 2009 and 2010 the 30 percent alternative refueling property credit for businesses to a 50 percent credit and increases the cap from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The credit for hydrogen refueling pumps remains at 30 percent, but the cap is raised to \$200,000. The Act also increases the 30 percent alternative refueling property credit for individuals to 50 percent and the cap from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for 2009 and 2010.

### Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle Tax Credit

The Act expands and modifies tax credits for plug-in vehicles and accessories. First, the Act modifies the credit for plug-in vehicles. The base amount of the credit is \$2,500 and is increased if the vehicle draws

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propulsion from a battery with at least 5 kilowatt-hours capacity. This revised credit applies to vehicle purchases made after December 31, 2009. Second, the Act also allows a new credit of 10 percent of the cost of low-speed vehicles, motorcycles and 3-wheeled vehicles that would otherwise meet the criteria for qualified plug-in vehicle but for the fact that they are low speed or do not have four wheels, for purchases made after the date of enactment of the Act until December 31, 2011. The credit is capped at \$2,500. Third, the Act provides a credit for conversion of a vehicle into a plug-in vehicle through a conversion kit, in an amount equal to 10 percent of so much of the cost of converting that does not exceed \$40,000. The basis in a vehicle used in a trade or business will be reduced by any credit amount that is claimed with respect to that vehicle. In the case of a vehicle used by a tax-exempt entity or a governmental entity, the credit may be claimed by the seller of the vehicle.

### Parity for Transit Benefits

The Act equalizes the tax-free benefit employers can provide for transit and parking from March 2011 through December 2010. The benefits are set at \$230 per month for 2009 and indexed for 2010.

## Small Business Tax Relief

### S Corporation Built-in Gains

The Act includes a temporary reduction in the built-in gains tax period for S corporations. Under present law, an S corporation that sells assets within ten years of converting from C corporation to S corporation status is subject to the built-in gains tax, a corporate tax on the built-in gain that existed at the time of the S election. The Act reduces the 10-year period to 7 years for sales occurring in tax years beginning in 2009 and 2010.

### Qualified Small Business Stock

The Act increases the exclusion from income for gain on the sale of certain small business stock held by individuals for more than five years from 50 percent to 75 percent. The benefit would apply to stock issued after enactment and before 2011.

### Estimated Taxes for Small Businesses

The Act reduces the required estimated tax payments for 2009 for individuals receiving income from small businesses. The provision applies to an individual if the adjusted gross income shown on the individual's return for 2008 was less than \$500,000 and the individual certifies that more than half of the gross income shown on the individual's return for 2008 was income from a small business with average employment of less than 500.

### Net Operating Losses

The Act extends the carryback period for net operating losses for a taxable year ending in 2008 (or at the taxpayer's election, a taxable year beginning in 2008) from two years to five years, for businesses that have \$15 million or less in gross receipts.

## General Business Tax Provisions

### Expansion of Work Opportunity Tax Credit

The Act expands the work opportunity tax credit to include credits for hiring two new targeted groups of employees – unemployed veterans and disconnected youth – who begin work for the employer in 2009 or 2010. An individual qualifies as an unemployed veteran if he or she was released from active duty in the Armed Forces during the five-year period before hiring and he or she received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. A “disconnected youth” is an individual between the ages of 16 and 25 who has not been regularly employed or attended school in the six months preceding hiring and who is “not readily employable by reason of lacking a sufficient number of basic skills.”

### Bonus Depreciation

In general, businesses are allowed to recover the cost of capital expenditures over time according to a depreciation schedule. Last year, at the urging of Congresswoman Melissa Bean, Congress temporarily allowed businesses to recover the costs of capital expenditures made in 2008 faster than ordinary tax depreciation rules would allow by permitting these businesses to immediately write off 50 percent of the cost of depreciable property acquired in 2008 for use in the United States. The Act extends this temporary benefit for one year, generally through 2009 (through 2010 for certain long-lived and transportation property).

Also at the urging of Congresswoman Bean, the Act also extends through 2009 the temporary increase to \$250,000 of the amount of depreciable property that small and medium size businesses can expense (i.e., deduct immediately). This benefit is phased out if expenditures on depreciable property exceed \$800,000.

### Monetization of Accumulated AMT and R&D Credits in Lieu of Bonus Depreciation

The Act extends through 2009 (2010 for certain aircraft and long-production-period property) a provision included in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act that allows taxpayers to elect to forgo bonus depreciation and instead claim additional alternative minimum tax (“AMT”) and research credits that they may not otherwise be able to use because of limitations on the use of such credits.

Under this provision, the research or AMT credit limitation for electing corporate taxpayers is increased by 20 percent of the bonus depreciation that could otherwise be claimed. The amount is capped at the lesser of 6 percent of (i) outstanding and unused AMT and R&D credits and (ii) \$30 million.

A taxpayer that made the election under the prior act for the first tax year ending after March 31, 2008, may elect to not have the election apply to extension property, i.e., property eligible for the election solely by reason of the amendments made by the Act.

### Government Contractor Withholding

For payments made after December 31, 2010, current law requires withholding at a 3 percent rate on certain payments made by federal, state and local governments to contractors providing property or services to the government. The withholding is required regardless of whether the government entity making the payment is the recipient of the property or services, although those with less than \$100

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million in annual expenditures for property or services are exempt. Numerous government entities and small businesses have raised concerns about the application of this provision. The Act delays 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.

### Deferral of Income from Discharge of Indebtedness

Under present law, a taxpayer generally recognizes income when the taxpayer cancels or repurchases a debt for an amount less than its adjusted issue price or when debt is forgiven. Various exceptions apply to the general rule. The Act allows certain businesses to elect to defer recognition of cancellation of indebtedness income ("CODI") on the "reacquisition" of business debt instruments during 2009 or 2010. The business would defer the CODI for five years in the case of 2009 reacquisition or four years in the case of 2010 reacquisition and then recognize the CODI ratably in income over the following five years.

The new provision applies to debt instruments issued by a C corporation or by any other person in connection with the conduct of a trade or business. A debt instrument is defined as a bond, debenture, note certificate, or any other instrument or contractual arrangement constituting indebtedness.

A "reacquisition" is an acquisition of a debt instrument by the debtor that issued (or is otherwise the obligor under) the debt instrument or a related person to such debtor. The term "acquisition" includes an acquisition for cash, the exchange of the debt instrument or another debt instrument, the exchange of a debt instrument or corporate stock or a partnership interest, and the contribution of the debt instrument to capital. "Acquisition" also includes complete forgiveness of the indebtedness.

### Modification of Rules for OID on High Yield Obligations

The Act suspends special rules for original issue discount ("OID") contained in Section 163(e)(5) of the Code in the case of any "applicable high yield discount obligation" ("AHYDO") issued during the period beginning September 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2009 in exchange for an obligation which was not an AHYDO and the issuer of which is the same as the issuer of the AHYDO. Section 163(e)(5) ordinarily denies a deduction for a portion of the OID on an AHYDO instrument.

The Act gives the Treasury the authority beginning in 2010 to use a higher rate than prescribed by the Code for purposes of determining whether a debt instrument has a yield that will subject it to the AHYDO rules.

## Bond Provisions

The IRS and Treasury will be releasing a new IRS form this spring for bond issuers that wish to participate in these programs. In the meantime, continue to check [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for updates or contact a regional office:

Chicago IRS Office:  
230 S. Dearborn St.  
Chicago, IL 60604  
(312) 566-4912

Schiller Park IRS Office:  
5100 River Rd  
Schiller Park, IL 60176  
(847) 671-7541

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### Recovery Zone Bonds

The Act creates two new categories of bonds for investment in national recovery zones – recovery zone economic development bonds and recovery zone facility bonds. Recovery zone economic development bonds are a new type of tax credit bond that may be issued for qualified economic development purposes, i.e., promoting development or other economic activity in a recovery zone. Recovery zone facility bonds are a new type of tax-exempt private activity bond for capital investments in national recovery zones. The Act authorizes a \$10 billion total allocation for recovery zone economic development bonds and a \$15 billion total allocation for 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. The state allocation would be sub-allocated to local municipalities.

### Modification to Tax-exempt Interest Expense Rules for Financial Institutions

Financial institutions are not allowed to take a deduction for the portion of their interest expense that is allocable to the institution's investments in tax-exempt municipal bonds. For purposes of this interest disallowance rule, bonds that are issued by "qualified small issuers" are not taken into account as investments in tax-exempt municipal bonds. Under current law, a "qualified small issuer" is defined as any issuer that reasonably anticipates that the amount of its tax-exempt obligations (other than certain private activity bonds) will not exceed \$10 million. The Act increases this dollar threshold to \$30 million when determining whether a tax-exempt obligation issued in 2009 and 2010 qualifies for this small issuer exception. The small issuer exception would also apply to an issue if all of the ultimate borrowers in such issue would separately qualify for the exception. Under the Act, for purposes of determining whether an issuer meets the requirements of the small issuer exception, qualified 501(c)(3) bonds issued in 2009 or 2010 are treated as if they were issued by the 501(c)(3) organization for whose benefit they were issued (and not by the actual issuer of such bonds).

The Act provides a new 2 percent safe harbor for the interest disallowance rule for financial institutions. Under the safe harbor, tax-exempt obligations issued during 2009 and 2010 that do not exceed 2 percent of the adjusted basis of the financial institution's assets are not taken into account for purposes of the interest disallowance rule.

### Qualified Zone Academy Bonds

The Act allows an additional \$1.4 billion of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds ("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 the 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 tax-free interest.

### Qualified School Construction Bonds

The Act 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

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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 in 2010).

Allocations of the national limitation of qualified school construction bonds are divided between the states and certain large school districts. The states receive 60 percent of the national limitation for a calendar year and the remaining 40 percent of the national limitation for a calendar year is allocated to certain large local educational agencies

Qualified school construction bonds must meet the following three requirements: 100 percent of the available project proceeds of the bond issue is used for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility or for the acquisition of land on which such a bond-financed facility is to be constructed; the bond is issued by a state or local government within which such school is located; and the issuer designates such bonds as a qualified school construction bond.

### Industrial Development Bonds

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. The Act, for purposes of industrial development bonds, expands the definition of “manufacturing facility” to include any facility used to create, produce or manufacture intangible property, including any patent, copyright, formula, process, design, knowhow, format, or other similar item. The provision would also treat any functionally related and subordinate manufacturing facility that is located on the same site as the manufacturing facility as a “manufacturing facility” for these purposes.

The Act also describes those physical components of a manufacturing facility that are “ancillary” and subject to a 25 percent limitation in the amount of bond issuance used to build or reconstruct such components.

### Alternative Minimum Tax

Interest on private activity bonds is generally treated as an item of tax preference under the minimum tax and included in income for purposes of calculating alternative minimum taxable income. Under the Act, interest on private activity bonds issued during 2009 and 2010 will not be treated as a preference item for purposes of calculating alternative minimum taxable income.

### Tax Credit Bonds

Tax credit bonds and tax-exempt bonds provide a subsidy to state and local governments 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 that interest paid on tax credit bonds is taxable, and a portion of such interest takes the form of a tax credit. The tax credit offsets a portion of the cash interest payment that a state and local government would otherwise need to make on the borrowing. The Act, for 2009 and 2010, provides state and local governments with the option of issuing a tax credit bond instead of a tax exempt bond. Bonds issued under this provision are known as Build America Bonds.

The Act also permits state and local governments to elect to receive a direct payment from the federal government equal to the subsidy that would have otherwise been delivered through the tax credit for bonds. The Act provides transitional rules for coordination with state law. The Act provides that until a

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state provides otherwise, the interest on any taxable governmental bond and the amount of any credit under such bond is treated as exempt from federal income tax for state income tax law purposes.

The Act adds a new Code section that permits regulated investment companies to pass through to their shareholders credits from tax credit bonds. The new provision also allows the tax credits from tax credit bonds to pass through to beneficiaries of real estate investment trusts (REITS).

## Benefits for the Unemployed

### 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. Those receiving unemployment compensation will automatically receive this extension.

### Increase in Unemployment Compensation Benefits

The bill increases unemployment weekly benefits by an additional \$25 through 2009. Those receiving unemployment compensation will automatically receive this increase.

### 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. The provision will take effect and suspend the withholding of federal income tax on unemployment benefits automatically.

### Health Insurance Assistance 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 offer of 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, will 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.

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

### Low-Income 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 will allow taxpayers to receive a grant from the Treasury Department in lieu of tax credits. Under this provision, state housing agencies will receive a grant equal to up to eighty-five percent of forty percent of the state's

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low-income housing tax credit allocation in lieu of the low-income housing tax credits they would have received. The sub-awards 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 will apply to each state's 2009 low-income housing tax credit allocation.

# Transportation

Illinois will receive over \$1.5 billion dollars in transportation funding. It will be distributed through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). IDOT has nine districts, one of which serves the counties of the Eighth Congressional District.

District 1: Cook County, Lake County , McHenry County

District 1 Contact:

Diane O'Keefe,  
Deputy Director, Region 1 Engineer  
201 West Center Court  
Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096  
Telephone:(847)705-4000

Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764  
(217)782-7820  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/>

Grant: Highway Improvement Programs

Amount: \$27.5 billion nationally, \$935,592,704 for Illinois

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/>  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/opp/publications.html>

Contact: Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764  
(217) 782-7820  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/>

Grant: Transit Capital Assistance

Amount: \$8.4 billion, \$467,537,681 to Illinois.

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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

Purpose: 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: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html)  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/default.asp>

Contact: Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764  
(217) 782-7820  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/>

Grant: Rail & Fixed Guideway Modernization

Amount: \$750 million

Type: Funds are allocated by a statutory formula to urbanized areas with rail systems that have been in operation for at least seven years.

Administrator: Federal Transit Administration / U.S. Department of Transportation

Purpose: These funds will be used for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems, including purchase and rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, line equipment, structures, signals and communications, power equipment and substations, passenger stations and terminals, security equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and software, system extensions, and preventive maintenance.

Website: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3558.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html)

Contact: Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764  
(217) 782-7820  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/>

Grant: Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)

Amount: \$750 million

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](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html)

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<http://www.dot.state.il.us/>
- Grant: Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants
- Amount: \$6.9 billion  
Type: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.  
Agency: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation  
Website: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html)  
Contact: Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764  
(217) 782-7820  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/>
- Grant: National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants
- Amount: \$1.5 billion  
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  
Website: <http://www.dot.gov/>  
[http://www.dot.gov/citizen\\_services/grants\\_loans/](http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/)  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/>  
Contact: Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764  
(217) 782-7820  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/>
- Grant: Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service
- Amount: \$8 billion  
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

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- Website: [www.fra.dot.gov](http://www.fra.dot.gov)  
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>
- Contact: Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764  
(217) 782-7820  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/>
- Grant: Capital Grants to Amtrak
- Amount: \$1.3 billion
- Type: Grants will be given directly to Amtrak; no more than 60% will be spent in the NE corridor.
- Agency: Federal Railroad Administration
- Purpose: To maintain and improve the national system of intercity passenger rail. In addition to security improvements, repair, rehabilitation, or upgrade of railroad assets or infrastructure, and for capital projects that expand passenger rail capacity including the rehabilitation of rolling stock (locomotives and passenger cars)
- Website: [www.fra.dot.gov](http://www.fra.dot.gov)  
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30>  
<http://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=Amtrak/InsideAmtrak>
- 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: \$50 million to upgrade the FAA's power system, \$50 million to modernize aging air traffic control centers, \$80 million to replace air traffic control centers and TRACONS, \$20 million to install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment

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

Grant: Competitive Grants to Small Domestic Shipyards

Amount: \$100 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Department of Transportation

Purpose: Grants for investments and improvements

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

## Environment

- Grant:** Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- Amount:** \$4 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, \$180 million for Illinois wastewater infrastructure projects. ARRA funding is limited to 50% of project or \$10 million cap, whichever is less.
- Type:** Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities.
- Agency:** Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 217-782-3397
- 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/>  
<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/>
- Contact:** Geoff Andres, Bureau of Water  
217-782-2027
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- Grant:** Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Amount:** \$2 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, \$80 million for Illinois drinking water projects. ARRA funding is limited to 50% of project or \$5 million cap, whichever is less.
- Type:** Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities.
- Administrator:** Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 217-782-3397
- 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/>  
<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/>
- Contact:** Geoff Andres, Bureau of Water  
217-782-2027

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- Grant:** Brownfields Evaluation and Clean-Up
- Amount:** \$100 million
- 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/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer>  
<http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/brownfields/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/job.htm>
- Contact:** Steve Colantino  
Illinois EPA, Bureau of Land  
Office of Brownfields Assistance  
[Steve.Colantino@illinois.gov](mailto:Steve.Colantino@illinois.gov)  
217-524-1991
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- Grant:** Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup
- Amount:** \$600 million
- Administrator:** U.S. 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>  
<http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/cleanup-programs/cleanups-superfund.html>
- Contact:** Illinois EPA, Bureau of Land  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, IL 62794-9276  
Phone: 217-892-6762 or FAX: 217-782-3258
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- Grant:** National Clean Diesel Campaign
- Amount:** \$300 million
- Type:** Competitive grants to fund technologies that 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/diesel/prgnational.htm)  
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery>
- Webform:** <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm>

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Contact: Darwin Burkhart, Illinois Bureau of Air  
217-524-5008

Grant: Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust

Amount \$200 million nationally, including \$8 million for Illinois.

Agency: U.S. 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>

Contact: Steve Colantino  
Illinois EPA, Bureau of Land  
Office of Brownfields Assistance  
[Steve.Colantino@illinois.gov](mailto:Steve.Colantino@illinois.gov)  
217-524-1991

Grant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

Amount \$2 billion

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>

Contact: U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago  
111 North Canal Street  
Suite 600  
Chicago, IL 60606-7206  
(312) 846-5330  
<http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/>

Grant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance

Amount: \$2 billion

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>  
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx>

Contact: U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago  
111 North Canal Street  
Suite 600

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Chicago, IL 60606-7206  
(312) 846-5330  
<http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/>

Grant: Bureau of Reclamation -- Clean Drinking Water Fund

Amount: \$1 billion, \$179,033,400 allocated to Illinois

Type: Grants based on priority ranking system

Agency: U.S. 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/>

Grant: 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>

Grant: Rural Water and Waste Disposal

Amount: \$1.38 billion

Type: Grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture – State Administrators

Purpose: Help communities fund drinking water and wastewater treatment systems

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

Contact: Marianne Nixa, Illinois Acting State Director  
217-403-6203  
[Marianne.Nixa@il.usda.gov](mailto:Marianne.Nixa@il.usda.gov)

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# Energy

For information on Illinois incentives for renewable and efficiency please visit:

<http://www.dsireusa.org/library/includes/map2.cfm?CurrentPageID=1&State=IL>.

For additional information on Department of Energy (DOE) initiatives, visit the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE) Information Center:

<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter/> or call 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463).

Grant:	State Energy Efficiency Programs
Amount:	\$3.1 billion
Type:	States receive funding through a formula.
Description:	States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.
Contact:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Bureau of Energy and Recycling 620 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62701-1615 Phone: 217-785-3416 Website: <a href="http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Energy_Recycling/">http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Energy_Recycling/</a>  State Energy Office Director Jonathan Feipel Energy Division Manager Phone: 217-785-5222 Email: <a href="mailto:Jonathan.Feipel@illinois.gov">Jonathan.Feipel@illinois.gov</a>  State Energy Program Manager Hans Detweiler Deputy Director Phone: 217-785-2009 Email: <a href="mailto:Hans.Detweiler@illinois.gov">Hans.Detweiler@illinois.gov</a>
Grant:	Weatherization Assistance Program
Amount:	\$5 billion. 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.

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217-785-6135  
[ben.moore@illinois.gov](mailto:ben.moore@illinois.gov)  
[hfswebmaster@illinois.gov](mailto:hfswebmaster@illinois.gov)

How to Apply: <http://www.weatherizationillinois.com/apply.html>

Regional Offices:

Cook County  
Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA)  
208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1900 (LIHEAP Suite 2010)  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1001  
Telephone: 800-571-2332 (LIHEAP) or 312-795-8998 (Weatherization)  
Website: [Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. \(CEDA\)](http://www.ceda.org)

Lake County  
Community Action Partnership of Lake County  
1200 Glen Flora Avenue  
Waukegan, Illinois 60087  
Telephone: 847-249-4330

McHenry County  
McHenry County Housing Authority  
1108 North Seminary Avenue  
P.O. Box 1109  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098-1109  
Telephone & TDD: 815-338-7752

Grant: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Amount: \$3.2 billion

Type: Competitive grants to government entities

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

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-profit organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspection 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](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm)

How to Apply: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\\_grants.cfm#apply](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm#apply)

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Contact: [EERE Information Center](#): 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)  
Or [Web submission form](#).

Grant: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Amount: \$16.8 billion

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

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Programs: 10 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: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state\\_specific\\_information.cfm/state=IL](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_information.cfm/state=IL)  
[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/alternatives/resources\\_il.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/alternatives/resources_il.cfm)  
<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter/>

Contact: [EERE Information Center](#): 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)  
Or [Web submission form](#).

Grant: Biomass Program

Amount: \$800 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

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

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov/biomass](http://www.eere.energy.gov/biomass)

Contact: [EERE Information Center](#): 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)  
Or [Web submission form](#).

Grant: Geothermal Technologies Program

Amount: \$400 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

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

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal](http://www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal)

Contact: [EERE Information Center](#): 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)  
Or [Web submission form](#).

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Grant: Advanced Battery Manufacturing

Amount: \$2 billion

Type: Competitive grants to domestic manufacturing facilities

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

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](http://www.eere.energy.gov)

Contact: [EERE Information Center](#): 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)  
Or [Web submission form](#).

Grant: Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program

Amount: \$300 million

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

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

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

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. 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 also eligible.

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities)

Contact: [EERE Information Center](#): 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)  
Or [Web submission form](#).

Grant: Transportation Electrification

Amount: \$400 million

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

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

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](http://www.eere.energy.gov)  
[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state\\_specific\\_information.cfm/state=IL](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_information.cfm/state=IL)

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Contact: [EERE Information Center](#): 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)  
Or [Web submission form](#).

Grant: Smart Grid Investment Program

Amount: \$4.5 billion

Type: Regional demonstration initiative and matching grants to states

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Office: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

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: <http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm>  
[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state\\_specific\\_information.cfm/state=IL](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_information.cfm/state=IL)  
<http://www.icc.illinois.gov/>

Contact: [EERE Information Center](#): 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)  
Or [Web submission form](#).

Grant: Fossil Energy Research and Development Program

Amount: \$3.4 billion

Type: Competitive grants and contracts

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Office: Fossil 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](http://www.fossil.energy.gov)

Grant: Physics Research Science Program

Amount: \$1.6 billion

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

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Office: Office of Science

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

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**Grant:** Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)  
**Amount:** \$400 million  
**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:** <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>

**Loan:** Innovative Technology Loan  
**Amount:** \$6 billion  
**Type:** Loan guarantees to eligible applicants, including any firm, corporation, company, partnership, association, society, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, or governmental non-federal entity that meets specific guidelines  
**Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy  
**Purpose:** Loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies  
**Website:** <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html>

**Grant:** Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup  
**Amount:** \$5.127 billion  
**Type:** Awards based on priorities established by the Department of Energy  
**Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy  
**Purpose:** Accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the nation's past nuclear activities  
**Website:** <http://www.em.doe.gov/StatePages/IL.aspx?PAGEID=MAIN>  
<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:** U.S. Department of Energy  
**Purposes:** Loans for renewable energy power generation and transmission projects  
**Website:** [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)  
<http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/>

**Grant:** Research into Low-Emission Coal Plants  
**Amount:** \$800 million  
**Type:** Competitive grants  
**Agency:** Department of Energy

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Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov>

Grant: Industrial carbon capture and energy efficiency improvement projects

Amount: \$1.52 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Department of Energy

Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov>

Grant: 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>

Grant: 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 governments

Agency: Department of Energy

Website: [www.oe.energy.gov](http://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 governments, 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://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

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

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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://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249)

<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html>

# Housing

Grant: Public Housing Authorities – Capital Needs Grants

Amount: \$4 billion

Type: \$3 billion by state formula  
\$1 billion 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>

State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/il.cfm>

Grant: 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/>

State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: Community Development Block Grants

Amount: \$1 billion

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 affordable housing and services for those hit hard by tough economic times.

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

State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Amount: \$2 billion

Office : Office of Community Planning and Development

Type: Competitive grants

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

Description: Help communities purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed, vacant properties in order to

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create more affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/>  
State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: Lead Hazard Reduction Program

Amount: \$100 million  
Type: Competitive grants  
Office: Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control  
Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development  
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>  
State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: Native American Housing

Amount: \$510 million  
Type: \$255 million through a formula  
\$255 million for competitive grants  
Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development  
Eligibility: Eligible applicants include Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) eligible to receive funding under NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.)  
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-formula.cfm>  
State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: HOME Investment Partnership Program

Amount: \$2.25 billion  
Type: Funds will be distributed by formula to states  
Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development  
Description: Funds for state and local governments to create and rehabilitate affordable housing.  
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/>  
State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grant: Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)

Amount: \$2.25 billion  
Type: Funds will be distributed by formula to 52 state and territory housing credit agencies  
Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
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>

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**Grant:** Home Weatherization Assistance Program

**Amount:** \$5 billion

**Type:** States receive funding through a formula

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

**Description:** Funds to assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient

**Website:** [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe\\_guidelines.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe_guidelines.cfm)

**Contact:** Office of Energy Assistance  
Department of Healthcare & Family Services  
400 North Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62702  
Phone: 217-785-6135  
Website: <http://www.weatherizationillinois.com/>

Ben Moore  
Program Manager  
Email: [ben.moore@illinois.gov](mailto:ben.moore@illinois.gov)

**Grant:** Rural Housing Insurance Fund

**Amount:** \$200 million

**Type:** Direct and guaranteed loans

**Agency:** USDA - Rural Development - Rural Housing Service

**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>

**Grant:** Rural Community Facilities

**Amount:** \$130 million

**Type:** Competitive grants

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

**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. The 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>

**Contact:** Illinois District Office  
500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1250  
Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511  
(312) 353-4528 Fax (312) 886-5688

**Loan:** Small Business Administration- 504 Loan Program

**Amount:** \$375 million

**Agency:** Small Business Administration (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>

**Contact:** Illinois District Office  
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**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](http://www.sba.gov)

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**Grant:** Economic Development Assistance

**Amount:** \$150 million

**Type:** Competitive grants

**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.

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

**Contact:** Economic Development Administration Regional Office  
111 North Canal Street  
Suite 855  
Chicago, IL 60606-7208  
312-353-7706

**Grant:** Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

**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/>

**How to Apply:** [http://www.cdfifund.gov/how\\_to\\_apply/index.asp](http://www.cdfifund.gov/how_to_apply/index.asp)

**Contact:** Phone: (202) 622-6355  
Email: [cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov)

**Loan:** Micro-Loan Program

**Amount:** \$6 million

**Agency:** Small Business Association (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>

**Contact:** Illinois District Office  
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Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511  
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## Job Training & Unemployment

- Grant:** Employment Training Services for Adults
- Amount:** \$500 million, \$26,051,123 for Illinois
- Type:** States will receive formula funding.
- Description:** Funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations
- Website:** <http://www.ides.state.il.us/>  
[http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA\\_default.cfm?#](http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA_default.cfm?#)
- Contact:** 1-888-367-4382 (Illinois)  
1-877-889-5627
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- Grant:** Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Services
- Amount:** \$1.25 billion, \$65,311,400 for Illinois
- Type:** States will receive formula funding.
- Description:** Funds to provide quality employment and training services to assist individuals in finding employment, and to help employers find the skilled.
- Website:** <http://www.ides.state.il.us/>  
[http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general\\_info.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm)
- Contact:** 1-888-367-4382 (Illinois)  
1-877-889-5627
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- Grant:** Employment Training Services for Youths
- Amount:** \$1.2 billion, \$62,831,717 for Illinois
- Type:** States will receive formula funding.
- Description:** Funds to create summer employment opportunities for people under 24 years old.
- Website:** <http://www.ides.state.il.us/>  
[http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/)
- Contact:** 1-888-367-4382 (Illinois)  
1-877-889-5627
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- Grant:** Employment Services
- Amount:** \$250 million, \$16,553,830 for Illinois
- Type:** States will receive formula funds.
- Description:** Funding for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants

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to employment.

- Website: <http://www.ides.state.il.us/>  
[http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner\\_Peyser.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner_Peyser.cfm)
- Contact: 1-888-367-4382 (Illinois)  
1-877-889-5627
- Grant: Dislocated Worker Assistance
- Amount: \$200 million, \$65,311,400 for Illinois
- Type: Competitive grants
- Office: Employment & Training Administration
- Agency: U.S. Department of Labor
- 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.ides.state.il.us/>  
<http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/>  
<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/>
- Contact: 1-888-367-4382 (Illinois)  
1-877-889-5627
- Grant: 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.ides.state.il.us/>  
[http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/)
- Contact: 1-888-367-4382 (Illinois)  
1-877-889-5627
- Grant: Green Jobs Training
- Amount: \$500 million
- Type: Competitive grants
- Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration
- 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.ides.state.il.us/>  
<http://www.doleta.gov/>
- Contact: 1-888-367-4382 (Illinois)  
1-877-889-5627

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- Grant: Community Service Employment for Older Americans
- Amount: \$120 million
- Type: Formula funds and competitive grants - Nonprofits may apply
- Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration
- Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities for low-income seniors
- Website: <http://www.ides.state.il.us/>  
<http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>
- Contact: 1-888-367-4382 (Illinois)  
1-877-889-5627
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- Grant: Job Corps Program
- Amount: \$250 million
- Type: Competitive grants
- Office: Office of Job Corps
- Agency: U.S. Department of Labor
- Description: The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth.
- Website: <http://www.ides.state.il.us/>  
<http://www.jobcorps.gov/>
- Contact: 1-888-367-4382 (Illinois)  
1-800-733-5627
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- Grant: Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers
- Amount: Reauthorizes all TAA programs until Dec. 31, 2010, increases funding to states by \$575 million nationally
- Type: Discretionary grants
- Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance
- 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.ides.state.il.us/>  
<http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/>
- Contact: 1-888-367-4382 (Illinois)  
1-877-889-5627

## Health

Grant: Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

Amount: \$86.6 billion, \$470,902,236 for Illinois

Type: Formula funding to states

Description: Funds to provide states with an increase in federal matching funds for state Medicaid expenditures to avoid budget shortfalls.

Agency: State Medicaid

State Funding

Websites: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmap.html>  
<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefunds.html>

Contact: 1-800-633-2243

Grant: Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants

Amount: \$1.5 billion, \$5,200,000 for Illinois

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>

Contact: 1-877-464-4772

Grant: Community Health Center Services Grants

Amount: \$500 million, \$5,200,00 for Illinois

Office: Bureau of Primary Health Care

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

Type: Competitive grants for Existing Grantees

Description: To increase access to quality healthcare for uninsured Americans.

Website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>

Contact: 1-877-464-4772

Grant: 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

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- 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>  
Contact: 1-877-696-6775
- Grant: 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 professions in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps  
Website: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/>  
Contact: 1-800-221-9393
- Grant: 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 professionals  
Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm>  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>  
Contact: 1-877-696-6775
- Grant: 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](http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm)  
<http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/>  
Contact: 1-301-496-4000
- Grant: University Research Facilities
- Amount: \$1.3 billion

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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 of research equipment.  
Website: <http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/>  
Contact: 1-301-435-0888

Grant: Prevention and Wellness Program

Amount: \$950 million  
Type: Competitive grants  
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
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/>  
Contact: 1-800-232-4636

Grant: Comparative Effectiveness Health Research

Amount: \$1.1 billion  
Type: Competitive grants  
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
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/>  
Contact: 1-(301) 427-1364

Grant: Health Information Technology Grants

Amount: \$2 billion  
Type: Competitive grants  
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  
Description: To authorize the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information

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Technology in order to promote the use and exchange of electronic health information.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>  
Contact: 1-877-696-6775

Grant: Health Information Technology Improvements

Amount: \$17 billion  
Purpose: 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/>  
Contact: 1-877-696-6775

Grant: Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million  
Type: Competitive grants  
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office  
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>  
Contact: 1-202-720-4323

Grant: Indian Health Service

Amount: \$500 million  
Type: Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Director of Indian Health Services  
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Director of the 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/>  
Contact: 1-877-696-6775

Grant: NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research

Amount: \$200 million  
Type: Competitive grants  
Agency: National Institutes of Health - Office of Extramural Research  
Description: Funds will support research on specific scientific and health research challenges that

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will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds.

Website: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge\\_award/](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/)

Contact: 1-301-496-4000

## Public Safety

Grant: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Amount: \$210 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Purposes: To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations

Website: [www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/](http://www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/)

Contact: 1-866-274-0960

Grant: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants

Agency: \$2 billion, \$84,743,795 for Illinois

Type: Formula funding to state and local police forces

Administrator: Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance

Description: Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve enforcement of the criminal justice system.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Allocations: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>

Contact: 1-866-859-2687

Grant: Byrne Competitive Grants Program

Amount: \$225 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance

Description: Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the enforcement of the criminal justice system.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Contact: 1-866-859-2687

Grant: Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants

Amount: \$1 billion

Type: Competitive grants

Office: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Agency: Department of Justice

Description: For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers

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Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/>  
Eligibility: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx>  
Contact: 1-800-421-6770

Grant: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

Amount: \$175 million nationally, \$6,577,116 for Illinois  
Type: Formula funding to state agency  
Agency: Department of Justice- Office on Violence Against Women  
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](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm)  
Contact: 1-202-514-2000

Grant: Transitional Housing Assistance Program

Amount: \$50 million  
Type: Competitive grants to states, local government, Indian Tribes, nonprofits and services providers.  
Agency: Department of Justice - Transitional Housing Assistance Program  
Description: May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, or 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](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm)  
Contact: 1-202-307-6026

Grant: Victims Compensation

Amount: \$100 million  
Type: Formula funding to state agencies  
Agency: Department of Justice - Office for Victims of Crime  
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>  
Contact: 1-800-851-3420

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Grants Rural Law Enforcement

Amount: \$125 millions nationally  
Type: Competitive grants  
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance  
Description: Funding to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities in rural America.  
Website <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>  
Contact: 1-866-859-2687

Grants Assistance for Tribal Law Enforcement

Amount: \$225 million nationally  
Type: Competitive grants  
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance  
Description: Funding to construct jails and other law enforcement activities on tribal lands.  
Website <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>  
Contact: 1-866-859-2687

Grants Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)

Amount: \$40 million nationally  
Type: Competitive grants  
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance  
Description: Funding to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities along the Southern Border.  
Website <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>  
Contact: 1-866-859-2687

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

Amount: \$50 million nationally, \$1,958,980 for Illinois  
Type: Formula funding to state agency  
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
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>  
Contact: 1-202-305-1229

## Child Care

- Grant: Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
- Amount: \$2 billion nationally, \$73,772,628 for Illinois
- 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>
- Contact: 1-(202)-690-6782
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- Grant: Head Start / Early Start Programs
- Amount: \$2.1 billion nationally, \$26,953,151 for Illinois
- 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/>
- Contact: 1-877-696-6775
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- Grant: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Amount: \$1 billion nationally, \$47,572,435 for Illinois
- 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.
- Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/>
- Contact: 1-877-696-6775
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- Grant: Rural Community Facilities
- Amount: \$130 million
- Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
- Type: Competitive grants

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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>

Contact: 1-202-720-4323

Grant: 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>

Contact: 1-800-872-5327

## Education

\$400.7 million will be allocated in grants directly to local Illinois school districts using an existing federal formula. An additional \$2.1 billion was given to the state of Illinois through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund and will be distributed through the Illinois Board of Education (<http://www.isbe.state.il.us>).

**Grant:** State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

**Amount:** \$53.6 billion, \$2.1 billion for Illinois

**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.isbe.state.il.us>  
<http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>

**State Funding Amounts:** <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

**Contact:** U.S. Department of Education State Stabilization Fund contact:  
[State.Fiscal.Fund@ed.gov](mailto:State.Fiscal.Fund@ed.gov)  
Illinois Governor's Office of Management and Budget: 217-782-5886

**Grant:** IDEA Special Education

**Amount:** \$12.2 billion , \$506 million for Illinois

**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.isbe.state.il.us>  
<http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>

**State Funding Amounts:** <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

**Contact:** Illinois Department of Education, Special Education Services: 217-782-5589  
[IDEAREcoveryComments@ed.gov](mailto:IDEAREcoveryComments@ed.gov)

**Grant:** Education for the Disadvantaged

**Amount:** \$13 billion, \$420,148,643 estimated for Illinois

**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.isbe.state.il.us>  
<http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>

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Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html>

Contact: U.S. Department of Education: 800-872-5327  
Chicago Regional office: 312-730-1640  
[oes@ed.gov](mailto:oes@ed.gov)

Grant: Education Technology

Amount: \$650 million, \$26.5 million for Illinois

Type: States will receive formula funding

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Description: Funds for state, district, and school efforts to integrate technology in the classroom

Website: <http://www.isbe.state.il.us>  
<http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>

State Funding

Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Contact: U.S. Department of Education: 800-872-5327  
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Grant: Vocational Rehabilitation

Amount: \$540 million, \$18.2 million for Illinois

Type: States will receive formula funding

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Description: To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

Website: <http://www.isbe.state.il.us>  
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

State Funding

Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Contact: U.S. Department of Education: 800-872-5327  
Chicago Regional office: 312-730-1640

Grant: Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants

Amount: \$300 million

Type: Competitive grants to states and school districts

Agency: U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education

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>

Contact: U.S. Department of Education: 800-872-5327  
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Grant: Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

Amount: \$250 million

Type: Competitive grants to states

Agency: U.S. Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences

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/>

Contact: Kashka Kubzdela: (202) 502-7411 or [Kashka.Kubzdela@ed.gov](mailto:Kashka.Kubzdela@ed.gov)  
Tate Gould: (202) 219-7080 or [Tate.Gould@ed.gov](mailto:Tate.Gould@ed.gov)

Grant: Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Amount: \$70 million

Type: Formula funding to states

Agency: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless children and youth.

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

Contact: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education: 202-401-0113  
[oese@ed.gov](mailto:oese@ed.gov)

## Higher Education

Grant: Student Financial Assistance (Pell Grants)

Amount: \$7,151,018,831 increase in funding nationally, \$281,717,068 increase for Illinois

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.

Agency: Department of Education

Description: To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.

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

State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Contact: Office of Federal Student Aid: 800-433-3243  
[fsa.customer.support@ed.gov](mailto:fsa.customer.support@ed.gov)

Grant: College Work Study

Amount: \$200 million nationally, \$10.1 million to Illinois

Type: Formula grants

Agency: Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid

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Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities to assist students in financing the costs of postsecondary education  
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html>  
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
Contact: Office of Federal Student Aid: 800-433-3243  
[fsa.customer.support@ed.gov](mailto:fsa.customer.support@ed.gov)

Grant: Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million  
Type: Competitive grants  
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office  
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>  
Contact: Housing and Community Facilities Programs National Office: 202-720-4323  
Illinois Office: 217-403-6200

Grant: Independent Living State Grants

Amount: \$18.2 million, \$570,697 for Illinois  
Type: States will receive formula funding  
Agency: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services  
Description: To provide independent living (IL) services to individuals with significant disabilities  
Website: <http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>  
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
Rehabilitation Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html>  
Contact: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services: 202-245-7404

Grant: Services for Older Individuals who are Blind

Amount: \$34.3 million, \$1.5 million for Illinois  
Type: States will receive formula funding  
Agency: U.S. Department of Education,  
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.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>  
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

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### Rehabilitation

Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailob/index.html>  
Contact: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services: 202-245-7404

Grant: Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Amount: \$15 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: National Park Service

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 Grant: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm>

<http://www.grants.gov/>

Contact: Linda Hall at 404-562-3117 (x 513), or [linda\\_hall@nps.gov](mailto:linda_hall@nps.gov)

## Arts

Grant: National Endowment of the Arts Competitive Grants

Amount: \$30 million

Type: Competitive grants (Matching requirement waived )

Agency: National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) - National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

Description: Grants to fund arts projects which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in financial support.

Website: <http://www.nea.gov/recovery/index.html>

Contact: [frankelr@arts.gov](mailto:frankelr@arts.gov)

## Food Assistance

- Grant:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
- Amount:** \$19.9 billion, \$935.5 million to Illinois
- 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](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact_info/hotlines.htm)
- Contact:** 800-843-6154
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- Grant:** Senior Nutrition Programs
- Amount:** \$100 million, \$2.2 million for Illinois
- Type:** States will receive formula funding
- Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging
- Purpose:** To provide for additional 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/>
- Contact:** 202- 619-0724
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- Grant:** School Lunch Program
- Amount:** \$100 million, \$3.3 million for Illinois
- Type:** States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state
- Agency:** Department of Agriculture
- 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/>
- Contact:** 703-305-2286
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- Grant:** The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Amount:** \$150 million, \$3.8 million for Illinois

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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/>  
Contact: 217-782-2491

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>  
Contact: 800-323-4769

## Telecommunications

- Grant:** Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
- Amount:** \$4.7 billion
- Type:** Competitive grants
- Agency:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Description:** Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.
- Website:** <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/about.html>
- Contact:** 202-482-2000
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- Grant:** Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband
- Amount:** \$2.5 billion
- Type:** Competitive grants
- Agency:** USDA: Rural Utility Service
- Description:** Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure.
- Website:** <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>
- How to Apply:** <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/2009-program/2009%20DLT%20Toolkit%20.pdf>
- Contact:** 202-720-9554
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- Coupon:** Digital TV Conversion Coupon Program
- Amount:** \$650 million
- Type:** \$40 Coupons available to individuals
- Agency:** Federal Communications Commission
- Description:** Funds to continue the coupon program to enable American households to convert from analog television transmission to digital transmission..
- Website:** <http://www.dtv.gov/>  
<https://www.dtv2009.gov/>
- Contact:** 888-225-5322