

# Overview of Federal Stimulus Funding Opportunities

## 3/31/09 Version

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## **Overview**

**The Iowa League of Cities would like to thank the League of California Cities for compiling significant portions of the material included in this publication.**

On February 17, 2009 President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The stated purpose of the ARRA is:

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

A considerable portion of the money included in the stimulus bill is divided up and allocated directly to states based on existing or slightly modified federal formulas. The funding stream relies on existing state programs to prioritize projects and allocate resources. In addition to providing direct funding to state programs, the stimulus includes a significant amount of discretionary or competitive grant funding that is generally coordinated through federal agencies. Many of the competitive grants are open to cities of any size. Some of the programs may have population thresholds or have to be of regional or national importance. In general, competitive grants will not have an automatic portion designated for Iowa, so your application will be evaluated and compared against proposals from other parts of the country.

Information is still coming in on many programs. While some programs (particularly in the area of transportation) offered guidance on funding within days of the bill being signed, other federal and state agencies have up to 75 days from the bill being signed to produce appropriate program guidance, as we receive this information it will be included on the League's Web site ([www.iowaleague.org](http://www.iowaleague.org)).

Unprecedented accountability and transparency requirements are also included in the ARRA. To meet these requirements, the government has set up a website ([www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)) that will list each recipient of funds and project details. A list of all economic recovery websites for each federal executive agency is also available on this site.

## **General Provisions**

- Prohibited Uses: No funds can be used for zoos, aquariums, golf courses, swimming pools, or casinos.
- Buy American Provisions prevail, but can be waived by the heads of federal agencies.
- Federal prevailing wage policy applies.
- Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act is required.

**How To Read This Book:**

This book is organized by federal agency. Each page begins with the title of a particular program. Each page is organized into the following sections:

- Overview: This is a brief overview of the program.
- Special Factors: This section contains new or modified program requirements and provisions.
- How to Access Funding: This is the section that will explain how cities can receive funding.

**Registration Information for Federal Government Grants:**

The federal government uses a central website for all discretionary grant applications, known as FedConnect. While this website does not always have all the details on every grant, cities will be required to register on this website for funding. Cities can preregister with FedConnect now. Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The web link for submitting applications through FedConnect is:

[https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect\\_Ready\\_Set\\_Go.pdf](https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect_Ready_Set_Go.pdf).

Before submitting an application through FedConnect each organization must complete the following steps:

- Step 1: Request a DUNS Number at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>
- Step 2: Register with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) at <http://www.ccr.gov/>.
- Step 3: E-Business Point of Contact must register in FedConnect at <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/>.

# Section 1. Community Development, Economic Development and Housing

## 1.1 Community Development Block Grant

**Overview:** CDBG funds may be used to provide affordable housing, services, and jobs for the most vulnerable in our communities. Generally, appropriations are allocated to states and local jurisdictions. Entitlement communities are comprised of central cities of metropolitan statistical areas; metropolitan cities with populations of at least 50,000; and qualified urban counties with a population of 200,000 or more (excluding the populations of entitlement cities). States distribute CDBG funds to non-entitlement localities not qualified as entitlement communities.

HUD determines the amount of each grant by using a formula comprised of several measures of community need, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing, and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

Not less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. In addition, each activity must meet one of the following objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

**Special Factors:** Funds will remain available September 30, 2009. Recipients must give priority to contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available to the recipient. Funds must supplement other funding sources, not supplant. The HUD Secretary will establish requirements to expedite use of funds.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds will be distributed under the same CDBG formula used in 2008. See 42 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq.)

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Community Development Block Grant Program  
[www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/)

**State Contact:**  
The Iowa Department of Economic Development  
<http://iowalifechanging.com/community/>

## 1.2 Neighborhood Stabilization Program

**Overview:** The Neighborhood Stabilization Program provides emergency assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within their communities. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) provides grants to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes and to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes. Funding may be used for the same purposes as provided in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (with some changes), but the funding formula will be competitive, unlike the federal process from HR 3221.

**Special Factors:** Secretary will ensure grants are made in areas of greatest number and percentages of foreclosures and can meet spending deadlines below. Additional consideration will be given for grantee capacity to execute projects, leveraging potential, concentration of investment to achieve neighborhood stabilization, and other factors at the discretion of the Secretary.

Secretary will obligate all funding within one year. Eligible entities are states, local governments, nonprofit entities, or consortia of nonprofit entities; nonprofits may submit proposals in partnership with for-profit entities. Secretary can establish minimum grant size. Grantees must expend at least 50 percent of funds within 2 years, and all of the funds within 3 years.

There are several other rules that apply to leasing and rights of subsequent property owners after they take interest in a formally foreclosed property.

**How to Access Funding:** Secretary will publish criteria within 75 days after enactment. All applications due within 150 days of enactment.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Neighborhood Stabilization Program  
[www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/)

## 1.3 HOME Investment Partnerships

**Iowa Funding available:** \$14,783,000

**Overview:** HOME provides formula grants to states and localities that communities use often in partnership with local nonprofit groups to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and rehabilitate affordable housing for rent. This grant provides an additional amount for capital investments in low-income housing tax credit projects.

**Special Factors:** Funds remain available to HUD until September 30, 2009. Housing credit agencies must commit at least 25 percent of funds within one year of enactment, 75

percent in two years, all funding in three years. Secretary may recapture funds if timelines are not met. Priority is to be given to projects that are expected to be completed within 3 years of enactment. In addition, projects that were awarded low income housing tax credits under section 42(h) of the Internal Revenue Code in FY 2008, 2009, and 2010 are specifically eligible.

**How to Access Funding:** Funding to state housing credit agencies per formula based on percentage of HOME funds apportioned to the state. State agencies then distribute competitively to project owners per a qualified allocation plan to owners who receive low income tax credits.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development-Home Investment Partnership Program  
[www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/)

**State Contact:** The Iowa Finance Authority <http://www.iowafinanceauthority.gov/>

## 1.4 Public Housing Capital Fund

**Overview:** Money will become available to public housing agencies within 30 days of signing the bill. Competitive grants to public housing authorities for priority capital improvements and rehabilitation. Funding remains available until September 30, 2009.

**Special Factors:** Grantees must obligate all funding in one year; then spend 60 percent of funds within 2 years and 100 percent of the funds in 3 years. Secretary can recapture funds if timelines are not met. Funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, other funding sources. Priority is given to projects that can award contracts in 120 days. In the competitive grant program, priority is given to rehabilitation of vacant rental units, projects within 5 year capital improvement plans, and capital projects that can be awarded in 120 days from receipt of funding.

### **How to Access Funding:**

Money to be distributed to public housing authorities under the same formula used in 2008, except that the Secretary may determine not to allocate funding to troubled or to agencies that elect not to accept funding. \$1.0 billion competitive will likely be available through application process to be created by HUD

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development- Office of Capitol Improvements, Public and Indian Housing  
[www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/index.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/index.cfm)

## 1.5 Homelessness Prevention

**Iowa Funding available:** \$16,816,000

**Overview:** For homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities. Specifically, the funds must be used for short term or medium term rental assistance, housing relocations, and stabilization services (including housing search, mediation, outreach to property owners, credit repair, security or utility deposits, utility payments, rental assistance for a final month at location, moving cost assistance, and case management) for homelessness prevention or re-housing to recently homeless.

**Special Factors:** Recipients must spend 50 percent of funding within 2 years, and all funding within 3 years. Secretary may establish minimum grant size. Secretary must recapture unspent funds. Grantees must collect data on the use of the funds awarded and persons served with this assistance in the HUD Homeless Management Information System or comparable database. Up to 5 percent may be used for administrative costs.

**How to Access Funding:** Per the Emergency Shelter Grant program to grantees under formula authorized by Section 413 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Secretary will establish additional requirements as necessary within 30 days of enactment.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development- Emergency Shelter Grant Program

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/>

## 1.6 Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit Programs

**Overview:** Money for rental assistance (e.g., “Section 8”) for a 12- month period. In addition, Nationally, \$250 million for grants or loans for energy retrofit and green investments in such assisted housing.

**Special Factors:** Funds must be expended in two years. Projects funded with grants or loans must comply with federal prevailing wage laws (cited in the bill as subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code). Secretary may establish terms to ensure the maintenance and preservation of the property, the continued operation and maintenance of energy efficiency technologies, and timely expenditure of funds. Secretary may also provide incentives to owners to undertake energy or green retrofits as part of such grants or loans, including fees to cover investment oversight and implementation or to encourage job creation for low-income or very low-income individuals. Secretary may share in a portion of future property utility savings. Property owner must commit to an additional period of affordability not less than 15 years. Secretary may establish other provisions in implementing the program.

**How to Access Funding:** Housing assistance per formula, Energy and Green Retrofit per competitive grants and loans under process to be developed by HUD secretary.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development- Office of Housing Choice Vouchers

[www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/)

Office of Affordable Housing Preservation

[www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/omhar/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/omhar/)

## 1.7 Economic Development Administration

**Overview:** The funding provision specifically refers to leveraging private investment, stimulating employment, and increasing incomes in economically distressed communities. Generally, the Economic Development Administration (within the Department of Commerce) assists state and local interests design and implement strategies to adjust or bring about change in distressed economic areas. Program focuses on areas that have experienced or are under threat of serious structural damage to the underlying economic base. Aids the long-range economic development of areas with severe unemployment and low family income problems; aids in the development of public facilities and private enterprises to help create new, permanent jobs.

**Special Factors:** Money set aside for Economic Adjustment Assistance with priority given to areas suffering sudden severe dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring. Additional money may be transferred to federally authorized regional economic development commissions.

**How to Access Funding:** Unknown at this time.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Commerce- Economic Development Administration

[www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov)

## 1.8 Community Development Financial Institutions

**Overview:** According to the website of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Community Development Entities (CDEs) provide capital, credit and financial services in economically distressed communities. These community-based lenders are used to responsibly deploy resources to support homeowners and businesses. The legislation appropriates an additional \$100 million nationally, of which \$90 million will apply to the CDFI Program, \$8 million to the Native Initiatives, and \$2 million to administrative expenses.

**Special Factors:** Secretary of Treasury to submit detailed expenditure plan 60 days after enactment.

**How to Access Funding:** Not yet determined (subject to discretionary plan).

**Federal Contact:** Department of the Treasury- Community Development Financial Institutions Fund  
[www.cdfifund.gov/](http://www.cdfifund.gov/)

## 1.9 Lead Paint Removal

**Overview:** Competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations for lead paint removal related to older and low income housing.

**Special Factors:** Funds to be awarded first to qualified applicants that had applied under the Lead Hazard Reduction Program Notices of Funding Availability for fiscal year 2008 but were not awarded due to funding limitations. Remaining funds will be added to the Lead Hazard program announced in the 2009 NOFA. Each 2009 applicant shall demonstrate capacity to carry out the proposed use of the funds. Funding available until September 20, 2011. Recipients must spend 50 percent of funds in 2 years and all funds in three years. Secretary may recapture funds if timelines are missed.

**How to Access Funding:** See 2009 Notice of Funding Availability, Lead Hazard Reduction Program

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development- Lead Hazard education Program  
[www.hud.gov/offices/lead/lbp/lhc.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/lbp/lhc.cfm)

## 1.10 Senior Nutrition Programs

**Overview:** States will award the funds to organizations that provide nutrition services in their communities. The Recovery Act funding comes as budget constraints have forced states and tribes to limit community-based services and critical Older Americans Act related services, including home-delivered meals. Across the country, organizations that serve senior citizens have scaled back services and limited the number of meals served per week.

The economic downturn has also made it difficult for many seniors to afford the right foods to keep themselves healthy and active. Additionally, many seniors may be too impaired to prepare nutritious meals for themselves. Without regular nutritious meals, the health of many older Americans declines; they become more susceptible to illness; their

ability to manage their chronic diseases is reduced, and they may lose their ability to remain at home, independent in their community.

**Special Factors:**

The program will fund congregate nutrition services provided at senior centers and other community sites (\$2.5 million in Iowa) and also for home delivered nutrition services delivered to frail elders at home (\$341,000 in Iowa).

**How to Access Funding:** Contact the Iowa Department of Human Services <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/>

**Federal Contact:** Department of Health and Human Services- Senior Nutrition Programs [www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/aoa/arra.html](http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/aoa/arra.html).

## 1.11 Youth Employment Assistance (WIA Youth Program)

**Available Funding:** \$5.1 million in Iowa

**Overview:** While the Act does not limit the use of the Recovery Act funds to summer employment, the Congressional explanatory statement for the Act states that “the conferees are particularly interested in these funds being used to create summer employment opportunities for youth.” Strongly encourages states and local areas to use as much of these funds as possible to operate expanded summer youth employment opportunities during the summer of 2009, and provide as many youth as possible with summer employment opportunities and work experiences throughout the year, while ensuring that these summer employment opportunities and work experiences are high quality.

**How to Access Funding:** Funding will be distributed to all Workforce Development regions of the state based on existing formulas. State Guidelines from Iowa Workforce Development will be available [www.iowaworkforce.org/](http://www.iowaworkforce.org/) when it becomes available.

**State Contact:** Jason Allen, Iowa Workforce Development, 515-281-6510

**Federal Contact:** United States Department of Labor [www.dol.gov/recovery/](http://www.dol.gov/recovery/)

## Section 2. Transportation

### 2.1 Road and Bridge Funding

**Iowa Funding available:** \$358,000,000

**Overview:** Iowa DOT has created a comprehensive Web site to share information regarding the Federal Stimulus, visit [www.iowadot.gov/recovery/index.htm](http://www.iowadot.gov/recovery/index.htm). Iowa will receive a total of \$358 million for road and bridge construction. \$238 million will be allocated by Iowa DOT for numerous existing programs under their domain. The remaining \$120 million has been allocated to regional planning organizations. Cities will need to work with their regional planning group regarding allocations. Distributions to Transportation Management Areas (TMA's), Metropolitan Planning Organizations(MPO's) and Regional Planning Affiliations (RPA's) can be found at the following Web site:

[www.iowaleague.org/Downloads/Resources/FYI/RPA%20MPO%20Federal%20Highway%20Stimulus%20Targets%20011409.pdf](http://www.iowaleague.org/Downloads/Resources/FYI/RPA%20MPO%20Federal%20Highway%20Stimulus%20Targets%20011409.pdf)

### 2.2 Competitive Surface Transportation Program

**Total Funding Available (National):** \$1.5 billion

**Overview:** This program includes competitive grants to state and local governments and transit agencies for surface transportation projects which will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or region. Funding can be used for any eligible program under the Surface Transportation Program including highway, transit, freight and passenger rail, and port infrastructure projects. Grants will range from \$20 million to \$300 million, with some waivers for smaller cities.

**Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Priority is to be given to projects for which the federal share is needed to complete the project funding.
- Priority given to projects that can be completed within three (3) years. Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** The Secretary of the Federal Highway Administration will release the criteria for the funding no later than May 18, 2009. Applications will be available within 180 days after release of the criteria, and projects will be selected no later than February 17, 2010. The Federal Highway Administration has released spending guidance that can be accessed at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm).

**Federal Contact:** Federal Highway Administration  
[www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm).

## 2.3 Airport Improvement Program

**Total Funding Available (National):** \$1.1 billion

**Overview:** The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public agencies--and, in some cases, to private owners and entities---for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

**Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Priority is to be given to projects that will be completed within two (2) years.
- Funds cannot supplant existing funding.
- Fifty percent of funding must be obligated with 120 after apportionment All other funds must be obligated within one (1) year of apportionment.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Aviation Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** Grants will be awarded at the Secretary's discretion. AIP funds are typically first apportioned into major entitlement categories such as primary, cargo, and general aviation. Remaining funds are distributed to a discretionary fund. Setaside projects (airport noise and the Military Airport Program) receive first attention from this discretionary distribution. The remaining funds are true discretionary funds that are distributed according to a national prioritization formula. The FAA has released a stakeholder guidance document. It can be found at [www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/airports/aip/media/FY09\\_aip\\_arra\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/aip/media/FY09_aip_arra_guidance.pdf).

**Federal Contact:** Federal Aviation Administration  
[www.faa.gov/recovery/](http://www.faa.gov/recovery/)

## 2.4 High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Rail Passenger Service

**Total Funding Available (National):** \$8.0 billion

**Overview:** Grants to improve the speed and capacity of intercity passenger rail service and high speed rail corridors. This is a new program that was approved in the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008.

**Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Priority to projects that support development of intercity high speed rail service.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** The Secretary of the Federal Railroad Administration will release a strategic plan for use of the funds no later than April 18, 2009. The Department of Transportation will release guidance to applicants on grant terms, conditions, and procedures no later than June 17, 2009. There will be separate instructions for high speed rail, intercity rail, and congestion grants.

**Federal Contact:** Federal Railroad Administration  
[www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/199](http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/199)

## 2.5 Rail Funding Opportunities in Iowa (New 3/30/09)

**Total Funding Available (Iowa):** As much as \$5.0 million Applications are due by 5pm on April 8, 2009.

**Overview:** The Iowa Transportation Commission (Commission) has asked Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) staff to solicit potential freight rail projects that could utilize up to \$5 million of ARRA highway funding that has not yet been programmed. The applications will be reviewed with the Commission and a decision will be made whether to award any or all of the \$5 million of ARRA highway funding to freight rail projects.

### **Special Factors:**

The types of freight rail projects best suited to utilize this funding include replacing ties, rail or ballast; upgrading rail to serve heavier traffic; improving facilities to allow for increased capacity; or providing new freight rail access when right-of-way has already been acquired. Projects should require limited engineering and be structured to occur within existing right of way.

If projects are selected for funding, they may receive up to 100 percent federal-aid; however, applicants will need to demonstrate adequate funding is available in order to complete the project (including any potential cost overruns) with available funds from federal and other sources. Additional private investment in a project will be favorably considered, but is not required. Projects should demonstrate a benefit to Iowa and involve work that is above and beyond normal maintenance activities.

### **How to Access Funding:**

Applications are due by 5pm on April 8, 2009. For application and additional information [www.iowadot.gov/recovery/pdfs/ARRARailFundingOpportunitiesInIowa032709.pdf](http://www.iowadot.gov/recovery/pdfs/ARRARailFundingOpportunitiesInIowa032709.pdf)

**Federal Contact:** Federal Railroad Administration  
[www.fra.dot.gov/](http://www.fra.dot.gov/)

## Section 3. Public Safety/Homeland Security

### 3.1 COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services)

**Total Funding Available (National):** \$1 billion

**Overview:** Grants used to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS Office funding provides training and technical assistance to advance community policing at all levels of law enforcement, from line officers to law enforcement executives, as well as others in the criminal justice field. Because community policing is inclusive, COPS Office training also reaches state and local government leaders and the citizens they serve. Funds cover the actual cost of an officer for three (3) years. There are two types of federal grants. Sponsored/Targeted Grants consist of Methamphetamine, Safe Schools Initiative and Technology programs. Discretionary/Non-Targeted Grants consist of Cops In Schools, Homeland Security Overtime Program, MORE, Interoperability, Secure Our Schools, Tribal and Universal Hiring programs. It is estimated that these grants will fund 5,500 local police officers through the COPS Hiring Recovery Program.

**Special Factors:**

Traditionally, the program provides 75 percent of a new hire or rehire's salary for the first three years, with a salary cap of \$75,000 for these new officers. However, the ARRA waives both the salary cap and local match for FYs 09 & 10. Further, the COPS office has indicated that they will allow local government to use the funds to retain police officers that they otherwise would not be able to keep on salary.

**How to Access Funding:** Cities will apply directly with the Federal Department of Justice, COPS Office for grants. Guidance has been released by the department, and a general overview of the program and what it funds can be found at <http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>. Application procedures can be found at <http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2110>.

A questionnaire to determine if a city is eligible for funding can be found at <http://cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx>. (Please note: Cities that contract for policing services are not eligible to receive direct funding. The authority with the primary responsibility must apply.)

**Federal Contact:** US Department of Justice, COPS Office  
[www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov)

## 3.2 Byrne JAG

**Iowa Formula Funding** \$19,205,000, additional money available through competitive program.

**Overview:** The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The procedure for allocating JAG funds is a formula based on population and crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share. Funds are distributed 60/40 between state and local recipients. These funds are extremely flexible and can be utilized to pay for programs, equipment, and even some salaries prevention programs, drug enforcement programs, and buying equipment to support law enforcement are all permitted. In addition to direct grants from the federal government, cities are sometimes eligible to receive funds from the state allocation. In some instances, a city that is not eligible for the federal grant will be eligible for the state funds.

### **How to Access Funding:**

**Federal:** The Office of Justice Programs has released the application for this program. **The application deadline is 8:00pm Eastern Time on May 18, 2009.** The application can be found at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryLocal.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryLocal.pdf).

If you are not sure if you are eligible to apply, click here:

[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html).

Important information for helping eligible local governments apply can be found here:

[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryjag.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryjag.html).

To read the White House Fact Sheet on Byrne funding and uses, click here:

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/the\\_press\\_office/FACT-SHEET-Investing-in-Public-Safety/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/FACT-SHEET-Investing-in-Public-Safety/)

**State:** JAG funds allocated to the state are distributed on a competitive basis through the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, additional information can be found here: [www.iowa.gov/odcp/docs/JAG\\_Application\\_Instructions\\_09.pdf](http://www.iowa.gov/odcp/docs/JAG_Application_Instructions_09.pdf)

**Federal Contact:** United States Office of Justice Programs

[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html)

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

## 3.3 Internet Crimes Against Children

**Total Funding Available (National):** \$50 million

**Overview:** Competitive grants through the Office of Justice Programs to coordinate state and local responses to preventing, apprehending, and prosecuting online predators. According to the grants website, the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program seeks to maintain and expand state and regional ICAC task forces to

address technology-facilitated child exploitation. These task forces work collaboratively as a national network of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that prevent, interdict, and investigate Internet crimes against children. The program provides funding for existing task forces to develop multijurisdictional, multiagency responses to such offenses by providing funding and other support to state and local law enforcement agencies as a means to help them acquire the necessary knowledge, personnel, and equipment. This program provides funding to states and localities for salaries and employment costs of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, forensic analysts, and other related professionals.

**Special Factors:** Only those state and local Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies who are already receiving ICAC funding from OJJDP are eligible to apply.

**How to Access Funding:** This grant program is still under development, but a grants notice is now available on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The Funding Opportunity Number is OJJDP-2009-2099. Solicitation, FAQ, and Fact Sheets will be released soon by the Office of Justice Programs. If cities plan to access this funding, they are encouraged to register with the Central Contractor Registration registrant database now, through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the federal government.

**Federal Contact:** [www.ojp.usdoj.gov](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov)  
[www.usdoj.gov/recovery](http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery)

### 3.4 Assistance to Firefighters Grants

**Total Funding Available (National):** \$210 million

**Overview:** The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. Assistance to Firefighters Grants funding from the ARRA can be used to modify, upgrade, or construct non-Federal fire stations.

**Special Factors:**

- The maximum grant amount is \$15 million.
- No matching funds are required.
- Extensive “Buy America” provisions can be waived by the Secretary.

**How to Access Funding:** The Grant Programs Directorate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency administers the grants in cooperation with the U.S. Fire

Administration. Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Regulations will be adopted and released by the Secretary.

**Federal Contact:** Federal Emergency Management Agency  
[www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/](http://www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/)

### 3.5 Emergency Food and Shelter

**Total Funding Available:** \$100 million Nationally, \$639,000 in Iowa

**Overview:** Supplements the work of local social service organizations within the United States, both private and governmental, to supplement and expand ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services. (Private-Nonprofit community and government organizations)

**Special Factors:** Extensive “Buy America” provisions can be waived by the Secretary.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds are administered through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board, which uses a formula to determine the eligibility of a civil jurisdiction. There is no national application process. For fiscal year 2009 funding, jurisdictions qualify for funding if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Number of unemployed: 13,000+ with a 4.3% rate of unemployment
  - Number of unemployed: 300-12,999 with a 6.3% rate of unemployment
  - Number of unemployed: 300 or more with an 11.0% rate of poverty
- Award amounts are determined by dividing the available funds by the number of unemployed persons within each jurisdiction that qualifies. Jurisdictions that do not qualify under the formula may receive funds through the state set-aside process. Jurisdictions that do qualify under the formula may receive additional funding through the state set-aside process.

**Federal Contact:** Federal Emergency Management Agency  
[www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm)

FEMA Call Center  
(866) 927-5646  
ASK-GMD@dhs.gov [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov)

Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program  
[www.efsp.unitedway.org/](http://www.efsp.unitedway.org/)

### 3.6 Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs

**Overview:** The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has announced that it is seeking applications for funding under the Recovery Act Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Program. Under this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance will be making awards to assist law enforcement in rural states and rural areas through improving the criminal justice system and assisting communities to prevent and combat crime and drugs.

**Special Factors:** All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 22, 2009. Those eligible to apply are limited to local (including county) and tribal law enforcement agencies located in “rural areas,” as that term is defined.

**How to Access Funding:** Full guidelines to obtain this competitive grant is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryRuralLE.pdf>

**Federal Contact:** The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs- Bureau of Justice Assistance [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryRuralLE.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryRuralLE.pdf)

## Section 4. Environment, Energy and Utilities

### 4.1 Brownfields

**Total Funding Available (National):** \$100 million

**Overview:** Funding for competitive grants for brownfield sites. Funds from the federal Act will likely be used to fund ongoing grants through the USEPA Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants program. Eligible uses for the funds are likely to be site assessment, clean-up grants, and revolving loans and job training.

**How to Access Funding:** Competitive grants will likely go through the USEPA Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants program.

**Federal Contact:** <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pilot.htm>

### 4.2 Army Corps of Engineers

**Total Funding Available (National):** \$2.0 billion for construction, \$2.075 billion for operations and maintenance; and \$25 million for studies

**Overview:** Eligible uses of funds are likely for water-related environmental infrastructure assistance (including flood related projects) for existing projects. Projects need to be completed within one year. In addition, a quarterly report by the Secretary of the Army to Congress beginning 45 days after enactment will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** Funding will be discretionary by the federal Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers. First priority for all funds will go to existing projects.

**Federal Contact:** [www.usace.army.mil/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.usace.army.mil/Pages/Default.aspx)

### 4.3 Clean Cities Diesel Reduction Program

**Total Funding Available:** \$300 million

**Overview:**

The ARRA supports \$300 million to support the Department of Energy's Clean Cities clean diesel program. Eligible entities include states, local governments and metropolitan transportation authorities in partnership with designated Clean Cities Coalition. \$300 million is available for the Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology Vehicles Pilot Grant Program, which is a competitive grant program promoting the use of more efficient

vehicles. Funding is to be used for cost-shared projects that expand the use of alternative fueled vehicles and advanced technology vehicles. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle or advanced technology vehicle is also eligible. Operation and maintenance of vehicles, infrastructure and other associated equipment acquired through the program are also allowable within specified limits. For more information on the Clean Cities Program visit: [www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/)

**The deadline to apply for this funding is May 29, 2009.**

**How to Access Funding:**

The link to the application and details for this program can be found at: [https://ecenter.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/F1BEFA84084808598625756800695728/\\$file/Clean\\_Cities\\_FY09\\_FOA\\_Modification\\_003..pdf](https://ecenter.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/F1BEFA84084808598625756800695728/$file/Clean_Cities_FY09_FOA_Modification_003..pdf)

#### **4.4 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (Updated 3/31/09)**

**Total Funding Available (National):** \$3.2 billion, \$9,593,500 in Iowa

**Overview:** The Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA; Pub. L. No. 110-140), signed into law on December 19, 2007, created the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. The Program as established by EISA is for federal grants to units of local government, Indian tribes, and states to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and for improvements in energy efficiency. The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) of the US Department of Energy will likely administer the EECBG Program. Title V, Subtitle E of EISA describes the purpose for creating the EECBG Program:

**Cities with a population of over 35,000 will apply for funds directly through the Federal Department of Energy (DOE); Cities with populations of under 35,000 will get their funding through Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI). A list of these cities and counties is available at <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/States/IA.xls>**

The Block Grants Program will be directed to cities and counties for energy efficiency activities at the local level. Those cities and counties not listed in the above website will be able to apply for funding through OEI. OEI will release guidance on implementation for this program as it is received. More information on eligible activities and general program requirements can be found at <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/>

**State Contact:** Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI).  
[www.energy.iowa.gov/ARRA09/index.html](http://www.energy.iowa.gov/ARRA09/index.html).

## 4.5 Weatherization Assistance

**Total Funding Available:** \$5 billion (National), \$93,694,000 in Iowa

**Overview:** Provides funding towards low-income weatherization programs through the federal Department of Energy. Under the federal Department of Energy weatherization program, weatherization services are cost-effective energy efficiency measures for existing residential and multifamily housing with low-income residents. It includes a wide variety of energy efficiency measures that encompass the building envelope, its heating and cooling systems, its electrical system, and electricity consuming appliances.

**Special Factors:** Funds will be distributed to states through existing federal weatherization program formulas.

**State Contact:**

Bureau of Weatherization [www.weatherization.iowa.gov/](http://www.weatherization.iowa.gov/)

## 4.6 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

**Total Funding Available (National):** \$4.7 billion

**Overview:** The Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) promotes the widespread availability and use of digital network technologies in the public and non-profit sectors through grants for model projects demonstrating innovative uses of network technologies. Grants were last funded in 2004, and were awarded to state, local and tribal governments, health care providers, schools, libraries, police departments, and community-based nonprofit organizations. The Broadband Technology Opportunities Program includes competitive grants for broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas. The program also includes:

- \$200 million for competitive grants to expand public computer center capacity at community colleges and public libraries.
- \$250 million for competitive grants to encourage adoption of broadband.
- \$350 million to establish the State Broadband Data and Development Grant program.

**Special Factors:**

**How to Access Funding:** Application details will be announced by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

**Federal Contact:** Department of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
[www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/index.html](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/index.html)

## 4.7 Iowa's State Energy Program (NEW 3/31/09)

**Total Funding Available (Iowa):** \$40,546,000

**Overview:** The Office of Energy Independence will receive federal funding for Iowa's State Energy Program (SEP). Their initial application for how they plan to implement this program is currently being reviewed by the Department of Energy (DOE). Applications and additional information will be available at [www.energy.iowa.gov](http://www.energy.iowa.gov) The initial plan is have money available for the following:

- \$19 million in cost share for energy projects in public facilities
- \$2 million in grants for demonstrations of commercialized, but under-utilized technologies (solar and small off-grid wind, for example)
- \$6 million in a revolving loan fund for energy projects in non-profit facilities
- \$10 million in a revolving loan fund for energy projects in agricultural, industrial, and commercial facilities
- \$1 million in grants for short-term training initiatives, not otherwise funded through the Department of Labor

**State Contact:** Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI).  
[www.energy.iowa.gov/ARRA09/index.html](http://www.energy.iowa.gov/ARRA09/index.html).