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Guide Book

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Jump Starting the Economy in Southern Minnesota



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Dear Friend,

We are facing an historic economic crisis and my colleagues and I have taken bold action to get our economy moving again. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is aimed squarely at jumpstarting our economy and getting people to work immediately.

I voted for this legislation, which passed the House on February 13, 2009 and was signed into law by President Obama a few days later. The feedback I received from southern Minnesotans about this bill played an important role as I was deciding how to cast my vote. I met with many small business owners, state and local elected officials and workers who shared their thoughts with me, and took that feedback into consideration as I cast my vote.

I don't think this legislation is perfect. Personally, I would have liked to have seen more funding for critical public infrastructure projects like roads and bridges. But I believe this legislation is far better than doing nothing.

Due to large and complex nature of this bill, I have prepared this guidebook to assist individuals, businesses and local officials in determining how these recovery funds can best help southern Minnesota's economy recover and become stronger than ever. This guidebook provides estimated funding amounts, details about how funds will be disbursed and contact information for the state and federal agencies responsible for the disbursement of funds, where available. I encourage you to also use www.recovery.gov and www.grants.gov as resources.

Also, because Southern Minnesotans need one place to go in my office to get information or answers to their questions about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, I have appointed Meredith Salsbery as my Office's southern Minnesota's Economic Recovery Coordinator. She can be reached in my Mankato office by phone at 507-388-2149 or by fax at 507-388-6181.

The Recovery Act is not the end of our efforts to dig ourselves out of the hole we find ourselves in. Rather, it is the beginning of what we will all do together to unleash our greatest asset – Americans who can once again be the most productive workers and entrepreneurs in the world.

I want to assure you that I will continue doing everything I can to make sure that southern Minnesota and the United States are back on the road to prosperity, economic stability and competitiveness as quickly as possible. I hope you will let me know when my office can be of assistance to you as you help get our economy back on track.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Walz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Tim Walz
MEMBER OF CONGRESS



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<u>Education</u>	
Grant:	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
Amount:	\$53.6 billion
Type:	States will receive formula funding
Administrators:	State Governors
Description:	To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html
State Funding Amounts:	http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf
State Recovery Sites:	http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page
Grant:	IDEA Special Education
Amount:	\$12.2 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$189.8 million (Part 611B), \$7.7 million (Part 619B) and \$7.0 million (Part C)
Type:	States will receive formula funding.
Administrator:	State Department of Education The majority of funding will be allocated via a formula in the federal law. States are able to set aside funds for administration and state level activities. State level activity funding may be allocated via competitive grants or contracts.
Description:	To assist States and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special education for students with disabilities.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html
State Funding Amounts:	http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf
State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Education Michelle Weber 651-582-8880
Additional Information:	Lisa Mueller 651-582-8225 Strings Attached (Maintenance Of Effort, match, or other requirements): These funds require a state level MOE as well as a local MOE.
Grant:	Education for the Disadvantaged
Amount:	\$13 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$94.9 million
Type:	States will receive formula funding for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
Description:	Provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with supplemental education funding, especially in high-poverty areas.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html
State Funding	http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html



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Amounts: State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Education Michelle Weber 651-582-8880 Lisa Mueller 651-582-8225
Additional Information:	Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): These funds have a supplement not supplant provision as well as a 90% maintenance of effort requirement.
Grant:	Education Technology
Amount:	\$650 million was included for the Enhancing Education through Technology program.
MN Est. Amount:	\$6.1 million
Type:	States will receive formula funding
Description:	Funds for State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology in the classroom
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html
State Funding Amounts: State Contact:	http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf Minnesota Department of Education Michelle Weber 651-582-8880 Lisa Mueller 651-582-8225
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): 50% of the grant funds are awarded on a competitive basis and 50% on a formula basis. If permitted to allocation all funds based on a process, the agency will administer a competitive grant process for this funding.
Grant:	Vocational Rehabilitation
Amount:	\$540 million was included for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants.
MN Est. Amount:	\$6.3 million
Type:	States will receive formula funding
Description:	To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html
State Funding Amounts: State Contact:	http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Kim Peck, Program Director Kim.Peck@state.mn.us (651) 259-7345
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): -Competitive grants -Targeted Case Services
Grant:	Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants
Amount:	\$300 million



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Agency:	U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education
Type:	Competitive grants to states and school districts
Description:	\$200 million for competitive grants to school districts and states to provide financial incentives for teachers and principals who raise student achievement.
	\$100 million for competitive grants to states to address teacher shortages and modernize the teaching workforce.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html
Grant:	Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program
Amount:	\$250 million in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program.
Agency:	Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences
Type:	Competitive Grants to States
Description:	Grants to design and develop data systems that analyze individual student data to find ways to improve student achievement.
Website:	http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slids/
Grant:	Student Financial Assistance
Amount:	\$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. \$200 million was included for work-study programs. These additional funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn.
MN Est. Amount:	\$100.8 million in additional federal Pell Grants over the next two years
Agency:	Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid
Description:	To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.
Type:	Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html
State Contact:	Office of Higher Education Mark Misukanis Mark.Misukanis@state.mn.us 651-259-3960
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): The money does not come to the Office of Higher Education. It goes to postsecondary institutions on behalf of individual students. The institutions post the money to each student's account. The money goes to pay for tuition and fees and living expenses while enrolled. The increase in the maximum federal Pell Grant is about 10 percent. Most Pell Grant recipients will receive larger awards, and some additional students will receive awards. The average federal Pell Grant award to Minnesota students prior to this change was \$2,700 per year. The Minnesota State Grant program is coordinated with the federal Pell Grant program. The Office of Higher Education calculates student need through a statutory formula that determines what students, families and taxpayers are expected to pay. The Federal Pell Grant and Minnesota State Grant are combined to meet the taxpayer expectation for students from low- and moderate income



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	families. Under current law, when Pell Grants increase, assuming no other change in Minnesota State Grant parameters, approximately \$60 million would carry over to 2011 and create a large one-time change in the living expense allowance. This would produce a sizable one-time anomaly and create substantial difficulties for students and institutions in the second year of the biennium. However, the legislature has consistently changed state law to increase State Grant parameters so students receive a net increase in grants when the Pell Grant and Minnesota State Grant are added together.
Grant:	College Work Study
Amount:	\$200 million
MN Est. Amount:	\$3.8 million over two years
Agency:	Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid
Description:	Funding for part-time employment opportunities to assist students in financing the costs of postsecondary education
Type:	Formula Grants
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html
Contact:	Minnesota Office of Higher Education Mark Misukanis 651-259-3960 Mark.Misukanis@state.mn.us
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): The funds are distributed to postsecondary institutions based on a federal formula that includes the number of low income students served and makes institutional allocations equal to or greater than amounts established in 1980. State action does not affect the flow of Federal Work Study funds. In Fiscal Year 2007, 13,000 students attending Minnesota institutions earned \$20 million working in Federal Work Study jobs. Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): Postsecondary institutions must match the Federal Work Study funds with 25% in non-federal funds. Representatives of the postsecondary institutions indicate they expect to be able to provide the matching funds.
Grant:	Rural Community Facilities
Amount:	\$130 million
Agency:	U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
Contact:	UDSA Minnesota Community Programs Office Terry Louwagie 651-602-7810 Terry.louwagie@mn.usda.gov
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm
Grant:	Independent Living State Grants



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Amount:	\$18.2 million
MN Est. Amount:	\$199,000
Type:	States will receive formula funding
Description:	To provide independent living (IL) services to individuals with significant disabilities
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html
State Funding Amounts:	http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf
Rehabilitation Services:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html
Contact:	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Kim Peck, Program Director Kim.Peck@state.mn.us (651) 259-7345
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Dictated by the State Plan for Independent Living.
Grant:	Services for Older Individuals who are Blind
Amount:	\$34.3 Million
MN Est. Amount:	\$586,000
Type:	States will receive formula funding
Description:	Grants are made to states to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual impairment makes employment difficult to obtain.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html
State Funding Amounts:	http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf
Rehabilitation Services:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html
State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Chuk Hamilton, Program Director Chuk.Hamilton@state.mn
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Funds will be used by the Senior Services Unit of State Services for the Blind, to expand and enrich the current state service system which serves eligible individuals over the age of 55. Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): Current match must be maintained, and no additional requirements have been communicated by the U.S. Department of Education.
Grants:	Education for Homeless Children and Youth
Amount:	\$70 million
MN Est. Amount:	\$612,000
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.



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Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html
State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Education Michelle Weber 651-582-8880 Lisa Mueller 651-582-8225
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Funds will be distributed to local districts on a competitive basis.
Grants:	Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Agency:	National Park Service
Funding:	\$15 million
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.
Website:	http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps
HBCU Grants:	http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm

Health

Grants:	Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase
Amount:	\$86.6 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$1.9 million
Description:	Funds to provides states with an increase in federal matching funds for state Medicaid expenditures to avoid budget shortfalls.
Agency:	State Medicaid
Type:	Formula Funding to States
State Funding Websites:	http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmap.html
State Contact:	http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefunds.html Department of Human Services Jayne Rankin Jayne.Rankin@state.mn.us Very Brief Summary of Program (how will dollars be used, is there flexibility with the funds): Minnesota's Medicaid program is Medical Assistance. Currently the federal government pays 50% of the cost of services provided to Minnesota Medical Assistance recipients. For Medical Assistance services provided between October 2008 and December 2010, the federal ARRA law will increase the percentage of Medical Assistance costs that are paid by the federal government for most services. CMS has notified the state that for the period from October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009, the new Federal Medical Assistance Percentage that will be implemented for Minnesota is 60.19%. Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): MOE: To qualify for the enhanced FMAP states cannot use more restrictive standards, methodologies and procedures for Medical Assistance, including the MinnesotaCare waiver,



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	<p>below where it was on July 1, 2008. The enhanced FMAP rate does not apply to eligibility expansions implemented after June 30, 2008. An expansion is limited to an increase in the income standards, so costs related to increased enrollment at the same income standard will qualify for the enhanced funds.</p> <p>Other: States cannot deposit the new federal FMAP funds, directly or indirectly, into a reserve fund or rainy day account. States cannot increase the percentage of the non-federal share of Medicaid expenditures that local government is required to pay, beyond the share required on September 30, 2008. States must pay 99% of all clean claims from health care practitioners in individual or group practices or through shared health facilities and hospital and nursing home claims within 90 days. All states receiving the increased FMAP must submit a report to the Secretary of HHS describing how the additional funds were expended. The report must be submitted by September 30, 2011.</p>
Grants:	Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants
Amount:	\$1.5 billion
Office:	Bureau of Primary Health Care
Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants for Existing Grantees
Description:	To renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements.
Websites:	http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm
	http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm
Grants:	Community Health Center Services Grants
Amount:	\$500 million was included for Community Health Centers.
Office:	Bureau of Primary Health Care
Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants for Existing Grantees
Description:	To increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare.
Website:	http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm
Grants:	Community Health Center Services Grants - New Access Point Grants
Amount:	\$155 million
Agency:	Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Service Administration
Type:	Grants Administered by Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Funds to create 126 new Community Health Centers.
Website:	http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html
Facilities Funded:	http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/applicant.html
Grants:	National Health Service Corps
Amount:	\$300 million



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Office:	National Health Service Corps
Agency:	Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment
Description:	To fund training for primary healthcare providers in specific health professional in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps
Website:	http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/
State Contact:	<p>Minnesota Department of Health Craig Acomb, CFO</p> <p>Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): Possible, depending on funding allocation.</p> <p>Very Brief Summary of Program (how will dollars be used): Potential program allocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$300 million - \$196 million for Loan Repayment program. Must be obligated by July 1, 2010. - \$24 million for scholarships. Must be obligated by July 1, 2010. - \$20 million for State loan Repayment programs. Offers matching funds for loan forgiveness awards at the state level at a 1 to 1 match. (Currently receive \$100k for \$100k state match) - \$60 million for Field Operations. (Detail not available – Plans for “Town Hall meetings in each region. - \$200 million - Direct grants to universities and colleges for health professional training and education. - Also includes some health professions faculty loan forgiveness/scholarship programs and small nursing loan forgiveness programs operated directly by HRSA.
Grants:	Health Care Workforce
Amount:	\$200 million
Office:	Bureau of Health Professions
Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment
Description:	To provide for training of health professions
Website:	http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm
	http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm
Grants:	Biomedical Research
Amount:	\$8.7 billion
Office:	Office of the Director
Agency:	National Institutes of Health
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	To expand jobs in biomedical research to study diseases.
Website:	http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm
Grants:	University Research Facilities



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Amount:	\$1.3 billion
Agency:	National Institutes of Health - National Center for Research Resources
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To renovate and equip university research facilities.
Description:	Funding will be used for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities and for the acquisition research equipment.
Website:	http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/
Grants:	Prevention and Wellness Program
Amount:	\$950 million was included for the Center for Disease Control for evidence based clinical and community prevention and wellness programs.
Description:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Funds to support state and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and infectious diseases.
Website:	http://www.cdc.gov/
	http://www.hhs.gov/
Grants:	Comparative Effectiveness Health Research
Amount:	\$1.1 billion
Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Type:	Competitive Grants
Purpose:	To compare the effectiveness of different medical treatments
Description:	This funding will be used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition. This research will not be used to mandate coverage decisions or impose one-size-fits-all" medicine on patients. It will be designed to enable medical professionals and patients improve treatment. \$300 million will be administered by AHRQ
Website:	http://www.ahrq.gov/
Grants:	Health Information Technology Grants
Amount:	\$2 billion
Office:	Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, CDC, and Indian Health Service/States or State-Designated Entities
Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Type:	Competitive Grants



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Description:	To authorize the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology in order to promote the use and exchange of electronic health information.
Website:	http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/
State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Health James Golden james.golden@health.state.mn.us
Additional Information:	Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): Yes. Loan program requires match of \$5 (fed) to \$1 (state). State grants requires state match beginning FFY 2011 (\$10 to \$1 in 2001, \$7 to \$1 in 2012 and \$3 to \$1 in 2013). Prior to FFY 2011 may require state match.
Grants:	Health Information Technology Improvements
Amount:	\$17 billion was included to improve investments and incentives through Medicare and Medicaid to ensure widespread adoption and use of interoperable health information technology (HIT).
Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Description:	Hospitals and Physician offices will automatically receive benefit through CMS reimbursements. Grants will be available through HHS for other medical agencies.
Website:	http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/
State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Health James Golden James.golden@health.state.mn.us
Grant:	Rural Community Facilities
Amount:	\$130 million
Agency:	U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm
Contact:	UDSA Minnesota Community Programs Office Terry Louwagie 651-602-7810 Terry.louwagie@mn.usda.gov
Grant:	Indian Health Service
Amount:	\$500 million
Agency:	Department of Health and Human Services - Director of the Indian Health Services
Type:	Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Director of Indian Health Services
Description:	Funds to modernize aging hospitals and health clinics and make healthcare technology upgrades to improve healthcare for underserved rural populations.



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Website:	http://www.ihs.gov/
State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Health Craig Acomb, CFO
Grant:	NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research
Amount:	\$200 million
Agency:	National Institutes of Health - Office of Extramural Research
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Funds will support research on specific scientific and health research challenges that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds
	http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/
<u>Child Care</u>	
Grants:	Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
Amount:	\$2 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$26 million
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
State Contact:	Department of Human Services Jayne Rankin Jayne.Rankin@state.mn.us
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Historically, these funds are allocated to counties for the Basic Sliding Fee program. A portion of these funds are earmarked for specific activities. Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): Set Aside – About \$3.4 million of these funds are earmarked for quality improvement activities. Other – Funds must be used to supplement, and not supplant, state General Fund revenues for child care assistance for low-income families
Grants:	Head Start / Early Start Programs
Amount:	\$2.1 billion was included for Head Start Program funding and the expansion of the Early Head Start Program.
MN Est. Amount:	\$7.8 million
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/
State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Education



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Grants:	Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
Amount:	\$1 billion was included for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).
MN Est. Amount:	\$12 million
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/
State Contact:	Department of Human Services Jayne Rankin Jayne.Rankin@state.mn.us
Grant:	Rural Community Facilities
Amount:	\$130 million
Agency:	U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm
Contact:	USDA Minnesota Community Programs Office Terry Louwagie 651-602-7810 Terry.louwagie@mn.usda.gov

Food Assistance

Grant:	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Amount:	\$19.9 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$177.8 million
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



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State Contacts: Contact:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact_info/hotlines.htm Minnesota Department of Human Services Jayne Rankin (Jayne.Rankin@state.mn.us)
Grant:	Senior Nutrition Programs
Amount: MN Est. Amount:	\$100 million \$1.65 million
Type:	States will receive formula funding
Agency:	Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging
Purpose:	To provide for an additional amount of funds for "Aging Services Programs."
Description:	Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings and deliver nutritional and dietary safe meals to seniors.
Website: Contacts:	http://www.aoa.gov/ Minnesota Department of Human Services Jayne Rankin Jayne.Rankin@state.mn.us
Grant:	School Lunch Program
Amount: MN Est. Amount:	\$100 million \$1.7 million
Type:	States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state
Agency:	Department of Agriculture through USDA
Purpose:	To carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance.
Description:	Federal school meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.
Website:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/
Grant:	Emergency Food Assistance
Amount: MN Est. Amount:	\$150 million \$750,000
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: State Contact:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/ Minnesota Department of Human Services Jayne Rankin Jayne.Rankin@state.mn.us
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Other – funding is distributed via Hunger Solutions to food shelves Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements):



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	State match is required for the amount retained by DHS for administration. Existing General Fund administrative funds will be used for this state match.
Grant:	Supplemental WIC Nutrition Program
Amount:	\$500 million
MN Est. Amount:	MN could apply for a total of \$3.3 million, unknown number of total requests.
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 .

Arts

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

Environment (Water, Enviro Cleanup, and Army COE)

Grant:	Clean Water State Revolving Fund
Amount:	\$4 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
MN Est. Amount	\$72 million
Type:	Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities
Administrator:	Public Facilities Authority
Purpose:	To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater Federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for States to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.
Activities:	Loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants; agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control, including storm water and sewer overflows; alternative treatment technologies; and water reuse and conservation projects.
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/
Contact:	Terry Kuhlman , Executive Director, PFA Terry.kuhlman@state.mn.us



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<p>Additional Information:</p>	<p>(651) 259-7468</p> <p>At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Loans and grants to local units of government for clean water infrastructure projects following the general eligibility requirements and funding process for the Clean Water Revolving Fund for projects on the Pollution Control Agency's (PCA) Project Priority List. The loans and grants will be awarded to eligible projects that want these funds (depends on federal eligibility requirements) in the order that the projects are certified by the PCA and submit as-bid costs to the PFA. ARRA requires not less than 50 percent of the total funds be provided as grants. Legislation will be required to authorize the PFA to make grants from the revolving fund and to establish criteria to determine how grant amounts will be determined. In addition the PFA will work in conjunction with the PCA to solicit project proposals for the 20 percent set-aside for projects that address green infrastructure, energy and water efficiency improvements or other environmentally innovative activities. As allowed by federal law, the PFA will also use 4 percent of the funds for administrative costs.</p> <p>Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Federal prevailing wages (Davis – Bacon) -Buy American iron, steel, and manufactured goods. -Additional reporting requirements
<p>Grants:</p>	<p>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</p>
<p>Amount: MN Est. Amount</p>	<p>\$2 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund \$35 million</p>
<p>Type:</p>	<p>Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities</p>
<p>Administrator:</p>	<p>State departments of public health or environmental protection</p>
<p>Provisions:</p>	<p>Directs priority funding to projects on State priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment</p>
<p>Purpose:</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Activities:</p>	<p>Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p>http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/</p>
<p>Contact: Additional Information:</p>	<p>Terry Kuhlman , Executive Director, PFA Terry.kuhlman@state.mn.us (651) 259-7468</p> <p>At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Loans and grants to local units of government for drinking water infrastructure projects following the general eligibility requirements and funding process for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund for projects on the Department of Health's (MDH) Project Priority List. The loans and grants will be awarded to eligible projects that want these funds (depends on federal eligibility requirements) in the order that the projects are certified by the MDH and submit as-bid costs to the PFA. ARRA requires not less than 50 percent of the total funds be provided as grants. Legislation will be required to authorize the PFA to make grants from the revolving fund</p>



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Grants:	Brownfields Evaluation and Clean-Up
Amount:	\$100 million was included for Brownfields projects
MN Est. Amount	\$3.4 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
State Contacts:	<p>Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development</p> <p>Mark Lofthus Mark.Lofthus@state.mn.us (651) 259-7432</p> <p>Terry Kuhlman Terry.Kuhlman@state.mn.us (651) 259-7468</p>
Additional Information:	<p>At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): If time permits, the funds will be distributed through a competitive grant, or projects meeting EPA requirements and/or other threshold criteria will be funded.</p> <p>Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Federal Minimum Wage Rates -Buy American -Additional Reporting -Match requirements may be waived
Grant:	Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup
Amount:	\$600 million
MN Est. Amount	\$15 million
Administrator:	Environmental Protection Agency
Provisions:	Funds will be limited to the 1,255 sites on its National Priority List of superfund remedial sites. The superfund remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and environment
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm (Visit for a list of eligible projects in your district)



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Contacts:	Environmental Protection Agency 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3507 http://www.epa.gov/region5/ Phone: (312) 353-2000 Fax: (312) 353-4135
	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Kathy Sather, Remediation Division Director Gary Krueger, Superfund Program http://www.pca.state.mn.us/ Minnesota Department of Agriculture Paul Liemandt (Cathy Villas-Horns) http://www.mda.state.mn.us/
Grants:	Diesel Emission Reduction Program
Amount: MN Est. Amount	\$300 million was included for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants. \$1.7 million
Type:	competitive grants fund technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs - 70% of the funding supports nation-wide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to states with approved programs
Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Purpose:	Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm http://www.epa.gov/recovery
Webform:	http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm
State Contact:	David Benke, Prevention and Assistance Division Director (651)-757-2221 david.benke@pca.state.mn.us
Grants:	Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust
Amount MN Est. Amount	\$200 million \$4 – 6 million
Agency:	Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	grants will be awarded through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program (administered by the EPA). Priority will be given based on LUST's scoring of sites
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/swerustl/tffacts.htm http://www.epa.gov/swerustl/wheruliv.htm (Visit for a list of eligible projects and contacts in



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State Contacts:	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Kathy Sather, Remediation Division Director Gary Krueger, Superfund Program http://www.pca.state.mn.us/
Additional Information:	<p>At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): A majority of the funding will be used for petroleum contaminated site investigations and cleanups. With U.S.EPA approval, 10-15% will be used for MPCA administration.</p> <p>Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funds can only be used where there is no viable responsible party to continue or complete the investigations and/or cleanups. ● Sites have to be 'shovel ready'. ● Funds can only be used at sites where the release was from federally regulated tanks ● No State match is required for this grant. ● There will be a host of rigorous reporting and transparency requirements. ● 50% of the funding will need to be obligated within 120 days of the award and 75% within 18 months. ● All of the funding will need to be utilized by 9/30/11. ● 'Green' and sustainable methods will need to be employed to the extent practicable. ● Significant job creation and preservation as well as economic benefit measures will need to be met alongside the environmental measures.
Grants:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction
Amount	\$2 billion was included for United States Army Corps of Engineers for construction activities.
Type:	Funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.
Agency:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Description:	Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and storm protection, ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array of other purposes.
Website:	http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/default.aspx for updates and information on contracting and biz opportunities
	http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx to find regional contacts who can provide a list of projects/plans
Grants:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance
Amount:	\$2 billion was included United States Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance activities.
Type:	Funding will be provided to existing Corps projects
Agency:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



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Description:	Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of facilities constructed by the Corps. Work to be accomplished consists of dredging, repair, and operation of structures and other facilities.
Website:	http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/default.aspx for updates and information on contracting and biz opportunities
	http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx to find regional contacts who can provide a list of projects/plans
Grants:	Bureau of Reclamation -- Clean Drinking Water Fund
Amount:	\$1 billion
Type:	grants based on priority ranking system
Agency:	Bureau of Reclamation
Purpose:	provide clean, reliable drinking water to rural areas and to ensure adequate water supply to western localities impacted by drought
Website:	http://www.usbr.gov/
Grants:	Watershed Infrastructure
Amount:	\$340 million
Type:	grants based on priority ranking system
Agency:	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Purpose:	watershed improvement programs to design and build flood protection, water quality projects, repair aging dams, and purchase and restore conservation easements in river flood zones
Website:	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html
Grants:	Rural Water and Waste Disposal
Amount:	\$1.38 billion
Type:	grants
Agency:	Department of Agriculture -- State Administrators
Purpose:	help communities fund drinking water and wastewater treatment systems
Website:	http://www.usda.gov/rus/
Contact:	http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/states/usamap.htm
<u>Energy</u>	
Grants:	State Energy Efficiency Programs
Amount:	\$3.1 billion was included for the State Energy Program.
MN Est. Amount	\$55 - 66 million
Type:	States receive funding through a formula



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Description:	States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies
Contact:	Janet Streff, Manager, State Energy Office 651-297-2545 Janet.streff@state.mn.us
Grants:	Weatherization Assistance Program
Amount:	\$5 billion was included for the Weatherization Assistance Program. Provisions also expand the eligibility of low income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program and increasing the funding assistance level per dwelling (from \$2,500 per dwelling to \$6,500)
MN Est. Amount:	\$134 million
Type:	States receive funding through a formula
Description:	Provides energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free of charge
Purpose:	To assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient
Contact:	Janet Streff, Manager, State Energy Office 651-297-2545 Janet.streff@state.mn.us
Additional information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Funds are distributed to service providers throughout the state (typically community action agencies), based upon an allocation formula.
Grants:	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)
Amount:	\$3.2 billion was included for EECBG.
MN Est. Amount	\$47 million Final numbers are pending from US DOE. The formula is a block grant in which 68% goes to large cities and counties, 2% goes to tribes, 2% is competitively bid and 28% goes to the State Energy Office. Of that 28%, at least 60% must be delivered to the remainder of the cities and counties. We estimate at this time that the 28% may be \$13.3 million; \$7.6 million will go to the remainder of the cities and counties while \$5.7 million will remain in the State Energy Office under the SEP rules.
Type:	competitive grants to government entities
Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purpose:	To reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy consumption, Improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other energy consuming sectors of the economies of eligible entities
Description:	Assists states and local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting



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	residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources.
Website:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm
Contact:	State Energy Office Janet Streff, Manager 651-297-2545 Janet.streff@state.mn.us
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Until federal guidance is issued, it's not clear if funding will be distributed by formula, competitively or a combination of both.
Grants:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Amount:	\$16.8 billion was included for EERE
Type:	competitive grants to private sector, state and local gov'n'ts, national labs, 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:	www.eere.energy.gov/
contact	State Energy Office Janet Streff, Manager 651-297-2545 Janet.streff@state.mn.us
Grants:	Biomass Program
Amount:	\$800 million to be dedicated to projects related to biomass
Type:	competitive grants
Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Activities:	For research, development and demonstration for converting biomass resources to biofuels
Website:	www.eere.energy.gov/biomass
Grants:	Geothermal Technologies Program
Amount:	\$400 million to be dedicated for geothermal activities and projects



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Type:	competitive grants
Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Activities:	Research, development and demonstration efforts that emphasize the advancement of enhanced geothermal systems
Website:	www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal
Grants:	Advanced Battery Manufacturing
Amount:	\$2 billion was included for Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components
Type:	Competitive Grants to domestic manufacturing facilities
Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Activities:	For the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components; and to provide facility funding to manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries that are produced in the United States, including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component manufacturers, and software designers
Website:	www.eere.energy.gov
Grants:	Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program
Amount:	\$300 million was included for the Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program
Type:	Competitive Grant to state governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities.
Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) - Clean Cities Program
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	To establish a grant program through the DOE Clean Cities Program to encourage the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles or other emerging electric vehicle technologies.
Activities:	Funds used for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles, including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. 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
Grants:	Transportation Electrification
Amount:	\$400 million for Transportation Electrification grant projects.
Type:	Competitive Grant to states, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities
Office:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	To implement a grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions, including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground



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	support equipment and cargo handling equipment
Website:	www.eere.energy.gov
Contact:	State Energy Office Janet Streff, Manager 651-297-2545 Janet.streff@state.mn.us
Grants:	Smart Grid Investment Program
Amount:	\$4.5 billion was included for the Smart Grid Investment Program.
Type:	regional demonstration initiative and matching grants to states
Office:	Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	To modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, energy storage research, development, demonstration and deployment, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply, and authorized purposes.
Website:	www.oe.energy.gov
	www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm
Grants:	Fossil Energy Research and Development Program
Amount:	\$3.4 billion was included for Fossil Energy Research and Development Program.
Type:	competitive grants and contracts
Office:	Office of Fossil Energy
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	Research and Development programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently store greenhouse gases.
Website:	www.fossil.energy.gov
Grants:	Physics Research Science Program
Amount:	\$1.6 billion was included for the science program.
Type:	competitive grants to universities, companies, and national laboratories
Office:	Office of Science
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	Grants will primarily be awarded for research in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences
Website:	www.science.doe.gov
	http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html



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Grants:	Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)
Amount:	\$400 million included for the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E).
Type:	Awards to institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research and development centers.
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes:	To support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy
Website:	www.energy.gov
Loan:	Innovative Technology Loan
Amount:	\$6 billion
Type:	loan guarantees to eligible applicants include any firm, corporation, company, partnership, association, society, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, or governmental non-Federal entity that meets specific guidelines
Agency:	Department of Energy
Purposes:	loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies
Website:	http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html
Grants:	Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup
Amount:	\$5.127 billion
Type:	awards based on priorities established by Dept. of Energy
Agency:	Department of Energy
Purpose:	accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the nation's past nuclear activities
Website:	Click here to check for sites in your state/district http://www.em.doe.gov/pages/siteslocations.aspx?PAGEID=MAIN
Loan:	Transmission Loan Guarantees
Amount:	\$4 billion
Type:	guarantee loans that support early commercial use of advanced technologies
Agency:	Department of Energy
Purposes:	loans for renewable energy power generation and transmission projects
Website:	www.eere.energy.gov http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/
Grants:	Research into Low-Emission Coal Plants



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Amount:	\$800 million
Type:	competitive grants
Agency:	Department of Energy
Website:	http://www.netl.doe.gov
Grants:	Industrial carbon capture and energy efficiency improvement projects
Amount:	\$1.52 million
Type:	competitive grants
Agency:	Department of Energy
Website:	www.netl.doe.gov
Grants:	Grants for identifying sites to store carbon dioxide emissions
Amount:	\$50 million
Type:	competitive grants
Agency:	Department of Energy
Website:	http://www.netl.doe.gov
Grants:	Training of electric grid workers
Amount:	\$100 million
Type:	grants to states; partners could include non-profits, labor associations, state and local veterans' groups, and state and local gov'n'ts
Agency:	Department of Energy
Website:	www.oe.energy.gov http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm
Bonds:	Clean Renewable Energy Bonds
Amount:	\$1.6 billion
Type:	tax-credit bonds for state/local/tribal gov'n'ts, public power providers, and electric cooperatives
Agency:	Internal Revenue Service
Purposes:	create interest-free financing for certain renewable energy projects
Website:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249 http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html
Bonds:	Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds
Amount:	\$2.4 billion
Type:	tax-credit bonds issued for capital expenditures
Agency:	Internal Revenue Service



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Description:	very broad parameters for energy conservation projects including capital expenditure in public buildings, green community programs, renewable energy production, various R&D applications, mass commuting facilities, energy-related demonstration projects, and public energy efficiency education campaigns
Website:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249
	http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html

Housing

Grants:	Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs Grants
Amount:	\$4 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$47.4 million
Type:	\$3 Billion States receive funding through a formula
	\$1 billion was also included for competitive grants
Office:	Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements
Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	Funds to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) for building repair and modernization, including critical safety repairs.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir.cfm
HUD Recovery: State Contact:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/index.cfm Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Tonja Orr, Tonja.Orr@state.mn.us
Additional Information:	Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): Must supplement, not supplant
Grants:	Homelessness Prevention Fund
Amount:	\$1.5 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$23 million
Type:	States and localities receive funding through a formula
Agency:	Department of Housing and Urban Development
Purpose:	Funding provides short-term homeless prevention assistance to those losing their housing.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/
HUD Recovery State Contact:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm Department of Human Services Jayne Rankin Jayne.Rankin@state.mn.us
Grants:	Community Development Block Grants
Amount:	\$1 billion was included in formula funds to be distributed to local communities and states for community development and affordable housing activities.
MN Est. Amount:	\$5.6 million



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Type:	States and localities receive funding through a formula
Administrator:	Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	Funding for community and economic development projects including housing and services for those hit hard by tough economic times.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm
HUD Recovery State Contact:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Reed Erickson, Program Director Reed.Erickson@state.mn.us (651) 259-7456
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Competitive. Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): -Davis Bacon Labor Requirements -Additional Reporting
Grants:	Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Amount:	\$2 billion
Office :	Office of Community Planning and Development
Agency:	U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Help communities purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed, vacant properties in order to create more affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/
HUD Recovery State Contact:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Katy Lindblad, katy.lindblad@state.mn.us
Grants:	Lead Hazard Reduction Program
Amount:	\$100 million
Office:	Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
Agency:	U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Funds for competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to remove lead-based paint hazards in low-income housing.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/grantprograms.cfm
HUD Recovery	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm



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Grants:	Native American Housing
Amount:	\$510 Million for rehabilitation and energy efficiency upgrades at housing maintained by Native American housing programs
Agency:	U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Type:	\$255 Million through a formula
	\$255 Million for competitive grants
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
HUD Recovery State Contact:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Grants:	HOME Investment Partnership Program
Amount:	\$2.25 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$28 million
Agency:	U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Type:	Funds will distributed by formula to states
Description	Funds will provide state and local governments with funds to create and rehabilltee affordable housing
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/
HUD Recovery State Formulas:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm
Contacts:	Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Tonja Orr, Tonja.Orr@state.mn.us
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Competitive grants or loans to projects already awarded housing tax credits under the Qualified Application Plan (QAP). A portion (approximately 25%) of funds may be made available to suballocators for the same use. Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): Tax credit rent, income and use restrictions apply. Housing Credit agency (Minnesota Housing and suballocators) must monitor performance to ensure compliance with federal housing tax credit requirements and long-term viability of buildings funded. The only area of flexibility is in choosing which of the projects previously awarded tax credits will receive gap financing. Selections will be controlled by criteria HUD has not yet developed.
Grants:	Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)
Amount:	\$2.25 billion
Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Type:	Funds will distributed by formula to 52 State Housing Credit Agencies
Description:	Funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects via a formula-based allocation to State housing credit allocation agencies



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Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm
Grants:	Home Weatherization Assistance Program
Amount:	\$5 billion
Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy and Housing and Urban Development
Type:	States receive funding through a formula
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
State Contact Info:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state_contacts.cfm http://www.state.mn.us/portal/mn/jsp/content.do?id=-536881374&contentid=536900494&contenttype=EDITORIAL
Grants:	Rural Housing Insurance Fund
Amount:	\$200 million
Agency:	USDA - Rural Development - Rural Housing Service
Type:	Direct and guaranteed loans
Description:	Funds to insure or guarantee rural housing loans for single-family homes, rental and cooperative housing, and rural housing sites
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/
Forms:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/formstoc.html
	USDA Minnesota Community Programs Office Terry Louwagie 651-602-7810 Terry.louwagie@mn.usda.gov
Grants:	Rural Community Facilities
Amount:	\$130 million
Agency:	U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm
Contact:	USDA Minnesota Community Programs Office Terry Louwagie 651-602-7810 Terry.louwagie@mn.usda.gov



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Small Business / Economic Development

Loan:	Small Business Administration - 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program
Amount:	\$375 million
Agency:	Small Business Administration (SBA)
Provision:	Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program
	SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans
Purpose:	To ensure small businesses maintain have access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business.
Website:	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/
	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html
Loan:	Small Business Administration- 504 Loan Program
Amount:	\$375 million
Agency:	Small Business (SBA)
Description:	Funds to ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans. 504 loans may be used for purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities, or modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities; or purchasing long-term machinery and equipment.
Website:	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html
	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html
Grant:	Business Stabilization Program
Amount:	\$225 million
Agency:	Small Business Administration (SBA)
Description:	To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that have a qualifying small business loan and are experiencing immediate financial hardship
Website:	www.sba.gov
Grant:	Economic Development Assistance
Amount:	\$150 million
Agency:	Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration
Description:	Funds for economically distressed areas to generate private sector jobs. Priority consideration will be given to those areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring.
Type:	Competitive Grants
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml



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Grant:	Community Development Financial Institutions
Amount:	\$100 million
Agency:	U.S. Department of the Treasury
Description:	These funds will be used to help spur economic development and low-cost financial services to underserved communities.
Website:	http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/
Loan:	Micro-Loan Program
Amount:	\$6 million
Agency:	Small Business (SBA)
Description:	Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level.
Website:	http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html
	http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html

<u>Job Training & Unemployment</u>	
Grants:	Employment Training Services for Adults
Amount:	\$500 million \$7.2 million
Type:	States will receive formula funding.
Description:	Funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm
State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Bonnie Elsey, Division Director Bonnie.Elsey@state.mn.us (651) 259-7563
Grants:	Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Services
Amount:	\$1.25 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$17.4 million
Type:	States will receive formula funding.
Description:	Funds was to provide quality employment and training services to assist individuals in finding employment, and to help employers find the skilled.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA_default.cfm?#
State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Bonnie Elsey, Division Director



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Grants:	Employment Training Services for Youths
Amount:	\$1.2 billion \$17.9 million
Type:	States will receive formula funding.
Description:	Funds to create summer employment opportunities for people under 24 years old.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/
Grants:	Employment Services
Amount:	\$250 million
MN Est. Amount:	\$6.9 million
Type:	States will receive formula funds.
Description:	Funding for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner_Peyser.cfm
Grants:	Dislocated Worker Assistance
Amount:	\$200 million
Office:	Employment & Training Administration
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/
	http://www.doleta.gov/grants/
Grants:	YouthBuild
Amount:	\$50 million
Type:	Formula funds and Competitive Grants
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Provides services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/
Grants:	Green Jobs Training



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Amount:	\$500 million
MN Est. Amount:	\$8 – 10 million
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	These funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/
State Contact:	Minnesota Department Of Employment Bonnie Elsey, Division Director Bonnie.Elsey@state.mn.us (651) 259-7563
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): States apply for WIA competitive grants - while competition occurs at national level – it is likely that several states may be awarded several grants. We are anticipating that Minnesota will receive grants in the amount \$8 – 10 Million
Grants:	Community Service Employment for Older Americans
Amount:	\$120 million
MN Est. Amount:	\$729,000
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration
Type:	Formula funds and Competitive Grants - Nonprofits may apply
Description:	Funding for part-time employment opportunities for low income seniors
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/
Contact:	Minnesota Department Of Employment Bonnie Elsey, Division Director Bonnie.Elsey@state.mn.us (651) 259-7563
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): Grants to public and private nonprofit organizations – which we currently have a group of organizations in place that provide similar work. Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): A match requirement of 10% for the sub-grantee.
Grants:	Job Corps Program
Amount:	\$250 million
Office:	Office of Job Corps
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth.
Website:	http://www.jobcorps.gov/



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Grants:	Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers
Amount:	Reauthorizes all TAA programs until Dec. 31 2010, increases funding to states by \$575 million
MN Est. Amount:	\$10 million
Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor – Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance
Type:	Discretionary grants
Description:	Fund to help workers at firms who have become (or are threatened to become) fully or partially separated from employment due to trade with foreign countries.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/taa/WhoWeServe.cfm
State Contact:	Minnesota Department Of Employment Bonnie Elsey, Division Director Bonnie.Elsey@state.mn.us (651) 259-7563
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): TAA customers are incumbent workers who have lost their jobs due to increased imports or foreign competition. Benefits and reemployment services include training; job search allowances; relocation allowances; and weekly cash benefits called Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) that are paid to eligible workers following their exhaustion of unemployment insurance.

Transportation

Grant:	National Surface Transportation/ Highways and Bridges
Amount:	\$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment.
MN Est. Amount:	\$502 million
Type:	Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub allocated by population areas.
Administrator:	state departments of transportation
Purpose:	For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.
Website:	http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure
	http://www.dot.gov/recovery/
Contact:	Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) Mn/DOT Office of Investment Management and Performance Measures Abigail McKenzie, Director
Additional Information:	At the agency, how will the Funds be distributed (formula, competitive grant, other): The funds will be split approximately 70% to TH projects and 30% to Local Projects, based on historic state local shares of Federal funds. Approximately 50% of the TH funding will be Greater Mn and 50% Twin Cities Metro area. Greater MN funding was distributed with approximately 20% going to District 1, 3 and 6; while approximately 10% will go to Districts 2, 4, 7 and 8. The local funding will follow the sub-allocation by population with most of the STP urban area going to the Twin Cities Metro area local units of Government and most of the STP population between 5,000 and 200,000 and STP population less than 5,000 going to the Greater Mn Local units of Government. Project selection for TH projects will be based on the following criteria: project readiness, work type balance and consistency with plans. Greater Mn local projects have been prioritized through solicitation. Projects funded with STP funds in



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	Minnesota's 7 Metropolitan Planning Organizations must be approved by those MPO's. Strings Attached (MOE, match, or other requirements): There is a "Maintenance of Effort" requirement. The State must maintain its level of effort regarding the projects that were planned for State funding for the types of projects using the Economic Recovery funding under this area. If the State does not maintain the level of effort, the State will not be eligible to receive redistribution of uncommitted formula obligation authority in Federal Fiscal Year 2011. A "Maintenance of Effort" (MOE) letter must be submitted by the Governor within 30 days of enactment.
Grant:	Transit Capital Assistance
Amount: MN Est. Amount:	\$8.4 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants. \$86 million (\$67 million for urban transit capital grants, \$19 million for rural transit capital grants)
Type:	Funds are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas - 80% of the capital assistance funds are to be distributed through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) urbanized formula; 10% through their rural formula; and 10% through their growing states and high density formula
Administrator:	Federal Transit Administration
Description:	These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities
Website to find state and district #s:	http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html
State Contact:	Urban Grants: Metropolitan Council Peter Bell, Chair (651) 602-1453 Rural Assistance Grants: Mn/DOT Office of Transit Tom Gottfried (651) 366-4171
Grant:	Fixed Guideway Modernization
Amount: MN Est. Amount	\$750 million was included for transit capital assistance grants. \$1.8 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



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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
State Contact:	Metropolitan Council Peter Bell, Chair (651) 602-1453
Grant:	Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)
Amount:	\$750 million was included for capital investment grants.
Type:	Distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction
Administrator:	Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Purpose:	For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guideway system, or bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities
Website:	http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html
Grant:	Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants
Amount:	\$6.9 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.
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
Grant:	National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants
Amount:	\$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System.
Type:	Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments
Agency:	U.S. Department of Transportation
Websites:	http://www.dot.gov/ http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/
State Contact:	Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) Mn/DOT Office of Investment Management Performance Measures Abigail McKenzie, Director



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Grant:	Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service
Amount:	\$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program.
Type:	Discretionary grants for state government for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service
Agency:	Federal Railroad Administration – U.S. Department of Transportation
Website:	www.fra.dot.gov
	http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954
	http://www.grants.gov
Contact:	Mike Schadauer, Director Office of Transit, Mn/DOT Phone: 651-366-4161 Email: Mike.Schadauer@dot.state.mn.us
Grant:	Capital Grants to Amtrak
Amount:	\$1.3 billion included for capital grants to Amtrak for security and non-security improvements
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/us/content/30
	http://www.amtrack.com (for jobs and contracting opportunities)
Grant:	Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to airports for infrastructure improvements
Amount:	\$1.1 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$15 million
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



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

<u>Public Safety</u>	
Grants:	Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
Amount:	\$210 million
Agency:	Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Type:	Competitive Grant
Purposes:	To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations
Website:	www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/
Grants:	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants
Agency:	\$2 billion
MN Est. Amount:	\$29 million
Administrator:	Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance
Type:	Formula funding to state and local police forces
Description:	Funds to helps states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.
Website:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html
Allocations:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html
State Contact:	Department of Public Safety/ Office of Justice Programs Mary Ellison Deputy Commissioner 651-201-7173 Jeri Boisvert Executive Director 651-201-7305
Grants:	Byrne Competitive Grants Program
Amount:	\$225 million
Agency:	Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type:	Competitive Grants



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Description:	Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.
Website:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html
Grants:	Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants
Agency:	\$1 billion
Office:	Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
Agency:	Department of Justice
Type:	Competitive Grant
Description:	For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers
Website:	http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2108
Eligibility:	http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx
Grants:	STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Amount:	\$175 million
MN Est. Amount:	\$2.3 million
Agency:	Department of Justice- Office on Violence Against Women
Type:	Formula funding to state agency
Description:	STOP formula grants are intended for use by states and territories; state, local and tribal courts (including juvenile courts); Indian tribal governments; local governments; and nonprofit, nongovernment victim services programs. Recipients are required to meet one or more of 14 statutory purpose areas. These areas include, but are not limited to: training law enforcement officers, judges, court personnel and prosecutors; developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs; developing, installing or expanding data collection; and developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
Website:	http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm
State Contact:	Department of Public Safety/ Office of Justice Programs Mary Ellison Deputy Commissioner 651-201-7173 Jeri Boisvert Executive Director 651-201-7305
Grants:	Transitional Housing Assistance Program
Amount:	\$50 million
Agency:	Department of Justice - Transitional Housing Assistance Program
Type:	Competitive Grants to states, local government, Indian Tribes, nonprofits and services providers.
Description:	May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support services designed to enable individuals who are fleeing domestic violence, 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



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Grants:	Victims Compensation
Amount:	\$100 million
MN Est. Amount:	\$1.2 million
Agency:	Department of Justice - Office for Victims of Crime
Type:	Formula funding to state agencies
Description:	Funding to support State compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of Federal and state crimes.
Website:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryfunds.html
Application:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryformula.html
State Contact:	Department of Public Safety/ Office of Justice Programs Mary Ellison Deputy Commissioner 651-201-7173 Jeri Boisvert Executive Director 651-201-7305
Grants	Rural Law Enforcement
Amount:	\$125 millions
Agency:	Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities in rural America.
Website	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html
Grants	Assistance for Tribal Law Enforcement
Amount:	\$225 million
Agency:	Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	The funding is for grants to construct jails and other law enforcement activities on tribal lands.
Website	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html
Grants	Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)
Amount:	\$40 million
Agency:	Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type:	Competitive Grants
Description:	The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities along the Southern Border.
Website	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html
Grants:	Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program
Amount:	\$50 million
MN Est. Amount:	\$1 million
Agency:	Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention



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Type:	Formula funding to state agency
Description:	Funds to help State and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet to sexually exploit children.
Website:	http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html

<u>Telecom</u>	
Grants:	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Amount:	\$4.7 billion
Agency:	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Description:	Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.
Type:	Competitive Grants
Website:	http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm
Grants:	Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband
Amount:	\$2.5 billion
Agency:	USDA: Rural Utility Service
Description:	Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure.
Type:	Grants and Loans
Website:	http://www.usda.gov/rus/
Coupon:	Digital TV Conversion Coupon Program
Amount:	\$650 million
Agency:	Federal Communications Commission
Description:	Funds to continue the coupon program to enable American households to convert from analog television transmission to digital transmission.
Type:	coupons to individuals
Website:	http://www.dtv.gov/



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TAX RELIEF FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

“Making Work Pay” Tax Credit. The bill would cut taxes for more than 95% of working families in the United States. For 2009 and 2010, the bill would provide a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 for working individuals and \$800 for working families. This tax credit would be calculated at a rate of 6.2% of earned income, and would phase out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married couples filing jointly). Taxpayers can receive this benefit through a reduction in the amount of income tax that is withheld from their paychecks, or through claiming the credit on their tax returns.

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

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

Increase in Earned Income Tax Credit. The bill would temporarily increase 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 forty percent (40%) 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 bill would increase the earned income tax credit to forty-five percent (45%) of the family's first \$12,570 of earned income for families with three or more children and would increase the beginning point of the phase-out range for all married couples filing a joint return (regardless of the number of children) by \$1,880.

Increase Eligibility for the Refundable Portion of Child Credit. The bill would increase the eligibility for the refundable child tax credit in 2009 and 2010. For 2008, the child tax credit is refundable to the extent of 15 percent of the taxpayer's earned income in excess of \$8,500. The bill would reduce this floor for 2009 and 2010 to \$3,000.

“American Opportunity” Education Tax Credit. The bill would provide financial assistance for individuals seeking a college education. For 2009 and 2010, the bill would provide taxpayers with a new “American Opportunity” tax credit of up to \$2,500 of the cost of tuition and related expenses paid during the taxable year. Under this new tax credit, taxpayers will receive a tax credit based on one hundred percent (100%) of the first \$2,000 of tuition and related expenses (including books) paid during the taxable year and twenty-five percent (25%) of the next \$2,000 of tuition and related expenses paid during the taxable year. Forty percent (40%) of the credit would be refundable. This tax credit will be subject to a phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$80,000 (\$160,000 for married couples filing jointly).

Computers as Qualified Education Expenses in 529 Education Plans. Section 529 Education Plans are tax-advantaged savings plans that cover all qualified education expenses, including: tuition, room & board, mandatory fees and books. The bill provides that computers and computer technology qualify as qualified education expenses.



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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 home (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, if earlier, 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 bill eliminates the repayment obligation for taxpayers that purchase homes after January 1, 2009, increases the maximum value of the credit to \$8,000, and removes the prohibition on financing by mortgage revenue bonds, and extends the availability of the credit for homes purchased before December 1, 2009. The provision would retain the credit recapture if the house is sold within three years of purchase.

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

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. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$4.740 billion over 10 years.* **Extension of AMT relief for 2009.** The bill would provide more than 26 million families with tax relief in 2009 by extending AMT relief for nonrefundable personal credits and increasing the AMT exemption amount by \$70,950 for joint filers and \$46,700 for individuals.

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

Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle Credit. The bill modifies and increases a tax credit passed into law at the end of last Congress for each qualified plug-in electric drive vehicle placed in service during the taxable year. The base amount of the credit is \$2,500. If the qualified vehicle draws propulsion from a battery with at least 5 kilowatt hours of capacity, the credit is increased by \$417, plus another \$417 for each kilowatt hour of battery



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capacity in excess of 5 kilowatt hours up to 16 kilowatt hours. Taxpayers may claim the full amount of the allowable credit up to the end of the first calendar quarter in which the manufacturer records its 200,000th sale of a plug-in electric drive vehicle. The credit is reduced in following calendar quarters. The credit is allowed against the alternative minimum tax (AMT). The bill also restores and updates the electric vehicle credit for plug-in electric vehicles that would not otherwise qualify for the larger plug-in electric drive vehicle credit and provides a tax credit for plug-in electric drive conversion kits.

Premium Subsidies for COBRA Continuation Coverage for Unemployed Workers. Recession-related job loss threatens health coverage for many families. To help people maintain 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. With COBRA premiums averaging more than \$1000 a month, this assistance is vitally important. 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, would be given an additional 60 days to elect COBRA and receive the subsidy. To ensure that this assistance is targeted at workers who are most in need, participants must attest that their same year income will not exceed \$125,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for families. The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that this provision would help 7 million people maintain their health insurance by providing a vital bridge for workers who have been forced out of their jobs in this recession.



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TAX INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES

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

Election to Accelerate Recognition of Historic AMT/R&D Credits. Last year, Congress temporarily allowed businesses to accelerate the recognition of a portion of their historic AMT or research and development (R&D) credits in lieu of bonus depreciation. The amount that taxpayers may accelerate is calculated based on the amount that each taxpayer invests in property that would otherwise qualify for bonus depreciation. This amount is capped at the lesser of six percent (6%) of historic AMT and R&D credits or \$30 million. The bill would extend this temporary benefit through 2009.

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

5-Year Carryback of Net Operating Losses for Small Businesses. Under current law, net operating losses ("NOLs") may be carried back to the two taxable years before the year that the loss arises (the "NOL carryback period") and carried forward to each of the succeeding twenty taxable years after the year that the loss arises. For 2008, the bill would extend the maximum NOL carryback period from two years to five years for small businesses with gross receipts of \$15 million or less.

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

Incentives to Hire Unemployed Veterans and Disconnected Youth. Under current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups. The bill would create two new targeted groups of prospective



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employees: (1) unemployed veterans; and (2) disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6 months.

Small Business Capital Gains. Under current law, Section 1202 provides a fifty percent (50%) exclusion for the gain from the sale of certain small business stock held for more than five years. The amount of gain eligible for the exclusion is limited to the greater of 10 times the taxpayer's basis in the stock, or \$10 million gain from stock in that small business corporation. This provision is limited to individual investments and not the investments of a corporation. The non-excluded portion of section 1202 gain is taxed at the lesser of ordinary income rates or 28 percent, instead of the lower capital gains rates for individuals. The provision allows a seventy-five percent (75%) exclusion for individuals on the gain from the sale of certain small business stock held for more than five years. This change is for stock issued after the date of enactment and before January 1, 2011.

Temporary Small Business Estimated Tax Payment Relief. The bill reduces the 2009 required estimated tax payments for certain small businesses.

Temporary Reduction of S Corporation Built-In Gains Holding Period from 10 Years to 7 Years. Under current law, if a taxable corporation converts into an S corporation, the conversion is not a taxable event. However, following such a conversion, an S corporation must hold its assets for ten years in order to avoid a tax on any built-in gains that existed at the time of the conversion. The bill would temporarily reduce this holding period from ten years to seven years for sales occurring in 2009 and 2010.

Repeal of Treasury Section 382 Notice. Last year, the Treasury Department issued Notice 2008-83, which liberalized rules in the tax code that are intended to prevent taxpayers that acquire companies from claiming losses that were incurred by the acquired company prior to the taxpayer's ownership of the company. The bill would repeal this Notice prospectively.

Treatment of Certain Ownership Changes. The bill would clarify the application of section 382 to certain companies restructuring pursuant to the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

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

Advanced Energy Investment Credit. The proposal establishes a new 30% investment tax credit for facilities engaged in the manufacture of advanced energy property. Credits are available only for projects certified by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, through a competitive bidding process. The



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Secretary of Treasury must establish a certification program no later than 180 days after date of enactment, and may allocate up to \$2.3 billion in credits. Advanced energy property includes technology for the production of renewable energy, energy storage, energy conservation, efficient transmission and distribution of electricity, and carbon capture and sequestration.

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