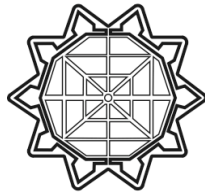


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## **Preface**

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

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

The ARRA funds investments in many programs, including health care, energy, infrastructure, education, and public safety. The total cost of the package is \$828 billion, and consists of nearly \$396 billion for upgrades to transportation, infrastructure, construction, health care programs, education and housing assistance, and energy efficiency projects, \$144 billion in state and local fiscal relief, and \$288 billion in personal and business tax credits.

Unprecedented accountability and transparency requirements are also included in the ARRA. To meet these requirements, the government has set up a Web site ([Recovery.gov](http://Recovery.gov)) that will list each recipient of funds and project details.

The Massachusetts Municipal Association has expressed great interest in the ARRA, and the funding it offers. The MMA has compiled this publication, based on the work of the League of California Cities, and expresses appreciation to LCC for permission to reprint that work here. Regular updates will be found on the MMA's Web site ([www.mma.org](http://www.mma.org)) as more information becomes available.

## **General Provisions**

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

## **Accountability and Transparency Provisions**

- Grant recipients (Mayor, Governor, Town Administrator) must certify that infrastructure investments have received the full review and vetting required by law and that the recipient accepts responsibility as an appropriate use of taxpayers dollars. Certification posted on [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) and the local Web site.
- Quarterly reports on the infrastructure investments made, including the purpose, cost, rationale and contact for concerns, detailed information on subcontracts. This information will be posted on [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).
- Recipients must register with the Central Contractor Registration administered by the Office of Management and Budget. Cities and towns can register at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).
- Any federal agency Inspector General can review concerns raised by the public with findings posted on a Web site.
- A new federal agency has been established to coordinate and conduct oversight of covered funds to prevent fraud, waste and abuse. Will also advise the President on the implementation of the recovery.
- Federal agencies can adjust administrative costs allowed to assist state and local governments with the cost of recovery record keeping and reporting.
- State and local whistleblowers are protected.

## **Things Cities and Towns Should Know**

### **How To Read This Book:**

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

- Total Funding Available: This is the total funding of the program. It is important to note that not all funding will be accessible to cities and towns.
- Overview: This is a brief overview of the program.
- Special Factors: This section contains new or modified program requirements and provisions.
- How to Access Funding: This is the section that will explain how cities and towns can receive funding. *This section will most frequently be revised updated versions of this book.*
- Contact Information: Who to contact with questions
- MMA Staff Contact: The staff person who compiled the information and/or the lead staff person for that issue area.

### **Registration Information for Federal Government Grants:**

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

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

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

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

**Please allow 21 days to complete the registration process.**

### **How Can I Tell If A Section Has Been Updated?**

In updated versions of the book, new or modified information will be highlighted in yellow. In addition, each page will indicate the date on which it was updated.

**Has the State Prepared a Central Clearinghouse of Information?**

Yes, the Patrick Administration has developed a central clearinghouse of information on the ARRA on the Web at [www.mass.gov/recovery](http://www.mass.gov/recovery).

On this site, you will find information about the stimulus plan and can learn about Governor Patrick's plan for investing the federal stimulus funds in the Commonwealth's roads and bridges, schools, housing, rail and other transportation needs, clean and efficient energy, information technology, broadband access and more.

This central Web site will serve as the primary communication and reporting tool for the Commonwealth's implementation of the economic recovery infrastructure program. In the future, this site will allow you to track the state's performance in implementing projects and the success of the projects themselves. Lastly, the reports of the ten task force's that the Governor established to mobilize the state for receipt of federal stimulus monies can be downloaded. MMA was an active participant on many of these groups.

**Is there a Central State Office to Contact About Federal Stimulus?**

Yes, the Patrick Administration has recently created a new office of Infrastructure Investment that shall maximize the Commonwealth's ability to create new jobs and lay a foundation for long-term economic growth utilizing ARRA funds. The governor appointed Jeffrey Simon as the Office's first Director. Simon shall be coordinating all aspects of the recovery legislation for the administration and may be reached at (617) 727-2040, [contact.stimulus@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:contact.stimulus@massmail.state.ma.us). His biographical information can be found at [www.mass.gov/recovery](http://www.mass.gov/recovery).

## **Community Development, Economic Development and Housing**

***Prefatory Note:*** For the following Community Development, Economic and Housing Grant Programs, please visit the U.S. Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) recovery Web site [[www.hud.gov/recovery](http://www.hud.gov/recovery)] for additional information, including specific community-by-community allocations for those designated as entitlement recipients.

- CDBG
- Neighborhood Stabilization
- Public Housing Capital Fund
- Homelessness Prevention

The pages that follow provide specific federal and state contact information on each specific program, as well as a detailed description of each.

## **Community Development Block Grant**

**Total Funding Available:** \$1 billion

According to HUD, Massachusetts shall receive a total of \$29 million, \$20 million of which would be forwarded directly to the 36 entitlement communities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**State Contact:** Department of Housing and Community Development  
Division of Community Services  
Mark Siegenthaler, (617) 573-1400, [www.mass.gov/dhcd](http://www.mass.gov/dhcd)  
Community Development-Grant and Funding Programs – CDBG

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## **Neighborhood Stabilization Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$2 billion

**Overview:** The Neighborhood Stabilization Program provides emergency assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within their communities. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) provides grants to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes and to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes.

The \$2 billion in new funding may be used for the same purposes as provided in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (with some changes), but the funding formula will be more competitive.

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

Secretary will obligate all funding within one year. Eligible entities are states, local governments and nonprofit entities. Secretary can also establish minimum grant size. Grantees must expend at least 50 percent of funds within two years, and all of the funds within three years.

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

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

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

**State Contact:** Department of Housing and Community Development  
Division of Community Services  
Mark Siegenthaler, (617) 573-1400, [www.mass.gov/dhcd](http://www.mass.gov/dhcd)  
Community Development-Grant and Funding Programs – NSP

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## **HOME Investment Partnerships**

**Total Funding Available:** \$2.25 billion

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

**Special Factors:** Funds remain available to HUD until September 30, 2009. Housing credit agencies must commit at least 25 percent of funds within one year of enactment, 75 percent in two years, all funding in three years. Secretary may recapture funds if timelines are not met.

Priority is to be given to projects that are expected to be completed within 3 years of enactment. In addition, projects that were awarded low income housing tax credits under section 42(h) of the Internal Revenue Code in FY 2008, 2009, and 2010 are specifically eligible.

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

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

**State Contact:** Department of Housing and Community Development  
Division of Housing Development  
Kate Racer, (617) 573-1300, [www.mass.gov/dhcd](http://www.mass.gov/dhcd)  
Housing Development – Affordable Rental Development – HOME

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## **Public Housing Capital Fund**

**Total Funding Available:** \$4 billion (\$3 billion per formula; \$1 billion competitive)

**Overview:** \$3 billion to public housing authorities per formula for the Public Housing Capital Fund for capital improvements related to public housing. Money will become available to public housing agencies within 30 days of signing the bill.

In addition, there is another \$1 billion for public housing authorities in competitive grants to public housing authorities for priority capital improvements and rehabilitation. Funding remains available until September 30, 2009.

**Special Factors:** Grantees must obligate all funding in one year; then spend 60 percent of funds within two years and 100 percent of the funds in three years. Secretary can recapture funds if timelines are not met. Funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, other funding sources. Priority is given to projects that can award contracts in 120 days.

In the competitive grant program, priority is given to rehabilitation of vacant rental units, projects within five-year capital improvement plans, and capital projects that can be awarded in 120 days from receipt of funding.

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

- \$3 billion to be distributed to public housing authorities under the same formula used in 2008, except that the Secretary may determine not to allocate funding to “troubled” or to agencies that elect not to accept funding.
- \$1 billion competitive will likely be available through application process to be created by HUD

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

**State Contact:** Funding not administered by DHCD. Funds go directly to local housing authorities. If you have any general questions related to public housing, please contact the Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance at (617) 573-1150.

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## **Homelessness Prevention**

**Total Funding Available:** \$1.5 billion

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

**Special Factors:** Recipients must spend 50 percent of funding within 2 years, and all funding within 3 years. Secretary may establish minimum grant size. Secretary must recapture unspent funds.

Grantees must collect data on the use of the funds awarded and persons served with this assistance in the HUD Homeless Management Information System or comparable database. Up to 5 percent may be used for administrative costs.

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

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Emergency Shelter Grant Program  
[www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg)

**State Contact:** Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
Department of Transitional Assistance  
[www.mass.gov/dta](http://www.mass.gov/dta), (617) 348-8400.  
[Note: this program may move to DHCD this year.]

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

**Total Funding Available:** \$2.25 billion

**Overview:** \$2 billion for project based rental assistance (e.g., “Section 8”) for a 12-month period. In addition, \$250 million for grants or loans for energy retrofit and green investments in such assisted housing.

**Special Factors:** Funds must be expended in two years. Projects funded with grants or loans must comply with federal prevailing wage laws (cited in the bill as subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code).

Secretary may establish terms to ensure the maintenance and preservation of the property, the continued operation and maintenance of energy efficiency technologies, and timely expenditure of funds. Secretary may also provide incentives to owners to undertake energy or green retrofits as part of such grants or loans, including fees to cover investment oversight and implementation, or to encourage job creation for low-income or very low-income individuals.

Secretary may share in a portion of future property utility savings. Property owner must commit to an additional period of affordability not less than 15 years. Secretary may establish other provisions in implementing the program.

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

**Federal Contact:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Housing Choice Vouchers  
[www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv)

Office of Affordable Housing Preservation  
[www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/omhar](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/omhar)

**State Contact:** Not applicable at this time

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Economic Development Administration**

**Total Funding Available:** \$150 million

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

**Special Factors:** \$50 million set aside for Economic Adjustment Assistance with priority given to areas suffering sudden severe dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring. Additional \$50 million set may be transferred to federally authorized regional economic development commissions.

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

**Federal Contact:** Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
[www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov)

**State Contact:** Not applicable at this time

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## **Community Development Financial Institutions**

**Total Funding Available:** \$100 million

**Overview:** According to the Web site of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Community Development Entities (CDEs) provide capital, credit and financial services in economically distressed communities. These community-based lenders are used to responsibly deploy resources to support homeowners and businesses.

The legislation appropriates an additional \$100 million, of which \$90 million will apply to the CDFI Program, \$8 million to the Native Initiatives, and \$2 million to administrative expenses.

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

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

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

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Lead Paint Removal**

**Total Funding Available:** \$100 million

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

**Special Factors:** Funds to be awarded first to qualified applicants that had applied under the Lead Hazard Reduction Program Notices of Funding Availability for fiscal year 2008 but were not awarded due to funding limitations.

Remaining funds will be added to the Lead Hazard program announced in the 2009 NOFA. Each 2009 applicant shall demonstrate capacity to carry out the proposed use of the funds.

Funding available until September 20, 2011. Recipients must spend 50 percent of funds in two years and all funds in three years. Secretary may recapture funds if timelines are missed.

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

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

**State Contact:** Department of Housing and Community Development  
Division of Housing Development  
Kate Racer, [www.mass.gov/dhcd](http://www.mass.gov/dhcd)  
Housing Development – Affordable Rental Development – Lead  
Abatement Program

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## **Corporation for National and Community Service**

**Total Funding Available:** \$200 million

**Overview:** According to its Web site, the Corporation for National and Community Service is the nation's largest grant maker supporting service and volunteering. Specifically, among other programs, it supports Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs.

**Special Factors:** Non federal share waiver discretionary. \$89 million is set aside for existing AmeriCorps grantees and an additional \$40 million is set aside for the National Service Trust.

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

**Federal Contact:** Corporation for National and Community Service: [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org)

**State Contact:** Not applicable or unknown at this time

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## **Transportation**

***Prefatory Note:*** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has created a recovery Web site that provides useful information on those programs administered by FHWA, FRA and FTA [[www.dot.gov/recovery](http://www.dot.gov/recovery)].

Furthermore, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation has designated David Mohler, Deputy Secretary for Planning, [[david.mohler@eot.state.ma.us](mailto:david.mohler@eot.state.ma.us)] as a contact at the state level for transportation grant program related inquiries.

## **Transit Capital Assistance**

**Total Funding Available:** \$6.9 billion

**Overview:** Transit Capital Assistance may be used for bus, rail, and related capital assistance. The funds are broken down in the following manner:

- \$100 million set aside for discretionary grants for transit capital.
- \$5.4 billion apportioned to states using the 5307 program distribution formula (Mass. share: \$231.7 million).
- \$677 million apportioned to states using the 5311 program distribution formula (Mass. share: \$5.2 million).
- \$675 million apportioned to states using the Growing States distribution formula.
- \$16.9 million of the 5311 distribution is set aside for Indian Reservation Roads.
- Balance of funds reserved for FTA Administration.

### **Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Priority is to be given to projects in economically distressed areas.
- Priority is to be given to projects that can be completed within three years.
- Funds cannot supplant existing funding, and states must certify within 30 days of apportionment that existing funding is maintained.
- 50% of funding to states (excludes sub-allocation to Metropolitan Planning Organizations) must be obligated within 120 days after apportionment Any funds not obligated within 120 days will be withdrawn and reapportioned to other states that are able to obligate the funds.
- All funds must be obligated within one year of apportionment. Any funds not obligated within one year will be withdrawn and reapportioned to other states that are able to obligate the funds. The Secretary of the Federal Highway Administration can grant an extension of one year if a state is experiencing “extreme conditions” that create an “unworkable bidding environment.”
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration, including information on spending and job creation, will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds will be distributed to existing transit recipients 21 days after enactment of the legislation. Fifty percent of funding must be obligated with 180 days after apportionment, and all other funds must be obligated within one year of apportionment. Any funds not obligated within these time periods will be withdrawn and redistributed under the Competitive Surface Transportation Program. The Federal Transit Administration has released guidance that can be found at [www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html).

**Federal Contact:** Federal Transit Administration  
Regional Office: (617) 494-2055  
The Office of Program Management: (202) 366-4020  
[www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3561.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3561.html)

**State Contact:** N/A

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## **New Starts**

**Total Funding Available:** \$750 million

**Overview:** The New Starts program is the federal government's primary financial resource for supporting locally-planned, implemented, and operated transit "guideway" capital investments. Projects include commuter rail, light rail, heavy rail, bus rapid transit, streetcars, and ferries.

Project criteria include:

- **Mobility Improvements:** measured by travel time benefits per project passenger mile, low-income households served, and employment near stations.
- **Environmental Benefits:** measured by change in regional pollutant emissions, change in regional energy consumption, and EPA air quality designation.
- **Cost Effectiveness:** measured as the cost per hour of travel time saved.
- **Operating Efficiencies:** measured by system operating cost per passenger mile.
- **Transit Supportive Land Use & Future Patterns:** measured by existing land use, transit supportive plans and policies and performance, and impacts of policies.
- **Other:** includes a number of optional factors, including the projected economic impact of project, economic development, and the reliability of forecasts.

### **Special Factors:**

- Funds are available until September 30, 2010.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.
- Priority is given to projects that are currently in construction or are able to obligate funds within 150 days of enactment.
- Funds cannot be commingled with any prior year funds.
- The current match ratio is used. This is a sliding scale that rates the local financial commitment for consideration during the application and award process. It is not a set amount.

**How to Access Funding:** Grants will be made at the Secretary's discretion. Application guidelines will be available on the New Starts Web site (see below). The Federal Transit Administration has released guidance that can be found at [www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html).

**Federal Contact:** Federal Transit Administration  
[www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning\\_environment\\_5221.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning_environment_5221.html)

**State Contact:** N/A

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## **Rail Modernization (Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment)**

**Total Funding Available:** \$750 million

**Overview:** Grants for fixed guideway modernization projects. A fixed guideway refers to any transit service that uses exclusive or controlled rights-of-way or rails, entirely or in part. The term includes heavy rail, commuter rail, light rail, trolleybus, aerial tramway, inclined plane, cable car, automated guideway transit, ferryboats, that portion of motor bus service operated on exclusive or controlled rights-of-way, and high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes.

Eligible recipients for capital investment funds are public bodies and agencies (transit authorities and other state and local public bodies and agencies thereof including states, municipalities, other political subdivisions of states; public agencies and instrumentalities of one or more states; and certain public corporations, boards, and commissions established under state law.

### **Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Fifty percent of funding must be obligated with 180 after apportionment, and all other funds must be obligated within one (1) year of apportionment. Any funds not obligated within these time periods will be withdrawn and reapportioned to other areas that are able to obligate the funds.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds are allocated by a statutory formula to urbanized areas with rail systems that have been in operation for at least seven years. The Federal Transit Administration has released guidance that can be found at [www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html).

**Federal Contact:** Federal Transit Association  
Regional Office: (617) 494-2055  
The Office of Program Management: (202) 366-4020  
[www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3558.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html)

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Highway Infrastructure**

**Total Funding Available:** \$27.5 billion

**Overview:** The highway infrastructure funding will be apportioned to states using existing formulas (50% STP State distribution formula and 50% according to the FFY 2008 Obligation Limitation) with 30% of the funds within each state being suballocated under the population formulas of the STP program (to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)). Funds can be used for any project eligible under the surface transportation program, passenger and freight rail, and port infrastructure. Funds cannot be used for Advance Construction.

### **Special Factors:**

- No matching funds required.
- Priority is to be given to projects in economically distressed areas.
- Priority is to be given to projects that can be completed within three years.
- Funds cannot supplant existing funding, and states must certify within 30 days of apportionment that existing funding is maintained.
- Fifty percent of funding to states (excludes suballocation to MPOs) must be obligated within 120 after apportionment. Any funds not obligated within 120 days will be withdrawn and reapportioned to other states that are able to obligate the funds.
- All funds must be obligated within one year of apportionment. Any funds not obligated within one year will be withdrawn and reapportioned to other states that are able to obligate the funds. The Secretary of the Federal Highway Administration can grant an extension of one year if a state is experiencing “extreme conditions” that create an “unworkable bidding environment”.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Transit Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

**How to Access Funding:** Funds will be apportioned within 21 days after enactment of the legislation to the state and MPOs. MPOs have been compiling lists of eligible projects, and it will be up to the Boards to allocate the funding. Cities and towns should immediately contact their MPO to determine if their project is eligible and work with Board members to secure necessary funding. The Federal Highway Administration has released spending guidance that can be accessed at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm).

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

**State Contact:** Jeffrey Simon, Director of Infrastructure Investment  
(617) 727-2040, [contact.stimulus@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:contact.stimulus@massmail.state.ma.us)  
David Mohler, Deputy Secretary for Planning  
[david.mohler@eot.state.ma.us](mailto:david.mohler@eot.state.ma.us)  
Cities and towns should contact their local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

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## **Competitive Surface Transportation Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$1.5 billion

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

**Special Factors:**

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

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

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

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Airport Improvement Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$1.1 billion

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

**Special Factors:**

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

**How to Access Funding:** Grants will be awarded at the Secretary’s discretion. AIP funds are typically first apportioned into major entitlement categories such as primary, cargo, and general aviation. Remaining funds are distributed to a discretionary fund. Set-aside projects (airport noise and the Military Airport Program) receive first attention from this discretionary distribution. The remaining funds are true discretionary funds that are distributed according to a national prioritization formula.

**Federal Contact:** Federal Aviation Administration

New England Region: (781) 238-7020, Amy Lind Corbett

[www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/airports/regional\\_guidance/new\\_england/aip](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/regional_guidance/new_england/aip)

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

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

**Total Funding Available:** \$8 billion

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

**Special Factors:**

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

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

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

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Public Safety and Homeland Security**

***Prefatory Note:*** The U.S. Department of Justice has created a recovery Web site providing invaluable information on myriad public safety grant programs that are contained in the following pages [[www.usdoj.gov/recovery](http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery)].

## **COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services)**

**Total Funding Available:** \$1 billion

**Overview:** Grants used to hire and train community-policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS Office funding provides training and technical assistance to advance community policing at all levels of law enforcement, from line officers to law enforcement executives, as well as others in the criminal justice field. Because community policing is inclusive, COPS Office training also reaches state and local government leaders and the citizens they serve. Funds cover the actual cost of an officer for three years.

There are two types of federal grants. **Sponsored/Targeted Grants** consist of Methamphetamine, Safe Schools Initiative and Technology programs. **Discretionary/Non-Targeted Grants** consist of Cops In Schools, Homeland Security Overtime Program, MORE, Interoperability, Secure Our Schools, Tribal and Universal Hiring programs.

It is estimated that these grants will fund 5,500 local police officers through the COPS Hiring Recovery Program.

**Special Factors:** Traditionally, the program provides 75 percent of a new hire or rehire's salary for the first three years, with a salary cap of \$75,000 for these new officers. However, the ARRA waives both the salary cap and local match for fiscal 2009 and 2010. The COPS office also has indicated that they will allow local government to use the funds to retain police officers that they otherwise would not be able to keep on salary.

**How to Access Funding:** Cities and towns will apply directly with the Federal Department of Justice, COPS Office for grants. The federal COPS Office is expected to launch the program within a few weeks, please see the Web site below for updated information. Guidance has been released by the department, and a general overview of the program and what it funds can be found at <http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>. Application procedures can be found at <http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2110>. A questionnaire to determine if a city is eligible for funding can be found at <http://cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx>. Grant solicitation opens March 16, 2009, and closes April 14, 2009.

**Federal Contact:** U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Office

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

Program Specialist, Sponsored/Targeted: Lakita Reid, (202) 514-1658

Program Specialist, Discretionary/Non-Targeted: Jamie Atwood, (202) 616-9554

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Byrne JAG – Formula**

**Total Funding Available:** \$2 billion

**Overview:** The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The procedure for allocating JAG funds is a formula based on population and crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share. Funds are distributed 60/40 between state and local recipients. The list of eligible applicants for the federal funds can be found by clicking on Massachusetts on the following web page: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08jagallocations.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08jagallocations.html). These funds are extremely flexible and can be utilized to pay for programs, equipment, and even some salaries-prevention programs, drug enforcement programs, and buying equipment to support law enforcement are all permitted.

In addition to direct grants from the federal government, cities and towns are sometimes eligible to receive funds from the state allocation. In some instances, a city or town that is not eligible for the federal grant will be eligible for the state funds.

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

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

**State:** JAG funds allocated to the state are distributed primarily pursuant to an open competitive bid process (primarily an AGF process and, in limited circumstances, a RFA/RFP process) through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS). Grant applications are typically released in April.

**Federal Contact:** United States Office of Justice Programs  
[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html)

**State Contact:** Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, [www.mass.gov/eopss](http://www.mass.gov/eopss)  
Office of Grant and Research  
Sandra McCroom, Executive Director, (617) 725-3301

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Byrne JAG - Competitive**

**Total Funding Available:** \$225 million

**Overview:** Competitive grants to units of State, local, and tribal government, and to national, regional, and local non-profit organizations to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crime, support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth, and for other similar activities.

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

**Federal Contact:** United States Office of Justice Programs  
[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html)

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Internet Crimes Against Children**

**Total Funding Available:** \$50 million

**Overview:** Competitive grants through the Office of Justice Programs to coordinate state and local responses to preventing, apprehending, and prosecuting online predators.

**Special Factors:** N/A

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

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

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Violence Against Women**

**Total Funding Available:** \$175 million for STOP grants  
\$50 million for transitional housing

### **Overview:**

**STOP (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors) grants:** Formula grants awarded to states and territories to develop and strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to support and enhance services for victims. Each state and territory must allocate 25 percent of the grant funds for law enforcement, 25 percent for prosecution, 5 percent for courts, and 30 percent for victim services.

**Transitional Housing:** Discretionary grant program that provides transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services for individuals who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance as a result of fleeing a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient. Eligible applicants are states, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and other organizations that have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

**Special Factors:** Information regarding matching fund requirements for STOP can be found at [www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/match\\_requirement.pdf](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/match_requirement.pdf).

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

**STOP grants:** Grant information will be available at [www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm).

**Transitional Housing:** Grant information will be available at [www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm).

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

**State Contact:** Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, [www.mass.gov/eopss](http://www.mass.gov/eopss)  
Office of Grant and Research  
Sandra McCroom, Executive Director, (617) 725-3301

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Assistance to Firefighters Grants**

**Total Funding Available:** \$210 million

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

Assistance to Firefighters Grants funding from the ARRA can be used to modify, upgrade, or construct non-Federal fire stations.

**Special Factors:**

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

**How to Access Funding:** The Grant Programs Directorate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency administers the grants in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Regulations will be adopted and released by the Secretary.

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

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Wildland Fire Management**

**Total Funding Available:** \$500 million (\$250 million for federal lands, and \$250 million for state and private lands)

**Overview:** These funds will be used for hazardous fuels reduction, forest health protection, rehabilitation and hazard mitigation activities on Federal lands and hazardous fuels reduction, forest health and ecosystem improvement activities on State and private lands.

**Special Factors:** No matching funds are required.

**How to Access Funding:** TBD

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

**State Contact:** TBD

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Public Transportation Security Assistance**

**Total Funding Available:** \$150 million

**Overview:** Provides grant funding to the nation’s key high-threat urban areas to enhance security measures for their critical transit infrastructure including bus, ferry and rail systems.

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

**How to Access Funding:** Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Regulations will be adopted and released by the Secretary.

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

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Emergency Food and Shelter**

**Overview:** Funds supplement the work of local social service organizations within the United States, both private and governmental, to help people in need of emergency assistance. (Private-Nonprofit community and government organizations)

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

**How to Access Funding:** Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Regulations will be adopted and released by the Secretary.

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

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Matthew G. Feher, [mfeher@mma.org](mailto:mfeher@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Environment**

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## **Clean Water and Drinking Water Loans**

### **Clean Water and Drinking Water Grants and Loans**

**Total Funding Available:** Nationally: \$6 billion – \$4 billion for CWSRF, \$2 billion for SDWSRF

Massachusetts will receive about \$50 million for DWSRF stimulus and about \$130 million for CWSRF. There is presently a level of municipal funding requests many times those amount and the Commonwealth does not anticipate that it will need to solicit for additional projects to use the stimulus subsidies.

#### **Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)**

The federal program provides Massachusetts with grants that the Commonwealth leverages in order to provide approximately \$400 million per year in state-subsidized 2% interest rate loans for clean water loans through the State's existing CWSRF.

The purpose of the CWSRF program is to implement the federal and state Clean Water Act by providing financial assistance for the construction of facilities or implementation of measures necessary to address water quality problems and to prevent pollution of the waters of the State.

Eligible uses for the funds include construction of publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities, local sewers, sewer interceptors, water recycling facilities, as well as, expanded use projects such as implementation of nonpoint source (NPS) projects or programs, development and implementation of estuary Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans, and storm water treatment.

#### **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)**

The federal DWSRF provides the Commonwealth with grants that are leveraged to provide approximately \$140M per year in state-subsidized 2% interest rate loans to assist public water systems in achieving or maintaining compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Projects must be proposed for a public water system, must be needed to comply with the SDWA, and must be on the Massachusetts project priority list.

Eligible uses include water treatment facilities, replacement of aging infrastructure, planning studies, consolidation of water systems, and source water protection. Ineligible uses include dams or rehab of dams, O&M costs, projects mainly for fire protection.

**Special Factors related to Stimulus: N/A**

**Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds:**

- The federal Administrator is directed to reallocate Revolving Fund monies where projects are not under contract or construction within 12 months of the date of enactment.
- Prohibits the use of both Revolving Funds for the purchase of land easements and to prohibit other set asides under section 1452 (k) of the Safe Drinking Water Act that do not directly create jobs.
- States are directed to use “not less than 50 percent” of the funds for principal forgiveness, negative interest loans or grants.
- Not less than 20% of funds shall go for green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements or other environmentally innovative activities (provided these types of applications are received).
- Federal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage laws apply.
- ARRA contains a provision requiring stimulus recipients to “Buy American” material, goods and equipment.

**How to Access Funding:** Both funds will be run through the state revolving fund programs. Web site is listed below.

**Clean and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds:**

**State contact:** Steven McCurdy (DEP), [Steven.McCurdy@state.ma.us](mailto:Steven.McCurdy@state.ma.us)  
[www.mass.gov/dep/water/wastewater/srfhowto.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/wastewater/srfhowto.htm)

**MMA Staff Contact:** Tom Philbin, [tphilbin@mma.org](mailto:tphilbin@mma.org), (617)-426-7272

## **Brownfields**

**Total Funding Available:** \$100 million

**Overview:** Funding for competitive grants for brownfield sites. Funds from the federal Act will likely be used to fund ongoing grants through the USEPA Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants program.

Eligible uses for the funds are likely to be site assessment, clean-up grants, and revolving loans and job training.

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

**Federal Contact:** [www.epa.gov/brownfields/pilot.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pilot.htm)

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Tom Philbin, [tphilbin@mma.org](mailto:tphilbin@mma.org), (617) 426- 7272

## **Hazardous Substance Superfund**

**Total Funding Available:** \$600 million

**Overview:** The federal superfund remedial program provides funds for the long-term clean-up of abandoned hazardous toxic waste sites.

**Special Factors:** Federal stimulus funding through this program is discretionary by the U.S. EPA.

**How to Access Funding:** [www.epa.gov/superfund](http://www.epa.gov/superfund)

**Federal Contact:** [www.epa.gov/superfund](http://www.epa.gov/superfund)

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** [tphilbin@mma.org](mailto:tphilbin@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Energy**

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## **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants**

**Total Funding Available:** \$3.2 billion

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

Title V, Subtitle E of EISA describes the purpose for creating the EECBG Program:

*(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the program shall be to assist eligible entities in implementing strategies—*

*(1) to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of eligible entities in a manner that—*

*(A) is environmentally sustainable; and*

*(B) to the maximum extent practicable, maximizes benefits for local and regional communities;*

*(2) to reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities; and*

*(3) to improve energy efficiency in—*

*(A) the transportation sector;*

*(B) the building sector; and*

*(C) other appropriate sectors.*

Of the \$3.2 billion appropriated by the federal Act, \$2.8 billion will go out through a formula set by federal law and another \$400 million will go out in competitive energy grants.

**The EE block grants are for communities greater than 35,000, and will be provided directly to those communities. For the smaller communities, a grant program will be administered from DOER.**

### **Eligible uses of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants:**

While final guidelines have not been published, in general, likely eligible uses of funds for cities include:

- Developing/implementing an energy efficiency and conservation strategy;
- Retaining technical consultant services to assist in the development of such strategy;
- Conducting residential and commercial building energy audits;
- Establishing financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements (*e.g., loan programs, rebate programs, waive permit fees*);
- Providing grants to nonprofit organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits;
- Developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation (*e.g., flex time by employees, satellite work centers, promotion of zoning requirements that promote energy efficient development, transportation infrastructure; bike lanes/pathways, pedestrian walkways, and synchronized traffic signals*);
- Developing and implementing building codes and inspection services to promote building energy efficiency;
- Implementing energy distribution technologies;
- Developing public education programs to increase participation and efficiency rates for recycling programs;
- Purchasing/implementing technologies to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar sources;
- Installing light emitting diodes (LEDS);
- Developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government buildings of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources (solar and wind energy, fuel cells, and biomass); and
- Any other activity as determined by the Secretary of Energy in consultation with the Secretaries of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

## **How to Access Funding for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants:**

### **Cities over 35,000 population or top 10 in state population:**

DOE will issue program guidance in the *Federal Register* that will give specific instructions on how to apply for this program.

**Federal Contact:** EERE's Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program  
[www.eere.energy.gov/wip](http://www.eere.energy.gov/wip)

EERE Information Center via phone, e-mail or Web site:

Phone: (877) EERE-INFO – (877-337-3463, toll-free)  
Hours: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. EST, Mon-Fri  
E-mail: [eeic@ee.doe.gov](mailto:eeic@ee.doe.gov)  
Web: [www.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter](http://www.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter)

In addition, it may be helpful to subscribe to EERE's Progress Alerts:  
[www.eere.energy.gov/news/subscribe.cfm](http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/subscribe.cfm)

### **Cities under 35,000 population (and counties under 200,000 population):**

The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources is awaiting guidelines from DOE for completing the planning that DOE requires.

**State Contact:** N/A

**MMA Staff Contact:** Tom Philbin, [tphilbin@mma.org](mailto:tphilbin@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Weatherization Assistance**

**Total Funding Available:** \$5 billion

**Overview:** Provides funding towards low-income weatherization programs through the federal Department of Energy.

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

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

**How to Access Funding:** The MA Department of Housing and Community Development administers the Weatherization Program in the state.

**Federal Contact:** [www.eere.enregy.gov/wip](http://www.eere.enregy.gov/wip)

**State Contact:** Kenneth Rauseo

Deputy Director for Energy Programs, Division of Community Development  
617-573-1431

[ken.rauseo@state.ma.us](mailto:ken.rauseo@state.ma.us)

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## **Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability**

**Total Funding Available:** \$4.5 billion; \$100 million for worker training, \$80 million for resource and transmission needs assessment; and remaining funds to implement smart grid program.

**Overview:** Funding for research and development, pilot projects and matching funds for the Smart Grid Investment Program to modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of energy infrastructure, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply.

\$100 million of the funds must be used for worker training.

**How to Access Funding:** Funding will be discretionary by the federal Department of Energy (DOE).

**Federal Contact:** [www.doe.gov](http://www.doe.gov)

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## **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Research, Development, Demonstration & Deployment**

**Total Funding Available:** \$2.5 billion

**Overview:**

- \$800 million for projects related to biomass
- \$400 million for geothermal activities and projects
- \$1.3 billion for base program activities, such as research and demonstrations into additional renewable technologies

**How to Access Funding:** Funding will be discretionary by the federal Department of Energy (DOE).

**Federal Contact:** [www.doe.gov](http://www.doe.gov)

**MMA Contact:** Tom Philbin, [tphilbin@mma.org](mailto:tphilbin@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

**Total Funding Available:** \$4.7 billion

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

The Broadband Technology Opportunities Program includes competitive grants for broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas. The program also includes:

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

### **Special Factors:**

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

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

**State Contact:** Massachusetts Technology Collaborative  
Massachusetts Broadband Institute  
Donna Baron, Program Director,  
Massachusetts Broadband Institute  
(508) 870-0312, ext. 1475  
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## **Education**

***Prefatory Note:*** For the following Education Programs, please visit the U.S. Department of Education recovery Web site [[www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html)] for additional information, including specific community-by-community allocations.

**Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (LEA)**  
**IDEA Part B Grants**

The pages that follow provide specific federal and state contact information on each specific program, as well as a description of each.

**Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (LEA)**

**Total Funding Available:** \$10 billion (\$5 billion for Targeted Grants and \$5 billion for Incentive Grants)

**Overview:** Education for the disadvantaged

For an additional amount for “Education for the Disadvantaged” to carry out Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), provided that \$5 billion shall be available for targeted grants under Section 1125 of the ESEA and \$5 billion shall be available for education finance incentive grants under Section 1125A of the ESEA.

**Special Factors:** Each local educational agency receiving funds available under this paragraph shall be required to file with the State educational agency, no later than December 1, 2009, a school-by-school listing of per-pupil educational expenditures from state and local sources during the 2008-2009 academic year. Each state educational agency shall report that information to the Secretary of Education by March 31, 2010.

**How to Access Funding:** N/A

**Federal Contact:** United States Department of Education  
[www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html)

**State Contact:** Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
[www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu)

**MMA Staff Contact:** John Robertson, [jrobertson@mma.org](mailto:jrobertson@mma.org), (617) 426-7272

## **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grants**

**Total Funding Available:** \$12.2 billion (\$11.3 billion for Section 611 of IDEA, \$400 million for Section 619, and \$500 million for part C of IDEA)

**Overview:** Special Education

For an additional amount for “Special Education” for carrying out parts B and C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of which \$11.3 billion shall be available for Section 611 of the IDEA.

In addition there shall be \$400 million available for Section 619 of the IDEA (pre-school grants) and \$500 million shall be available for part C of the IDEA (grants for infants and families).

**Special Factors:** If every state, as defined by section 602(31) of the IDEA, reaches its maximum allocation under section 611(d)(3)(B)(iii) of the IDEA, and there are remaining funds, such funds shall be proportionally allocated to each State subject to the maximum amounts contained in section 611(a)(2) of the IDEA, provided further, that by July 1, 2009, the Secretary of Education shall reserve the amount needed for grants under section 643(e) of the IDEA, with any remaining funds to be allocated in accordance with section 643(c) of the IDEA, and provided further that the total amount for each of sections 611(b)(2) and 643(b)(1) of the IDEA, under this and all other Acts, for fiscal year 2009, whenever enacted, shall be equal to the amounts respectively available for these activities under these sections during fiscal year 2008 increased by the amount of inflation as specified in section 619(d)(2)(B) of the IDEA:

**How to Access Funding:** N/A

**Federal Contact:** United States Department of Education  
[www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html)

**State Contact:** Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
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