



## The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act *What it means for Oregon*

Based on an independent analysis, the state of Oregon expects to receive \$2.4 billion over the next three years from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Most of the \$2.4 billion are formula dollars that will flow through existing channels.

Oregon could receive more than that by competing for and winning grant dollars also included in the Act.

This document provides an overview of what dollars Oregon expects to receive. Whether it is education operational dollars to sustain jobs and keep kids in the classroom, providing health care to low-income families or transportation dollars that create jobs, Oregon is ready to receive and to put these dollars to work.

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## **Education**

The ARRA provides \$53.6 billion for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, including \$39.5 billion for elementary, secondary and post-secondary education using existing formulas; \$8.8 billion in flex funds for states to use at their discretion for public safety, education and other critical services.

The bill also provides \$13 billion for Title I schools; \$12.2 billion through IDEA for special education; \$1.1 billion for Early Head Start and \$1 billion for Head Start; and increases the maximum Pell Grant by \$500.

### **In Oregon this means...**

All of the funds below will help the state and local school districts fill some of budget shortfall from declining revenues and meet the rising demand for services, such as special education. The funding will be allocated over the next three school years.

#### **Early Head Start/Head Start:**

Oregon is estimated to receive \$7.2 million.

#### **State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF):**

Oregon will receive approximately \$570 million.

- Of the SFSF, about \$466.5 million is dedicated to education (k-12 and post-secondary).
- Of the SFSF, about \$103.8 million is allocated for general discretionary spending (i.e. public safety, education, other government services).

#### **Title I:**

Oregon will receive \$125.4 million.

#### **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act:**

Oregon will receive \$137.7 million.

#### **Pell Grants:**

Oregon students are expected to receive \$279.4 million.

#### **Work Study:**

Oregon students are expected to receive \$2.7 million.

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Nationally, ARRA provides an estimated \$87 billion over the next two years in additional federal matching funds to help states maintain their Medicaid programs that provide health care and human services to Oregonians.

It also provides a 65% subsidy for COBRA premiums for unemployed workers up to nine months to help families continue their health care insurance; \$2 billion for the Child Care Development Block Grant to help low-income working families; increases food stamp benefits by over 13%; \$100 million in formula grants to states for elderly nutrition services, including Meals on Wheels; and \$150 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program to purchase commodities for food banks to refill emptying shelves.

There is also a \$5 billion Emergency Contingency Fund for State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Programs; \$680 million for Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research; and \$120 million for the Community Service Employment for Older Americans.

### **In Oregon this means...**

#### **Medicaid:**

DHS and local governments will receive an estimated \$807 million of increased Medicaid funds retroactive to October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010. This includes an additional increase based on Oregon's higher unemployment rate.

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Family Health Insurance Assistance Program (FHIAP): Of the \$807 million Oregon will receive in increased Medicaid funding, FHIAP will receive approximately \$4 million. This funding will allow FHIAP to maintain services to about 3,000 Oregonians in the current budget period who may otherwise have been disenrolled from the program. It also preserves funding for the approximately 1,200 enrollees per month in the 2009-11 biennium. In addition, ARRA's Health Insurance Assistance program may lower FHIAP's costs if some members become eligible for it.

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#### **Food Assistance:**

The preliminary estimate of Oregon's share of food stamps is \$190 million for the 2009-2011 biennium. This provides Oregonians with an increase in benefits (approximately 13%) and lifts the three-month limit for unemployed childless adults. It also provides

money for additional staff to process quickly the increased number of applications for assistance.

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**Health Insurance Benefits for Unemployed Oregonians:**

Oregonians who have lost their jobs between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009 and worked for businesses that offered health insurance are eligible for health insurance premium assistance beginning on March 1, 2009. The total number of employees at the business defines whether assistance is provided through COBRA or through the state health insurance continuation program.

Under this version of COBRA, the employee pays 35% of the health insurance premium and the employer pays 65% for up to nine months. For the state health insurance continuation program the ratios are the same, but the coverage lasts for six months. Employers are reimbursed by the federal government in the form of credits against their payroll taxes or as refunds.

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**Aging Nutrition Services:**

DHS will receive approximately \$1.2 million for nutrition services (usually through nursing homes), home-delivered nutrition services (Meals on Wheels), and nutrition services for Native Americans 60 years and older. Oregon will be allowed five percent for administration and the remainder will be allocated to the 17 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's). The funding is available immediately for federal FY 2009 and must be expended within three years.

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**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs:**

DHS is proactively seeking federal guidance from the Administrative for Children and Families to determine what Oregon could receive of the \$5 billion in TANF funding provided under ARRA. The TANF program provides cash assistance to low-income families with children while they strive to become self-sufficient. Many families in the TANF program receive help with needs such as employment, housing, child care, domestic violence and other factors affecting family stability. If eligible, Oregon may receive additional funding through September 30, 2010.

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**Vocational Rehabilitation:**

DHS will receive \$7.0 million for vocational rehabilitation services and \$243,000 for independent living programs. Vocational Rehabilitation serves Oregonians with disabilities who have barriers acquiring or retaining employment. The Independent Living Program through Centers for Independent Living (local programs) provides services to persons with disabilities that need assistance in living independently. These funds will be available through September 30, 2010.

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**Community Service Employment for Older Americans:**

Oregon will receive \$350,000 to serve persons with low incomes who are 55 years old or older and have poor employment prospects. The program has two purposes: to provide useful community services and to foster individual economic self-sufficiency through training and job placement in unsubsidized jobs. Oregon may receive additional funding through June 30, 2010.

National organizations that target seniors in Oregon are also expected to receive \$1.4 million to provide these services.

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## **Employment – Workforce Training**

The ARRA continues through December 2009 the extended unemployment benefits program (which provides up to 33 weeks of extended benefits) that was otherwise scheduled to begin to phase out at the end of March 2009. The bill increases unemployment benefits by \$25 per week, and encourages states to modernize their UI systems to keep up with the changing workforce with expanded coverage.

The ARRA temporarily suspends the taxation of some unemployment benefits and includes \$500 million to match unemployed individuals to job openings through state employment agencies. The bill also extends Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits for at least 160,000 new workers over the next two years who lose their jobs because of increased imports or factory shifts to certain foreign countries.

### **In Oregon this means...**

#### **Extended Unemployment Benefits:**

With the extension of the Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program through December 31, 2009, Oregon is expected to receive \$200-\$400 million through this provision. The amount of aid a state would receive is dependent on the number of unemployment insurance claimants so this is an estimate. With the expected unemployment insurance workload, the Oregon Employment Department anticipates the allocation to be near the top of this range.

#### **Increased Unemployment Benefits:**

With the weekly benefit increase of \$25, this would mean \$80-\$200 million in additional federal dollars for unemployed Oregonians. Oregonians on unemployment can receive the first \$2400 of their benefits for Tax Year 2008 free of any federal tax.

#### **Re-employment and Training:**

The Community College and Workforce Development Department will receive \$38.5 million for job training, job creation and job placement services. Included in that amount is \$6.3 million for adults and \$15 million for youth employment and training under the Workforce Investment Act. Oregon also will receive \$17.2 million specifically for dislocated worker employment and training. The majority of these funds will go to Local Workforce Investment Boards to develop programs to meet local needs.

Additionally, the Oregon Employment Department will receive \$4.8 million for re-employment services specifically to help those currently receiving unemployment benefits. The goal with this portion of these dollars is to get people off unemployment and back to work.

#### **Workforce Training Grants:**

In addition, the Federal government will make more than \$2 billion available in the form of competitive workforce training grants. The Community College and Workforce Development Department will take the lead on applying for these grants. Such grants can be used to train workers in high-growth and emerging industry sectors such as health care and “green” jobs.

CCWD will also have the opportunity to apply for grants that help youth gain workplace experience. These dollars are competitive and are available in other parts of the ARRA, services that connect youth to summer job opportunities. An example would be federal stimulus dollars to the U.S. Forest Service that may be granted to the Oregon Youth Conservation Corp for youth employment and forestry related projects on both public and private lands statewide.

**Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act:**

Oregon would also receive \$90 million under the Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act (UIMA) of this bill. UIMA requires certain changes to how Oregon currently administers its unemployment insurance program. Legislation is currently before the Oregon Legislature to include all elements of UIMA into statute.

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## Transportation

The ARRA provides \$29 billion for modernizing roads and bridges, requiring states to obligate at least half of the highway/bridge funding within 120 days; Provides \$1.5 billion for multimodal transportation; \$8.4 billion for investments in transit; \$8 billion for investment in high-speed rail and money for light rail; and over \$1 billion in additional funding for improvement and construction projects at federally-supported airports.

### **In Oregon this means...**

#### **Roads and Bridges:**

Roads and Bridges: Oregon will receive about 1.16% of the \$29 billion, which is about \$334 million; 30% of the highway program funds will go to cities and counties for a total of \$100 million, leaving approximately \$224 million for state projects around the state.

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#### **Multi-modal Transportation:**

More than \$9 billion was provided for passenger rail, including \$8 billion that is available for grants to states for high-speed passenger rail corridors. ODOT partners with the Washington State DOT and Amtrak to operate the Cascades Amtrak service on the Northwest high-speed rail corridor, which runs from Eugene through Portland and Seattle on to Vancouver, British Columbia and is one of the nation's top passenger rail corridors in terms of ridership. ODOT would seek a federal investment from the stimulus program to improve the speed and reliability of passenger rail service on the corridor and build capacity to allow for the eventual addition of a third daily roundtrip train between Eugene and Portland.

ODOT will work with partners to develop proposals for funding for discretionary grants distributed US DOT for port, rail, transit, and highway projects.

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Oregon's urban transit districts in Portland, Eugene/Springfield, Salem/Keizer, Medford, Longview, Corvallis, and Bend will receive about \$60.1 million in formula funds for capital needs such as bus purchases, facilities, and bus shelters. Tri-Met will also receive about \$1.1 million under the fixed guide way modernization program for work on the MAX system. ODOT's Public Transit Division administers funding for non-urbanized areas and will distribute about \$14.6 million to rural transit projects.

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**Aviation:**

Oregon should receive about \$30 million of the \$1 billion for airports. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will distribute the money to the eligible 57 federally-supported airports. The FAA could choose to distribute the money to up to twelve airports across Oregon for aviation-safety improvements at urban and rural public use airports.

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## **Energy Efficiency – Conservation**

The ARRA provides over \$42 billion for energy programs, mostly for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. These dollars are spread across multiple federal and state agencies. ARRA also provides more than \$20 billion in energy tax incentives for individuals and businesses, again mostly for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

### **In Oregon this means...**

#### **State Energy Grant Program:**

Oregon will receive \$42.1 million for energy efficiency and conservation projects. The Oregon Department of Energy is awaiting guidelines from the U.S. Department of Energy on project eligibility.

#### **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program:**

Oregon's share for this program has not been determined. The ARRA legislation requires that 68% of these dollars go directly to Oregon's ten largest cities and counties, 28% to smaller cities and counties, 2% for tribes, and 2% to be competitively awarded.

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#### **Energy Saving Tax Incentives for Homeowners:**

Oregon homeowners will have access to incentives to make their homes more energy efficient. The bill continues and expands federal tax credits for purchases of new furnaces, energy-efficient windows and doors, or insulation.

The bill also provides a tax credit of up to \$7,500 for families that purchase plug-in hybrid vehicles to promote the move to zero-emission vehicles.

#### **Energy Saving Tax Incentives and Grants for Businesses:**

The bill includes a three-year extension of the popular federal production tax credit (PTC) for electricity derived from wind (through 2012) and for electricity derived from biomass, geothermal, hydropower, landfill gas, waste-to-energy, and marine facilities (through 2013). Many renewable energy companies in Oregon use this tax credit to build renewable energy production facilities.

There also is a new federal manufacturing tax credit for investment in advanced energy facilities, such as facilities that manufacture components for the production of renewable energy, advanced battery technology, and other innovative next-generation green technologies.

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## **Environment and Natural Resources**

The ARRA provides over \$13 billion in Environment and Natural Resources funding, including \$6 billion to help communities with water quality, wastewater and drinking water infrastructure needs; \$300 million for grants and loans to help with projects that reduce diesel emissions; \$200 million for cleanup of petroleum leaks from underground storage tanks; \$100 million for competitive grants to evaluate and clean up brownfields; \$600 million for the cleanup of hazardous “Superfund” sites; \$126 million for water reclamation and reuse projects; \$290 million for watershed and flood prevention operations; \$295 million for habitat restoration work; and \$250 million for Wildland Fire Management grants.

### **In Oregon this means...**

#### **Clean Water State Revolving Fund:**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will receive \$44.7 million through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program. The CWSRF program provides low-cost loans to communities for water quality and wastewater infrastructure needs. The ARRA requires that no less than 20% of the grant be used for eligible projects that address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements or other environmentally innovative activities.

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#### **Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund:**

The Oregon Economic and Community Development Department will administer approximately \$28.5 million in ARRA funds from EPA to build and upgrade drinking water systems through the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program (SDWRLF). The Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD) will be working together to disseminate these funds.

OECDD has already identified eligible projects and has contacted all project sponsors to determine the project readiness. Other applicants that have projects that are ready to proceed must turn in their application to OECDD by April 15, 2009.

As with the CWSRF, the ARRA requires that no less than 20% of these grants be used for eligible projects that address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements or other environmentally innovative activities.

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**Water Quality Planning Grant:**

DEQ anticipates receiving a grant of approximately \$447,200 to conduct water planning projects. Forty percent of this grant (\$268,320) is supposed to be allocated to regional public comprehensive planning organizations if there are organizations that are able to conduct water quality management projects that assist in the development and implementation of water plans. Funds are used to provide a planned framework for watershed restoration and other water-related implementation activities. DEQ is currently working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine a list of eligible projects for this grant in Oregon.

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**Diesel Emissions Reduction:**

DEQ will receive \$1.7 million in state clean diesel funding for grants. DEQ projects will focus on exhaust controls and engine upgrades.

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**Leaking Underground Storage Cleanups:**

Oregon expects to receive up to \$2.8 million to protect human health and the environment by cleaning up petroleum leaks from underground storage tank sites. The site assessment and cleanup work will largely be performed by private environmental engineering firms under contract with DEQ. Although final guidelines have not yet been issued EPA, DEQ has developed a list of approximately 20 sites it believes will be eligible for funding. The highest priority will be give to sites that pose the greatest threat to human health and the environment and lack an owner who can undertake the cleanup.

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**Brownfield Cleanups:**

Brownfield grants are typically awarded to local governments to facilitate investigation, cleanup, and productive reuse of vacant and underutilized of contaminated properties. EPA has not yet announced how it will select projects for these additional grant funds.

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**Superfund Site Cleanups:**

EPA usually cleans up Superfund sites itself, rather than granting funds to DEQ perform the cleanup work. There are currently 12 Oregon sites on the National Priorities List (Superfund). EPA has not yet announced which Oregon sites, if any, will receive funding.

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**Habitat Restoration:**

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) is actively pursuing ARRA funds to support habitat restoration and conservation needs that would provide jobs to local communities throughout the state. To date, OWEB has been coordinating with three federal agencies - the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), NOAA Fisheries, and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - about the possibility of being a distribution point for locally-based conservation funding.

At the request of the USFS, OWEB submitted a list of restoration projects for consideration that would have value to private and USFS managed lands.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and OWEB are developing a joint application to NOAA for stimulus dollars to implement watershed restoration and enhancement projects. These projects are designed to move Oregon forward with conservation and recovery of ESA listed fish species and maximize job creation and preservation.

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The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) was asked by the USFS Region 6 to submit a prioritized list of projects eligible for ARRA funds available through Wildland Fire Management grants and the State and Private Forest Lands Program. ODF identified a number of projects, and the USFS is considering projects totaling almost \$16 million.

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**Data Collection:**

The US Geological Survey (USGS) has \$12 million in AARA funds for data collection of coastal areas and major river corridors. The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) is slated to receive \$250,000 for data collection on Oregon's north coast.

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## Housing

With the passage of ARRA, federal housing programs and the Oregon Housing and Community Services will have additional funds to build affordable housing, prevent neighborhood blight and help low-income families weatherize their homes.

The ARRA provides \$2.25 billion competitively awarded nationwide for the Tax Credit Assistance Program to provide additional resources for affordable housing developments that use federal tax credits, additional housing funding through the exchange of existing housing tax credits, \$2.0 billion nationwide for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to purchase foreclosed and vacant properties for affordable housing, \$1.0 billion for the Community Services Block Grant, and \$5.0 billion nationwide for the Low-Income Weatherization Program. Dollars from these programs will go to the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS).

### **In Oregon that means...**

- Over \$27 million to fill remaining gaps in financing on many shovel-ready affordable housing projects throughout the state,
- Almost \$8 million for community services to support employment, food, housing, and healthcare for Oregonians in need; and,
- Over \$38.5 million for making energy improvements on homes – returning energy savings for years to come.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided \$1.5 billion for homelessness grants. These grants are targeted for short term rental assistance, housing relocation and to help stabilize households and prevent homelessness. Funds were awarded directly to larger urban areas, with the balance awarded to OHCS to distribute throughout the state.

### **In Oregon that means...**

- Over \$14.9 million in additional resources to prevent homelessness.
- \$4.2 million for Portland; \$2.9 million divided between Clackamas County, Washington County, Salem, and Eugene; and \$7.9 million to OHCS to distribute throughout the remainder of the state.

In addition, other community-based housing providers will receive additional funds. These funds include \$4.0 billion nationwide for the Public Housing Capital Fund – for capital improvements to HUD-assisted public housing, \$2.0 billion nationwide to project owners for project-based rental assistance (Section 8, 202, and 811 housing) and \$200 million in funding nationwide that will support roughly \$11.7 billion nationwide in loans provided under the Rural Housing Insurance Program.

### **In Oregon that means...**

- Public housing authorities in Oregon will receive over \$14.4 million to make needed improvements on existing low-income rental housing including energy improvements with accompanying energy savings.

- Affordable housing project owners with federal contracts will receive the full funding of their contracts, enabling these owners to continue to provide low-income housing; and,
- More loan resources for providing needed affordable housing in rural areas.

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## Public Safety

The ARRA will provide millions of dollars directly to Oregon communities to help prevent and fight crime in a variety of ways. The act also makes millions more available to law enforcement and other public safety entities through nationwide competitive grants. The streams of available federal public safety dollars include the following:

### **Byrne Justice Assistance Grants:**

ARRA provides for \$2 billion nationwide for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula grant program. This amount is distributed among the states by a statutory formula and may be used over the next four years to improve the administration of justice, crime prevention and other public safety programs.

### **In Oregon that means...**

- An estimated \$13.5 million dollars will be directed to Oregon and distributed by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for a broad range of public safety areas, including: law enforcement, courts and prosecutions, corrections, community corrections, drug treatment, and technology. In Oregon, these dollars will be administered by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.
- An estimated \$8.5 million dollars will be awarded directly to city and county public safety agencies for the same broad range of crime prevention and criminal justice purposes. The local Oregon recipients and amounts of the distribution may be accessed at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recjag/OR.xls>.

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

There is \$1 billion in the stimulus bill for the nationwide COPS grant programs for hiring and law enforcement officers and civilian personnel in law enforcement agencies. The ARRA waives the \$75,000 per officer cap and the normally required 25% local match under this program until September 30, 2010.

### **In Oregon that means...**

State and local law enforcement officials are working together to apply directly to the Federal Department of Justice for these funds to keep officers on our streets.

Federal contact:

Email: [ask.Cops@usdoj.gov](mailto:ask.Cops@usdoj.gov)

Phone: 1-800-421-6770 (COPS Office Response Center)

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>

**Tribal Law Enforcement Grants:**

There is \$225 million in the stimulus package for public safety grants to American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments.

**In Oregon that means...**

These funds will be distributed based under the U.S. Department of Justice Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Programs, which is a competitive grant program. Tribes in Oregon are eligible to compete for these dollars.

Oregon contact: Harry Wilson, Oregon Department of Justice

Email: [harry.b.wilson@doj.state.or.us](mailto:harry.b.wilson@doj.state.or.us)

Phone: (503) 378-3670

<http://www.doj.state.or.us>

**Violence Against Women:**

ARRA provides \$225 million for state, local and tribal governments and courts for use in programs that prevent and combat violence against women. Of the \$225 million, \$175 million will be distributed to all 50 states and \$50 million will be available through competitive grants. The \$50 million in competitive grants will be dedicated for transitional housing assistance grants program for victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault.

**In Oregon that means...**

Oregon is estimated to receive approximately \$1.9 million, which will be available to local communities through a competitive grant process that the Oregon Department of Justice will administer.

Oregon contact: Cynthia Stinson, Criminal Victims Services Division

Email: [cynthia.stinson@state.or.us](mailto:cynthia.stinson@state.or.us)

Phone: (503) 378-5348

<http://www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/>

**Victim's Assistance and Compensation:**

ARRA provides \$100 million to be distributed by the US Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime by a statutory formula to support state compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, child abuse, impaired driving and other crimes.

**In Oregon that means...**

Oregon will receive \$751,000 in formula funding for Victim Assistance programs and \$357,000 in formula funding for Victim Compensation. These funds are administered by the Oregon Department of Justice.

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Phone: (503) 378-5348  
<http://www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/>

**Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force:**

ARRA provides \$50 million for Internet Crimes Against Children initiatives. These dollars will be distributed by the US Department of Justice to states and local law enforcement agencies to enhance investigation of child sexual exploitation over the internet.

**In Oregon that means...**

Oregon's portion of the \$50 million is still unknown at this time. When the dollars are available, these funds will be administered by the Oregon Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Division.

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## Telecommunications

ARRA provides for \$4.7 billion through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for broadband enhancements to unserved and underserved areas across the nation through competitive grants.

The program requires a 20% local match and may be applied for by a state, local government, tribe, non-profit, service provider or infrastructure provider.

The funds may be used for the purchase of equipment, software, hardware, digital network technology; construction of broadband infrastructure; access to broadband service by community anchor institutions; and access to broadband by low-income, aged or otherwise vulnerable populations.

The grants must be awarded by July 1, 2010. Under the grant program, NTIA will consult with States on the identification of unserved or underserved areas and the allocation of projects affecting each state. States are expected to coordinate application efforts with stake holders and partners in assessing the community needs.

### **In Oregon that means...**

Oregon's portion of the \$4.7 billion is unknown at this time but ARRA does guarantee that each state receives at least one grant. As information about Oregon's share becomes available, this document will be updated.

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