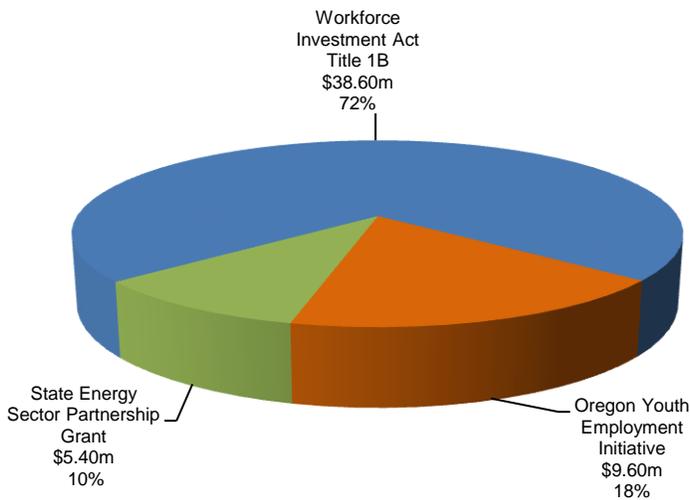




# Impacts of ARRA Workforce Development Expenditures in Oregon

As prepared for the State of Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD), ECONorthwest has released its final report “Impacts of ARRA Workforce Development Expenditures in Oregon.” This report outlines the short- and long-term impacts of ARRA (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act) economic stimulus spending in Oregon through June 30, 2010. The federal government intended that state and local areas spend ARRA funds quickly to maximize the impact on local economies and meet workforce needs. The following are highlights from that report.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Federal Stimulus Funding \$53,568,828



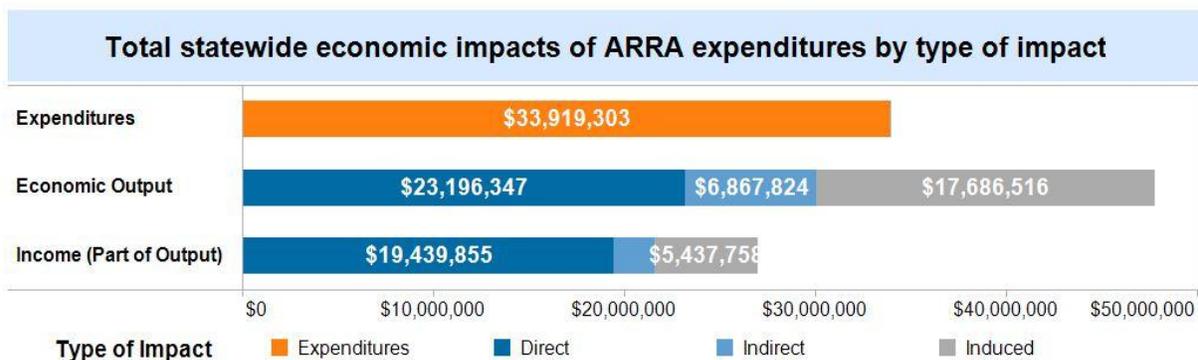
**Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Programs:** Funds to serve Adults, Dislocated Workers and Youth. In early 2009, the U.S. Department of Labor allocated **\$46.8 million** in ARRA funds to WIA programs in Oregon. Almost half of that amount (\$21.3 million) went to WIA Adult Dislocated Worker (DW) programs, while \$14.3 million went to WIA Youth programs and \$14.8 million funded National Emergency Grants (NEGs).

**Oregon Youth Employment Initiative (OYEI):** By December 2011, Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) will have received more than **\$9.6 million** in ARRA funding for OYEI, to be distributed among Oregon’s 36 counties.

**State Energy Sector Partnership:** Funds for training workers with green job skills.

## Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Programs

WIA programs across Oregon served 21 percent of the target adult population in 2009 and 4 percent of the target youth population. As the \$33.4 million flowed through the economy, **it generated a total of \$48.8 million in total economic output** in Oregon in the year ending June 30, 2010.



Source: IMPLAN and ECONorthwest analysis of CCWD data, 2011

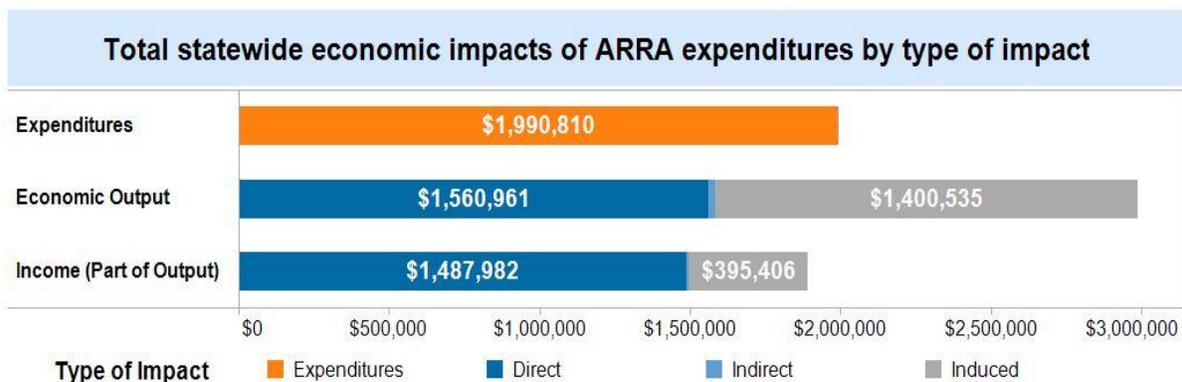
## Oregon Youth Employment Initiative (OYEI) Program

OYEI is a youth employment initiative for individuals ages 15-24. Projects must fall within the scope of natural resource and conservation education. OYEI is administered by the Oregon Youth Conservation Corp (OYCC) and the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD).

OYCC used ARRA funds to expand existing programs and develop new partnerships. OYEI focuses on natural resources employment such as forest fuel reduction, invasive species removal, and natural habitat restoration, which are aligned with the governor's green jobs focus area.

There were 847 OYEI participants in Oregon in the spring and summer of 2009. About 74 percent of OYEI participants were male and 20 percent were minorities. This is a larger share of males and a slightly smaller share of minorities than participated in WIA Youth Programs during the same time.

As \$1.99 million flowed through the economy, **it generated approximately \$3.0 million in total economic output** in Oregon throughout the following year.



Source: IMPLAN and ECONorthwest analysis of CCWD data, 2011

## Impacts on the Oregon Economy

Direct impacts include the output, payroll, and jobs associated with spending by the policy, program or industry sector being evaluated.

Indirect impacts represent purchases among businesses, and are often referred to as “supply-chain” impacts. These impacts are associated with spending by businesses as program funds circulate through the economy.

Induced impacts, often referred to as “consumption-driven” impacts, are further consumption and investments resulting from the enhanced purchasing power created by the direct and indirect increases in employment and income.

As of publication of the final report, many programs continue to spend their remaining ARRA funds, and the effects of ARRA funding on program operations and on participants will continue to unfold for many years. Even if ARRA funds are not replaced and existing federal programs must scale back operations, as seems increasingly likely given the dire fiscal condition of state and local governments, the Oregon ARRA workforce experience provides valuable information about Oregon's workforce development system from which the state can and should continue to learn.



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