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American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009: Sources of Information About Federal Stimulus Funds

Nonprofits interested in applying for grants for federal funds – whether directly to federal agencies or to state and local governments that received federal funds – must remain vigilant in these fast-paced times to remain informed. For instance, the Montana Legislature is set to hold its first hearing for public input on March 3, and Idaho's Governor has directed that proposals for how to use the stimulus funding are due by noon on March 4.

This Special Report identifies key resources for the latest information at the state and federal levels.

National/Federal Information

- 1. Federal Websites
 - Initially, the best sources will be the new www.recovery.gov website and, for grant information, the established federal website, www.grants.gov. Eventually, the websites of the various federal agencies overseeing particular funds should have quality information as well.
- Federal Elected Officials' Websites
 U.S. Senators and Members of Congress have started posting information about how money will be dispensed in their home states and congressional districts.
- 3. National Newspapers & E-Newsletters
 - In addition to visiting the website of the National Council of Nonprofits and subscribing to our free Policy News (www.councilofnonprofits.org/policynewssubscribe), consider subscribing to nonprofit newspapers and e-newsletters, several of which are free. One that seems to be on the cutting edge right now is the *Cohen Report on the Intersection of Nonprofits*, *Politics, and Public Policy*, written by Rick Cohen, who for years led the nonprofit National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy. His column (available free via email) has been focusing on the "First Hundred Days Nonprofit Style" and includes insights about the stimulus bill. To subscribe, go to: http://www.nonprofitquarterly.org/cohenreport/.

State Level Information

- 1. State Nonprofit Associations
 - Nonprofits that are members of their state nonprofit associations can turn to those special groups for additional information pertaining to your state. For a listing of the state nonprofit associations, the National Council of Nonprofits has a user-friendly map and listing on its website, at http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/salocator.
- 2. State Government Websites
 - States are beginning to post information about how they will handle stimulus funds. The federal website lists the states that have posted official "State Recovery Sites." http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page

State Government Recovery Websites

The following chart presents stimulus-related information posted on state government websites as of the morning of March 2, 2009.

How to Use This Chart

Direct:

- Go to your state and see if it has an official website. If not, then visit your Governor's website to see if additional information has been posted since this list was compiled.
- Link to the other information in this list because it may provide additional resources for you.
- If you have received grants through your state (or local) government before, then check with your normal grantmaking agency to see if it has additional information.
- If you have not received grants through your state (or local) government before, then think about the natural places through which funds would flow. For instance, nonprofits providing services to young children should be thinking in terms of their state departments of education, or economic security, or health, and need not be checking with their state departments of transportation or water quality.

Comparative:

- If your state does post information, then compare that with what other states are doing with similar funds. One of the beauties of the American system of federalism is that each state has room to do things differently. As a citizen, you have the ability to see what is being done in a neighboring state or even across the country and then suggest that the best ideas be used in your state. This stimulus approach has never been used before on such a massive scale or fast-moving basis, so you can play an important role in scanning what is happening elsewhere and importing sound ideas to your home state.
- If your state does not post information, then:
 - Review this chart to see what other similar information is available in different states, both generally and regarding your anticipated grant area (for example, to see how other states are handling stimulus funds for young children);
 - Contact your Governor's Office to find out if such information has been posted –
 and if not, then ask when such information will be made available; and
 - If you are not satisfied with the response, then consider contacting your local media to see if they can find out why your state is not posting information that is becoming readily available in other states. (As of March 2, only 10 states had official sites posted, so please do not be impatient, but neither should you be left in the dark much longer about how your state is responding.)

	State Websites
Alabama	Alabama's official recovery website can be found at this web address: http://www.stimulus.alabama.gov/
	The official website includes a page specifically designated for nonprofits: http://www.stimulus.alabama.gov/nonprofits.html
	Alabama's Legislative Fiscal Office has produced a document entitled Summary of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which can be found at this web address: http://www.lfo.alabama.gov/ARRA%20Master%20Copy_Final%20Version%2 Oby%20JSI_02.18.09.pdf

Alaska	Alaska's official recovery website can be found at this web address: http://omb.alaska.gov/10_omb/budget/IndexEconomicStimulus.htm
	Alaska issued a Press Release Outlining Opportunities for Non-State Entities, which can be found at this web address: http://www.gov.state.ak.us/omb/10_omb/budget/Economic_Stimulus/Press_Release_2-27-09_Opportuny_nonstate_entities.pdf
	Alaska's Preliminary Allocations for stimulus funds can be found at this web address: http://omb.alaska.gov/10 omb/budget/Economic Stimulus/2.20.09%20Preliminary%20Allocations%20For%20Alaska.pdf
	See also: Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Economic Stimulus Projects: http://www.dot.state.ak.us/econstim/
Arizona	 As of March 1, 2009, Arizona had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Arizona: http://azgovernor.gov/index.asp
	See also: The Arizona Senate's standing committees have started hearings to understand how the stimulus package works, according to this press release: http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/press/Senate/49 leg/1R/FEB+23+RELEASE%2EDOC.htm The Arizona Department of Transportation presentation on the disbursement of funds under ARRA, available at this web address: http://www.azdot.gov/board/agendas/PDF_2009/American_Recovery_and_Reinvestment_Act_Conference.pdf The Arizona Water Infrastructure Finance Authority has dedicated a page to ARRA grants under its authority. The page contains application information including deadlines and requirements for receipt of ARRA funds through the Finance Authority, available at this web address: http://www.azwifa.gov/?pageid=recoveryact **The Arizona Water Infrastructure Finance Authority has dedicated a page to ARRA grants under its authority. The page contains application information including deadlines and requirements for receipt of ARRA funds through the Finance Authority, available at this web address: http://www.azwifa.gov/?pageid=recoveryact
Arkansas	 As of March 1, 2009, Arkansas had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Arkansas: http://www.governor.arkansas.gov/ Arkansas Legislature:
	See also:
California	 As of March 1, 2009, California had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of California: http://gov.ca.gov/ California Legislature: http://www.legislature.ca.gov/

	The League of California Cities has produced a 44-page guide on the funding provisions of ARRA and information on how cities are permitted to apply for and use ARRA funding: http://www.csac.counties.org/images/users/1/League%20Recovery%20Reportw202.19.09.pdf
	 California Speaker of the Assembly, Karen Bass, issued a press release on California's efforts to maximize the efficiency of ARRA funds that can be found here: http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/speaker/News_Room/Press/press_releases/20090223AD47PR01.aspx
Colorado	 Colorado's official recovery website can be found at this web address: http://www.colorado.gov/recovery/
	Governor Bill Ritter has assembled an accountability board, which will be responsible for developing rules and regulations to oversee the use and accountability of ARRA funds in Colorado. A press release on the Colorado Economic Recovery Accountability Board can be found at this web address: http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1234967447325&pagename=GovRitter%2FGOVRLayout
	 The Colorado Department of Transportation has approved several projects for ARRA funding already, as noted in this press release: http://www.dot.state.co.us/communications/news/Stwide20090220-1.html
Connecticut	As of March 1, 2009, Connecticut had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates:
	 The Governor of Connecticut has issued a press release on use of ARRA funds for unemployment assistance, which can be found at this web address: http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?A=3675&Q=434922
Delaware	 As of March 1, 2009, Delaware had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Delaware: http://governor.delaware.gov/ Delaware Legislature: http://legis.delaware.gov/
	The Governor has issued a press release announcing a meeting between the Governor and lawmakers on how the ARRA will help Delaware, which can be found at this web address: http://governor.delaware.gov/news/2009/20090218-stimulus-package.shtml
District of Columbia	As of March 1, 2009, the District of Columbia had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates:
	The District of Columbia has compiled a series of ARRA documents, including a Stimulus Details document and a Stimulus Summary document, which can be found at this web address: http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/budgetfederalstimulusupdate

Florida	As of March 1, 2009, Florida had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Florida: http://www.lgov.com/ Florida Legislature: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm?CFID=80038107&CFT OKEN=59018301
	 The Governor has issued several press releases on ARRA funds that can be found at this web address: http://www.flgov.com/search_results
	 Florida's Department of Transportation has published documents on the anticipated use of ARRA funds for transportation projects, which can be found at these web addresses: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economicstimulus/FastFacts.pdf; http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economicstimulus/Key-Provisions.pdf
Georgia	As of March 1, 2009, Georgia had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Georgia: http://gov.georgia.gov/02/gov/home/0,2218,78006749,00.html Georgia Legislature: http://www.legis.state.ga.us/
	The Georgia Department of Labor has created a ARRA website, which can be found at this web address: http://www.dol.state.ga.us/spotlight/sp_recover_reinvestment_act.htm
Hawaii	As of March 1, 2009, Hawaii had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates:
Idaho	As of March 1, 2009, Idaho had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates:
	The Governor has issued an Executive Order establishing the Stimulus Executive Committee: http://gov.idaho.gov/mediacenter/press/pr2009/prfeb09/eo2009-06.pdf
	The Governor has issued appointed members to the "Stimulus Executive Committee" to oversee stimulus spending, according to these press releases: http://gov.idaho.gov/mediacenter/press/pr2009/prfeb09/pr_007.html ; http://gov.idaho.gov/mediacenter/press/pr2009/prfeb09/pr_007.html ;
	The Idaho Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee has developed a presentation on allocation of ARRA funds, which can be found at this web address: http://legislature.idaho.gov/Budget/JFAC/02-24-09.2.BudgetReview.pdf
Illinois	The Illinois official recovery website can be found at this web address: http://recovery.illinois.gov/
	 Illinois has dedicated a page to coverage of ARRA programs and the state agencies that will administer them, which can be found at this web address: http://recovery.illinois.gov/recoveryprograms.htm

	See also: press release about the creation and purpose of the Illinois recovery site, can be found at this address: http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=7 4&RecNum=7393
Indiana	As of March 1, 2009, Indiana had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Indiana: http://www.in.gov/gov/ Indiana Legislature: http://www.in.gov/legislative/
	An outline of what the stimulus package means for Indiana can be found at this web address: http://www.in.gov/ifa/srf/files/SRF_Recovery_Act_Fact_Sheet.doc
	 Additional sites containing information on how stimulus funds will be used by the Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Department of Transportation, and appropriation bills currently in the Indiana Legislature, can be found at this web address: http://www.in.gov/library/files/frifacts_2.20.09.htm
Iowa	As of March 1, 2009, lowa had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of lowa: http://governor.iowa.gov/ lowa Legislature: http://www.legis.state.ia.us/index.html
	The lowa State Revolving Fund has released a document on water quality and wastewater infrastructure, which can be found at this web address: www.ifahome.com/documents/filelibrary/Fact_Sheet_6ED1D25B37C1C.pdf
Kansas	 The Kansas official recovery website can be found at this web address: http://www.governor.ks.gov/recovery/
	See also: Overview of stimulus bill for KA DOT, including information on how projects will be selected, available at this web site: http://www.ksdot.org/PDF_Files/American%20Recovery%20and%20Reinvestment%20Act%20Overview%20Packet.pdf Overview for Kansas Health Policy Authority, available at this web address: http://www.khpa.ks.gov/legislative/download/2009Testimony/2-23-09%20ARRA%20fact%20sheet.pdf Kansas Department of Transportation has created a stimulus website, available at this address: http://www.ksdot.org/EconomicStimulus.asp
Kentucky	 As of March 1, 2009, Kentucky had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Kentucky: http://www.governor.ky.gov/ Kentucky Legislature: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/
Louisiana	As of March 1, 2009, Louisiana had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates:

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	 See also: Louisiana Department of Transportation Press Release, including list of transportation projects receiving ARRA funding, available at this web address: http://www.dotd.louisiana.gov/pressreleases/Release.aspx?key=986
Maine	 Maine's official recovery website, including links to the latest ARRA news in Maine, can be found at this web address: http://www.maine.gov/governor/baldacci/policy/Recovery2009.shtml
Maryland	 Maryland's official recovery site can be found at: http://www.statestat.maryland.gov/recovery.asp. However, at the time of this publication, the site was not functioning.
	 Maryland Stimulus workshops are being held across Maryland on how state and local government leaders can access ARRA funds, but the reported link will not respond: http://statestat.maryland.gov/workshops.asp
Massachusetts	The Massachusetts official recovery website, including the latest news and update on ARRA in Massachusetts, can be found at this web address: http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3subtopic&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Key+Priorities&L2=Job+Creation+%26+Economic+Growth&L3=Massachusetts+Recovery+and+Reinvestment+Plan&sid=Agov3
Michigan	 Michigan's official recovery website, including information on programs and projects that will receive funding and the process that will be used to distribute funds, can be found at this web address: http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-46485_52682,00.html. See also: Information on requests that have already been made under the ARRA in Michigan can be found at this web address:
Minnesota	 Minnesota's official recovery website can be found at this web address: http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/stimulus The Governor's press release on transportation projects using ARRA funds can be found at this web address: http://www.governor.state.mn.us/mediacenter/pressreleases/PROD009374.html
Mississippi	 As of March 1, 2009, Mississippi had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Mississippi: http://www.governorbarbour.com/ Mississippi Legislature: http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/
Missouri	 Missouri's official recovery website, including methods for submitting proposals, ideas and questions, can be found at this web address: http://transform.mo.gov/

	 Governor Nixon issued an Executive Order establishing a new Transform Missouri Initiative as the means by which the state will administer the federal stimulus funds. http://governor.mo.gov/orders/2009/09-12.htm To promote accountability and transparency, the Governor announced that all ARRA funds will be kept in two newly-created accounts and tracked on transform.mo.gov, which is available at this web address: http://governor.mo.gov/newsroom/2009/Missouri receives first recovery payment
Montana	Montana's official recovery website can be found at this web address: http://recovery.mt.gov/
	 The Governor posted a list of proposed projects under ARRA, as of January 2009, that is available at this web address: http://governor.mt.gov/docs/Infrastructure.pdf
	 According to a recent newspaper article, the Governor wants swift action on the stimulus funds, but some legislative leaders may want to slow it down so it runs through the normal budget process that gets finalized in late April. http://billingsgazette.net/articles/2009/02/26/news/state/24-stimulus.txt
	On Tuesday, March 3, the Senate Finance Committee will meet for an overview of the stimulus package and to receive public comment.
	 Thereafter a bill will be introduced in the House (sometime between March 6 and 11) and considered at joint subcommittee hearings before going to the full Appropriations Committee. Public testimony will be accepted at both the subcommittee and full committee levels.
	 Currently there are two proposals for how to provide oversight of the stimulus money: <u>SB 460</u> (create a new 13-member commission with broader participation) and <u>HB 627</u> (use existing Legislative Finance Committee).
Nebraska	 As of March 1, 2009, Nebraska had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Nebraska: http://www.governor.nebraska.gov/ Nebraska Legislature: http://nebraskalegislature.gov/
	The Governor has released an outline of the stimulus process that is available at this web address: http://www.governor.nebraska.gov/news/2009/2009_02/2_25_09_Stimulus_Process.html
Nevada	 As of March 1, 2009, Nevada had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Nevada: http://gov.state.nv.us/ Nevada Legislature: http://leg.state.nv.us/
	Governor Gibbons has released a pod cast on stimulus funds that can be found at this web address: http://gov.state.nv.us/Podcasts.htm
	According to Assembly Speaker Barbara Buckley, "The money that is given to the State of Nevada will be distributed and overseen by the Nevada Legislature.' Buckley says hearings at the state level have already started on this bill, with discussions on what strings might be attached. Once the legislative session ends, a special committee will then take over, 'A bipartisan committee of both house members and senate members will

New Hampshire	continue to oversee the administration of the stimulus money to ensure accountability.' Nevada does not have a web site, but Speaker Buckley says it's a great idea and something the state will look into. That special committee the speaker mentioned meets about once every month once the session ends." Las Vegas Now (CBS-8), "Who Will Oversee Nevada's Stimulus Money?" (Feb. 25, 2009) http://www.lasvegasnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=9906606 New Hampshire's official recovery website, including new updates from the Governor's Office and a link to an ARRA recommendation form, can be found at this web address: http://www.nh.gov/recovery/
New Jersey	 As of March 1, 2009, New Jersey had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of New Jersey: http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/Default.asp New Jersey Legislature: http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/Default.asp
New Mexico	 As of March 1, 2009, New Mexico had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of New Mexico:
New York	 New York's official recovery website can be found at this web address: http://www.economicrecovery.ny.gov/index.htm The Governor's press release regarding a convening of a Cabinet to oversee the distribution of ARRA funds is available at this web address: http://www.economicrecovery.ny.gov/News/press21009.htm An itemized list of ARRA funds to New York can be found at this web address: http://www.economicrecovery.ny.gov/DirectAid/aidnewyork.htm
North Carolina	 North Carolina's official recovery website can be found at this web address: http://ncrecovery.gov/ The Governor's press release regarding creation in the Office of Economic Recovery and Investment is available at this web address: http://ncrecovery.gov/oeri/mission.aspx

	The Governor's press release regarding creation of ncrecovery.gov is available at this web address: http://ncrecovery.gov/oeri/news/2009/Feb/27-LaunchesNCRecovery.aspx
North Dakota	As of March 1, 2009, North Dakota had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates:
	 A bill has been introduced (H.B. 1487) to give the Legislature exclusive authority over all decisions regarding expenditures of the federal stimulus funds. http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/61-2009/bill-text/JBMI0100.pdf
Ohio	Ohio's official recovery website, which includes a mechanism to submit proposals, can be found at this web address: http://recovery.ohio.gov
	 The Governor issued a list of ARRA proposals as of February 25 that is available at this web address: http://recovery.ohio.gov/docs/02_26_09_Submitted_Requests.xls
Oklahoma	As of March 1, 2009, Oklahoma had not published an official recovery website, although on March 2 the Governor announced he planned to have such a site up posted on the Office of State Finance's 'Open Books' web site at www.ok.gov/okaa " by the end of the week. http://www.gov.ok.gov/display_article.php?article_id=1201&article_type=1
	See also: Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality stimulus website, which is available at this web address: http://www.deq.state.ok.us/stimulus09/ Oklahoma Department of Insurance documents on stimulus funds, available at this web address: http://www.ok.gov/oid/documents/fed_stimulus.pdf
Oregon	 As of March 1, 2009, Oregon had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Oregon: http://governor.oregon.gov/ Oregon Legislature: http://www.oregon.gov/legislature.shtml
Pennsylvania	As of March 1, 2009, Pennsylvania had not created an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates:
Rhode Island	 Rhode Island's official recovery website can be found at this web address: http://www.governor.ri.gov/recovery/ The Governor issued an Executive Order establishing the Rhode Island Office of Economic Recovery and Reinvestment to administer ARRA funds: http://www.governor.ri.gov/documents/executiveorders/2009/02 office econ
South Carolina	As of March 1, 2009, South Carolina had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates:

South Dakota Tennessee	 As of March 1, 2009, South Dakota had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of South Dakota: http://www.state.sd.us/governor/ South Dakota Legislature:
Termessee	website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Tennessee: http://www.capitol.tn.gov/ Tennessee Legislature: http://www.capitol.tn.gov/
	 See also: On March 2, the Governor issued a press release announcing that 10 bridges will be rebuilt with the ARRA stimulus funds.
Texas	 The Texas Comptroller has posted a website at this web address: http://www.window.state.tx.us/finances/stimulus/ Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Texas: http://www.governor.state.tx.us/ Texas Legislature: http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/
Utah	 As of March 1, 2009, Utah had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Utah: http://www.utah.gov/governor/index.html Utah Legislature: http://www.utah.gov/government/legislative.html
Vermont	 Vermont's official recovery website is posted at this web address: http://recovery.vermont.gov/ The Vermont Joint Fiscal Committee has posted a website with links to various postings: http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/ARRA%202009.htm The Governor's press release announcing a free conference in Burlington on Friday March 6 to help people understand how stimulus funds can be used: http://governor.vermont.gov/tools/index.php?topic=GovPressReleases&id=3 349&v=Article A flyer on the March 6 ARRA workshops in Vermont is available at this website: http://governor.vermont.gov/press-releases/ARRAeventflyer.pdf Press release on funds already released to Vermont Housing and Finance Agency: http://www.vhfa.org/about/news/blog/?p=445
Virginia	 Virginia's official recovery website, including information on how to submit proposals, can be found at this web address: http://www.recovery.gov/customcode/urlredirect.php?stateid=VA

Washington	 The State of Washington's official recovery website, including information on how to receive ARRA funds, can be found at this web address: http://www.recovery.wa.gov/
	 The Governor's press release on the creation of recovery.wa.gov is available at this web address: http://www.governor.wa.gov/news/news-view.asp?pressRelease=1154&newsType=1
	 See also: Washington Department of Transportation ARRA site, available at this web address: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Funding/stimulus/ Department to Transportation ARRA project list, available at this web address:
West Virginia	West Virginia's official recovery website, including links to ARRA proposals and contact information, can be found at this web address: http://www.wvgov.org/sec.aspx?ID=115 http://www.wvgov.org/sec.aspx?ID=115 http://www.wvgov.org/sec.aspx?ID=115
Wisconsin	 Wisconsin's official recovery site, including links to search for ARRA funding opportunities, can be found at this web address: http://www.recovery.wisconsin.gov/
Wyoming	 As of March 1, 2009, Wyoming had not published an official recovery website. Check the following web addresses periodically for updates: Governor of Wyoming: http://governor.wy.gov/ Wyoming Legislature: http://legisweb.state.wy.us/
	 See also: Summary of Wyoming ARRA funding, available at this web address: http://governor.wy.gov/Media.aspx?Mediald=778 ARRA fund request form, available at this web address: http://ai.state.wy.us/budget/pdf/ARRA%20NAFR%20Memo.pdf Memo on ARRA fund request procedure, available at this web address: http://ai.state.wy.us/budget/pdf/ARRA%20NAFR%20Memo.pdf

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