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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:
Resources & Contacts**

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Summary

The Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R. 1) will:

- Create 3.5 million jobs across the United States;
- Provide a tax credits to 95 percent of all working Americans; and,
- Invest in 21st century technologies and infrastructure.

For Connecticut, this legislation will:

- Create approximately 41,000 jobs – 8,100 in the First District;
- Address critical funding shortfalls at the state level and buttress education funding for municipalities; and,
- Invest millions in programs to aid Connecticut homeowners and renters.

* **Funding:** The Recovery Act provides two different types of funding for Connecticut: formula-based and competitive. The Summary section of this document breaks down the formula funding headed to Connecticut in the areas of Education, Energy, Housing and Transportation. The Resource section provides information on how organizations around the state can best prepare for competitive funding that will be applied for and distributed through the federal departments.

Education:

- **\$97 million** in increased Title I funds.
- **\$136 million** in additional IDEA funds.
- **\$545 million** from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.
- **4.8 million** in Education Technology Grants.
- Qualified School Construction Bonds – These are a new category of tax credit bonds for building or rehabilitating schools. Funds may also be used to purchase land for the purpose of new public school construction

	Title I-A Increase	IDEA, Part B Increase	Total Increase
Barkhamsted	-	\$78,828	\$78,828
Berlin	-	\$666,882	\$666,882
Bloomfield	\$286,950	\$595,297	\$882,247
Bristol	\$1,216,983	\$2,097,874	\$3,314,857
Colebrook	-	\$29,223	\$29,223
Cromwell	\$149,633	\$405,415	\$555,048
East Granby	-	\$164,547	\$164,547
East Hartford	\$1,696,129	\$2,138,697	\$3,834,826
East Windsor	\$93,252	\$302,369	\$395,621
Glastonbury	-	\$1,266,417	\$1,266,417
Granby	-	\$425,419	\$425,419
Hartford	\$12,532,627	\$7,272,517	\$19,805,144
Hartland	-	\$52,965	\$52,965
Manchester	\$1,219,425	\$1,905,798	\$3,125,223
Middletown	\$478,881	\$1,524,711	\$2,003,592
New Hartford	-	\$128,220	\$128,220
Newington	\$187,265	\$840,532	\$1,027,797
Portland	\$75,664	\$281,143	\$356,807
Rocky Hill	-	\$507,275	\$507,275
South Windsor	-	\$916,180	\$916,180
Southington	-	\$1,539,433	\$1,539,433
Torrington	\$422,691	\$1,121,439	\$1,544,130
West Hartford	\$457,813	\$2,482,080	\$2,939,893
Wethersfield	\$170,346	\$784,414	\$954,760
Winchester	\$136,952	\$364,648	\$501,600
Windsor	\$312,517	\$1,063,580	\$1,376,097
Windsor Locks	\$138,119	\$408,317	\$546,436
Regional High School District 07	-	\$227,370	\$227,370
CREC	\$352,205	-	\$352,205
Jumoke Academy	\$141,172	-	\$141,172
Odyssey Community School	\$19,080	-	\$19,080
School for Young Children on Asylum Hill	\$23,351	-	\$23,351
Achievement First Elementary	\$84,465	-	\$84,465
Total Ist District	\$20,195,520	\$29,591,590	\$49,787,110

Transportation:

- Over **\$300 million** is allocated to repair Connecticut's highways and bridges.
 - The funding will be dispersed using federal formulas enacted as part of the SAFETEA-LU Authorization.
- **\$143 million** for Amtrak Non Security and Life Safety Projects.
 - Windsor Locks: \$27,000.00
 - Windsor: \$27,000.00
 - Hartford: \$100,000.00
- **\$8 million** for Security and Life Safety Projects.
- Nearly **\$48 million** will be used to modernize Connecticut water systems.
- **\$9 million** for transportation enhancement projects.
 - East Hartford/Manchester I-84/I-384 Trail: \$2,000,000.00
 - Torrington - Sue Grossman Stillwater Greenway: \$900,000.00
 - Southington - Linear Park: Plantsville to Cheshire: \$3,342,400.00
- **\$8 million** for Bradley International Runway Rehabilitation Project
- **\$494 thousand** for the Connecticut Department of Transportation from Hartford to Vernon.

In total, the state of Connecticut will receive \$487,480,166 to repair and modernize its roads, bridges, transit and water systems.

Energy:

- **\$63.5 million** for Weatherization Assistance Programs in CT:
 - Weatherization eligibility expanded to 200% of the federal poverty level.
 - Maximum funding grant increased to \$6,500. This will help an additional 17,000 Connecticut households save on energy costs.
- **\$45.9 million** for Connecticut's State Energy Program to help Connecticut address its energy priorities, conserve energy, and reduce its dependence on foreign oil.
- **\$32.2 million** for Connecticut's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants to help states reduce energy costs by increasing energy efficiency while also reducing fossil fuel emissions.
 - Bristol: \$557,500.00
 - East Hartford: \$216,100.00
 - Hartford: \$1,372,700.00
 - Manchester: \$533,700.00

- Middletown: \$213,300.00
- Southington: \$172,200.00
- Torrington: \$149,600.00
- West Hartford: \$574,500.00

Labor:

- **\$20 million** for unemployment compensation
- **\$4 million** for the Wagner-Peyser Act for re-employment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment and training opportunities that will facilitate their re-entry into employment.
- **\$11 thousand** for Workforce Investment Act Youth Activities
- **\$ 4 million** for Workforce Investment Act Adult Activities
- **\$15 million** for Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Workers

Public Safety:

- **\$12 million** for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, which allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system.
 - Berlin: \$18,147.00
 - Bloomfield: \$55,837.00
 - Bristol: \$172,047.00
 - Cromwell: \$13,959.00
 - East Hartford: \$225,092.00
 - East Windsor: \$21,288.00
 - Glastonbury: \$18,496.00
 - Hartford: \$1,529,576.00
 - Manchester: \$140,639.00
 - Middletown: \$58,280.00
 - Newington: \$24,080.00
 - Rocky Hill: \$25,475.00
 - South Windsor: \$18,496.00
 - Southington: \$27,220.00
 - Torrington: \$97,714.00
 - West Hartford: \$113,418.00
 - Wethersfield: \$34,549.00
 - Winchester: \$20,241.00
 - Windsor Locks: \$12,912.00
 - Windsor: \$26,173.00
- **\$4 million** for the City of Hartford in COPS Recovery Act Funding, which allows for the hiring and rehiring of 4,699 law enforcement officers across the country. The \$4 million to Hartford will fund the hiring and rehiring of 23 law enforcement officers.

Healthcare:

- **\$10.25 million** for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program through the Department of Social Services, State of Connecticut
- **\$800 thousand** for congregate nutrition services at community centers in the State of Connecticut
- **\$400 thousand** for home-delivered meals for senior citizens in the State of Connecticut
- **\$800 thousand** for the Child Support Enforcement Program through the Department of Social Services.
- **\$5 million** for Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) Allotments for Fiscal Year 2009
- **\$3 million** for State Adoption Assistance and Foster Care Funding Table
- **\$432 million** CMS Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage
- **\$133 million** TANF State Family Assistance Grants and Maximum Emergency Fund Eligibility in the State of Connecticut
- **\$2.5 million** Section 317 Immunization Funding
- **\$13.5 million** FY 2009 Child Care and Development Fund Allocation
- **\$12 million** for Community Services Block Grant
- **\$4 million** for New Access Points Community Health Care Services Grants
- **\$875 thousand** for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center through a Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant program in Hartford, Connecticut
- **\$4 million** to expand services at community health centers through Increased Demand for Community Health Care Services (IDS) Grants
 - East Hartford - East Hartford Community Healthcare, Inc.: \$216,655.00
 - Hartford - Charter Oak Health Center, Inc.: \$314,172.00
 - Hartford - Community Health Services, Inc.: \$267,774.00
 - Middletown - Community Health Center, Inc.: \$670,628.00
 - Torrington - Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington: \$100,000.00

Defense Projects:

- **\$4 million** provided by the Department of Defense for projects to improve, repair and modernize facilities operated by the various branches of the Armed Forces; for construction of facilities, housing, child development centers and hospitals; and, for energy conservation and efficiency initiatives
 - Windsor Locks - Camp Hartell: \$750,000.00
 - Hartford - Hartford Armory: \$981,000.00

Environment:

- **\$2 million** for Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST)
- **\$30 thousand** for funding the construction of the StanChem Dam Fishway on the Mattabesset River in Berlin.
- **\$1.7 million** for CT Clean Diesel
- **\$48 million** for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)
- **\$4,745,033** to the State of Connecticut for brownfields sites.
 - **\$345,033** for two brownfields cleanup grants for hazardous substances in Bristol.
 - **\$400 thousand** for two brownfields assessment grants for the City of Middletown. Community wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used for assessments and cleanup of hazardous waste and petroleum contamination in brownfields sites.
 - **\$1 million** for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant in Torrington. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the City of Torrington will provide loans and sub grants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances.
 - **\$400 thousand** for two brownfields assessment grants for the Capitol Region Council of Governments. The Metropolitan Hartford Region will use the funds for site assessment, cleanup, and community outreach programs.

Housing:

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will invest over \$145 million in housing across Connecticut.

State Totals

<u>Source:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Public Housing Capital Fund	\$35,743,555
Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)	
Formula Grants	\$26,170,888

- The following is a breakdown of how the formula funding will be distributed to both the state, local housing authorities, and municipalities in the First District:

Homelessness Prevention Fund Formula Allocations	\$16,960,432
Project-Based Rental Assistance Contract Funding	\$48,256,866
CDBG Formula Allocations	\$11,082,393
Lead Hazard Reduction Grants	\$7,579,126
State Total	\$145,793,260
1st District Totals	

Source: Public Housing Capital Fund

Recipient	Amount
Housing Authority of the City of Hartford	\$5,060,163
Middletown Housing Authority	\$859,777
East Hartford Housing Authority	\$993,695
Bristol Housing Authority	\$1,106,087
Winchester Housing Authority	\$133,991
Torrington Housing Authority	\$422,447
Windsor Locks Housing Authority	\$118,532
Portland Housing Authority	\$109,126
Housing Authority of the Town of West Hartford	\$189,381
Housing Authority of the Town of Glastonbury	\$461,360
Bloomfield Housing Authority	\$37,938

Source: Homelessness Prevention Fund Formula Allocations

Recipient	Amount
CT State Program	\$10,818,309
Hartford	\$1,572,727

Source: CDBG Formula Allocations

Recipient	Amount
Bristol	\$163,138
East Hartford	\$172,507
Hartford	\$1,028,157
Manchester	\$176,939
Middletown	\$110,460
West Hartford	\$294,083
CT Non-entitlement	\$3,616,527

Source: Lead Hazard Reduction Grants

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Connecticut Children's Medical Center	\$875,000

- Note that TCAP grant funds will be allocated to the state housing finance agency, which will then distribute awards on a competitive basis.
- Note also that the Project-Based Rental Assistance funds will be allocated to 140 existing Section 8 contracts in the state for 12 month contract renewals.

Resources

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Guide to Federal Competitive Grants

The House of Representatives took historic action to help the economy recover and America rebuild. The bold action we took in passing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is expected to create or save more than 3.5 million jobs across the country over the next two years. Millions of lives have taken a drastic turn due to the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and we have invested \$787 billion in the American People to take the first step out of the deep and cavernous hole the previous Administration has left our country in. To ensure that this unprecedented investment in America is spent wisely it will be carried out with full accountability and transparency.

In the forthcoming weeks, federal agencies will be announcing their formula block grant awards and begin reporting their use of funds. In the beginning of May, performance plans will be publicly available, and federal agencies will begin reporting on their allocations for entitlement programs. By mid May, detailed agency performance plans will be made available to the public. Federal agencies should begin announcing their competitive grant applications by May 20th.

Through Congressman Larson's E-Newsletter, "Congress- ConneCTion," Congressman Larson's office will announce grant applications as they are made available to the general public and will schedule Grants Workshops in the 1st District to help put organizations in the best position possible to receive federal funding. In the meantime, to best prepare for the significant amount of grant applications to be announced we recommend that you sign up for email notifications from Congressman Larson's E-Newsletter, "Congress ConneCTion," www.Recovery.gov, www.grants.gov and all specific federal departments that traditionally handle funding that that you are interested in. In addition, please refer to the websites below for more information on competitive grants process and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Sign up for Congressman Larson's E-Newsletter, "Congress ConneCTion"

<http://www.larson.house.gov/>

Recovery.gov

<http://www.recovery.gov/>

Recovery.gov is a website created for you to find out where the money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is going. This website will allow you to track what states, Congressional districts and

Federal contractors receive funding from Federal agencies. Soon, the State of Connecticut will display its own Recovery and Reinvestment Plan on this website.

The Catalog of Federal and Domestic Assistance

<http://www.cfda.gov/>

The Catalog of Federal and Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is the most comprehensive guide to federal grants. It is the best place to identify a federal program to apply to for funding. CFDA is currently updating their website to better support the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) anticipates the updated website will be operational by March 31st, 2009.

Grants.gov

<http://www.grants.gov/>

Grant seekers can search for funding opportunities on this website. You may also sign up to receive updates about particular areas of interest, and notifications of grant opportunities. In order to apply for a grant, you and/or your organization must complete the grants.gov registration process. Before submitting formal applications, it is recommended that you contact the federal or state agency administering the grant.

A → Z Index of Federal Department and Agency Websites

www.usa.gov/Agencies/Federal/All_Agencies/index.shtml

USA.Gov has full list of all federal agency websites. To better develop a grant proposal search a federal department or agency website to learn more about its programs and objectives. In addition, since the majority of Recovery Act competitive funding is going into previously established federal grant programs looking at previous announcements will help give you a better understanding of what the upcoming announcements may entail.

Small Business Resources

<http://www.sba.gov/>

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$730 million to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and makes changes in their lending and investment policies so that more small businesses can get the help they deserve.

For a full explanation of SBA Small Business Resources in ARRA Act:

http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/news_release_09-10.pdf

Constituents with questions or concerns should not hesitate to call one of the contacts from Congressman Larson's two offices below.

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