

# Connecticut's Implementation of the Recovery Act

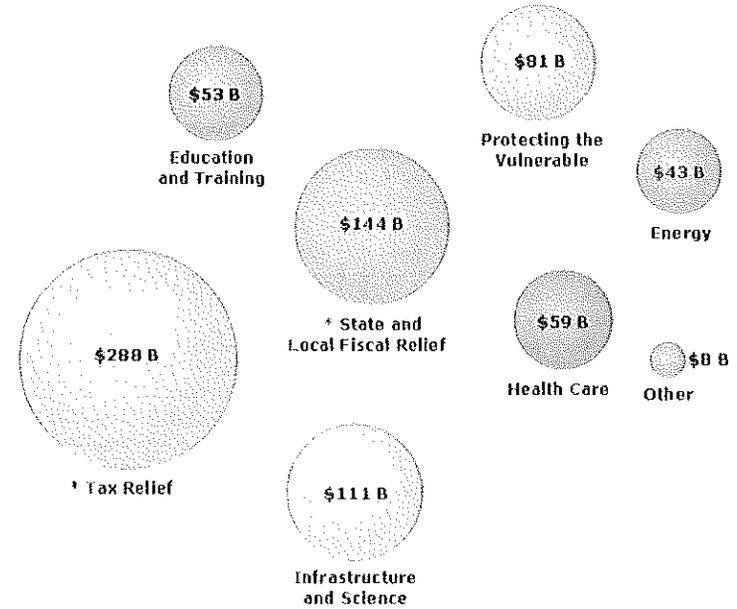


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# Recovery Act Overview

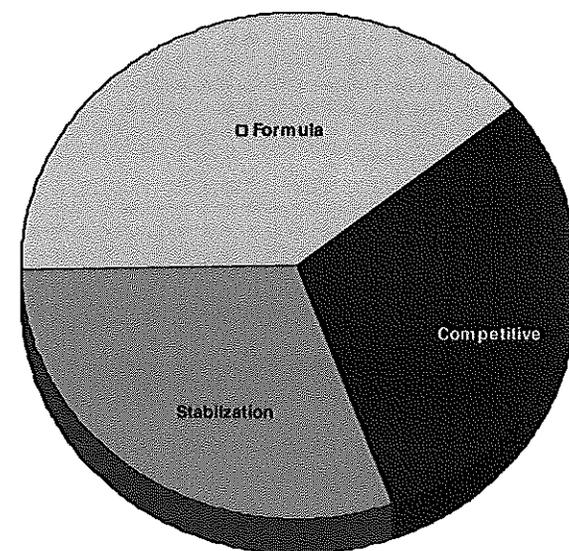
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009
- The \$787 billion Recovery Act includes tax cuts, investments in infrastructure and energy programs, funds to stabilize state and local budgets, training opportunities, and general assistance dollars (e.g., food, housing).



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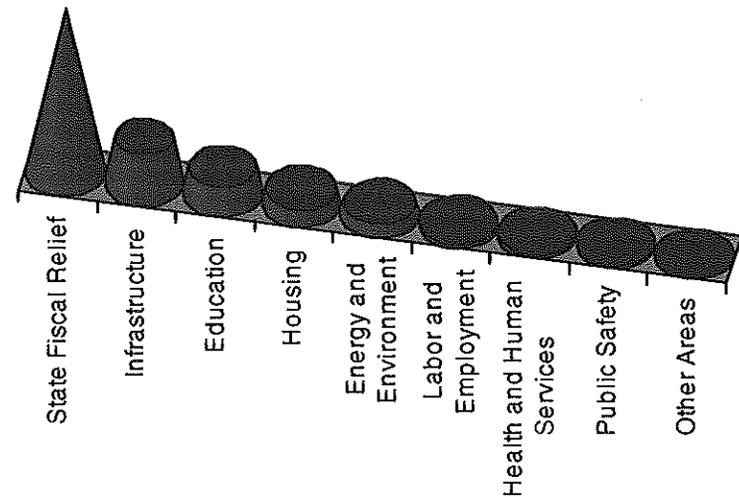
# Recovery Act Overview

- Recovery Act Funding Types
  - Formula-based or programmatic funding (i.e., Clean Water, State Energy Program, Community Development Block Grants)
  - Stabilization Measures – increased percentage for Medicaid reimbursement and education stabilization funds
  - Competitive grants – hundreds of opportunities for funding will be made available by federal agencies through competitive grant rounds



# Recovery Act Overview - Connecticut

- Connecticut expects to receive more than \$3 billion in Recovery Act funding
- This funding will come to Connecticut primarily through formula-based programs and stabilization funds



# Recovery Act Overview - Connecticut

- Breakout of Recovery Act funding:

- Medicaid Reimbursement \$1.3 billion
- State Fiscal Stabilization (Education) \$541 million
- Direct benefits (unemployment, food stamps) >\$100 million – as of 8/18
- Highways and Bridges \$302 million
- Transit \$152 million
- Clean Water \$48 million
- Drinking Water \$19 million
- Education (Title I, IDEA, Nutrition, etc.) \$243 million
- Energy (Ener. Prog., Block Grants, Weath.) \$127 million
- Public Safety (JAG, Internet Crimes, Victims) \$25 million
- Health/Human Services (immun., child care) \$31 million
- Housing (Public Housing, Rental Assist.) \$173 million

## Recovery Act – Pursuing the Funding

- Connecticut has already applied for funding in excess of \$3 billion
  - Applications have been submitted for every formula-based program available to date
  - Nearly 350 competitive grant applications have been submitted by state agencies and universities
    - seeking billions of dollars

# Recovery Act – Pursuing the Funding

- Recent activities:
  - CT pursuing more than \$300 million for high-speed rail corridor between New Haven and Springfield
  - CT pursuing \$540,000 for emergency energy planning
  - CT pursuing \$3.9 million as part of regional consortium for green workforce opportunities
  - CT pursuing \$5 million for developing a broadband map
  - CT pursuing \$3.4 million for energy rebates for state residents
  - CT pursuing more than \$45 million to help communities with foreclosures

# Recovery Act – Funding Commitments

- More than \$1.2 billion in Recovery Act funding has been committed, obligated or spent in Connecticut since February
  - >\$200 million committed to highway and bridge projects
  - >\$150 million committed to transit projects
  - \$105 million for Amtrak project in Niantic
  - >\$100 million spent on benefits to individuals and families (unemployment and food stamps)
  - \$15 million in grants to communities to improve energy efficiency and further conservation
  - \$18.8 million for community health centers

# Recovery Act – Initiatives Underway

- Recovery Act activities in CT continue to escalate
  - More than 4,000 jobs have been created
  - More than 25,000 residents have been served by the Department of Labor (training and unemployment)
  - More than 20 communities have received Justice Assistance Grants
  - More than 375 grants have been awarded by the Department of Education to school districts
  - More than 160 jobs transportation jobs have been created – over 100 in the last four weeks with hundreds more anticipated over the next several months
  - More than \$25 million has been provided to Workforce Investment Boards for job training and employment services
  - Food Bank and Food Share have ordered hundreds of thousands of dollars in food stock for pantries and purchased equipment for transportation and storage

# Recovery Act – What's to come:

- Many more opportunities still remain including:
  - Various energy initiatives
  - Broadband expansion/enhancement
  - Health Information Technology
  - Workforce training – focus on health professions and green careers

# Recovery Act - Outreach

- Hundreds of hours committed to outreach over the past 6 months
  - Representatives from DOT, OPM and Governor's office have met with Planning Organization on more than 20 separate occasions
  - Agencies have hosted dozens of stakeholder forums and public hearings
  - Department of Education has hosted forums throughout the state for school administrators and elected officials
  - OPM has hosted more than 15 workshops across the state to assist communities with public safety and energy conservation projects

# Recovery Act - Outreach

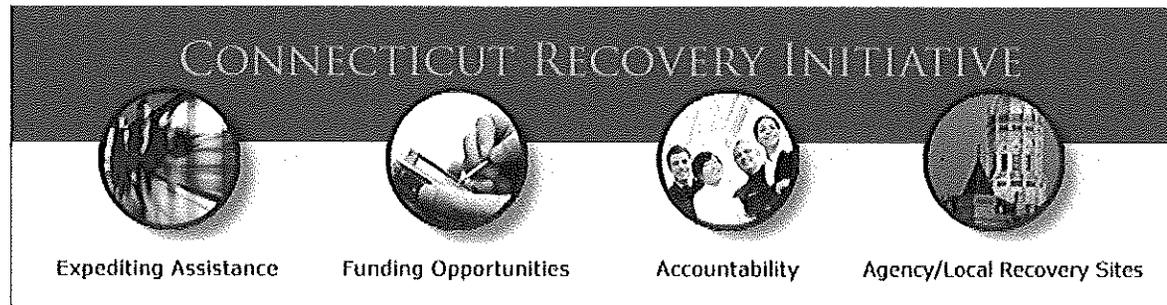
- Enhancing outreach
  - Designating a Municipal Ombudsman – Governor Rell appointed Dave LeVasseur of OMP to be the state's Recovery Act Ombudsman to assist communities in July
  - Recovery website – [www.recovery.ct.gov](http://www.recovery.ct.gov) continues to be the state's primary resource for tracking Recovery Act activities

# Recovery Act – CT Recovery Website

- CT's website – [www.recovery.ct.gov](http://www.recovery.ct.gov)

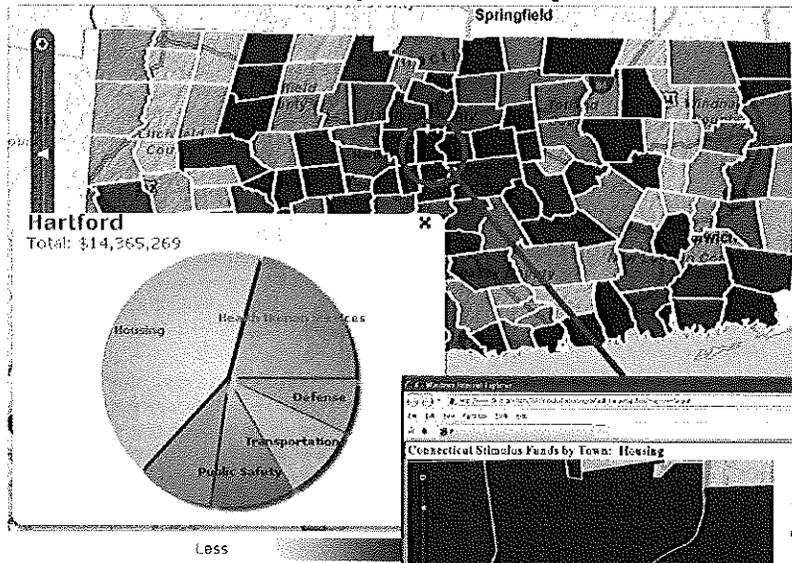
Tool for:

- Tracking stimulus dollars – spent/committed
- Tracking funding opportunities – state/federal
- Track contracts
- Serve as a resource for stimulus-related jobs
- Follow public comment/outreach opportunities

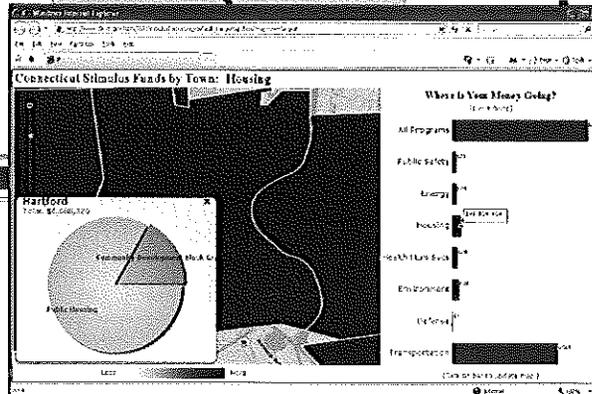
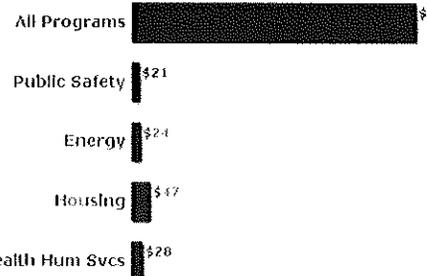


# Recovery Act – CT Recovery Website

Connecticut Stimulus Funds by Town: All Programs



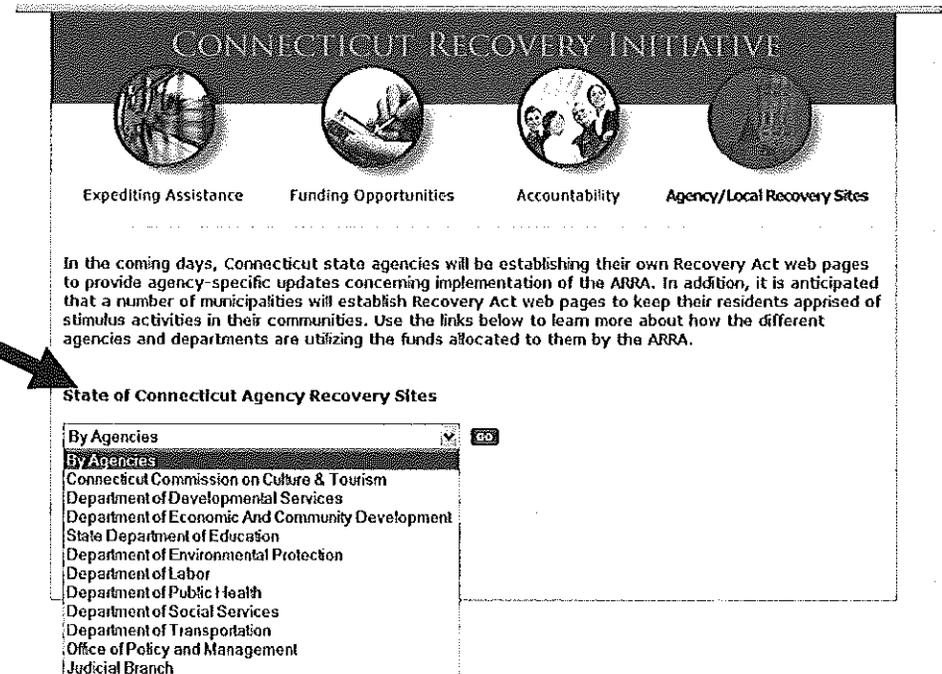
Where is Your Money Going?  
(\$ in Millions)



# Recovery Act – CT Recovery Website

- State Agencies have also developed web pages specific to their Recovery Act activities

Agencies include:  
DSS, DPH, DEP,  
OPM, DECD, CHFA,  
Education, Judicial  
Branch



The screenshot shows the header of the Connecticut Recovery Initiative website. It features a dark banner with the text "CONNECTICUT RECOVERY INITIATIVE" and four circular icons representing different aspects: "Expediting Assistance", "Funding Opportunities", "Accountability", and "Agency/Local Recovery Sites". Below the banner, there is a paragraph of text explaining that state agencies are developing their own Recovery Act web pages. At the bottom, there is a section titled "State of Connecticut Agency Recovery Sites" with a dropdown menu labeled "By Agencies" that lists various state agencies.

CONNECTICUT RECOVERY INITIATIVE

Expediting Assistance Funding Opportunities Accountability Agency/Local Recovery Sites

In the coming days, Connecticut state agencies will be establishing their own Recovery Act web pages to provide agency-specific updates concerning implementation of the ARRA. In addition, it is anticipated that a number of municipalities will establish Recovery Act web pages to keep their residents apprised of stimulus activities in their communities. Use the links below to learn more about how the different agencies and departments are utilizing the funds allocated to them by the ARRA.

State of Connecticut Agency Recovery Sites

By Agencies

- By Agencies
- Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism
- Department of Developmental Services
- Department of Economic And Community Development
- State Department of Education
- Department of Environmental Protection
- Department of Labor
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Transportation
- Office of Policy and Management
- Judicial Branch

# Recovery Act – Where we go from here:



- Other components of the Recovery Act that are getting underway:
  - Wastewater treatment projects
  - Drinking water projects
  - Rotavirus vaccine available September 1
  - Weatherization
  - Fuel cells, solar panels and geothermal systems
  - Law enforcement programs – internet crimes, victims assistance, etc.
  - Diesel reduction efforts
  - Brownfields

# Recovery Act – Where we go from here

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- Transparency and Accountability
  - Reports: DOT and DEP provide monthly reports to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
  - Quarterly reporting between state agencies and federal counterparts
  - Connecticut to submit first statewide report in October

## Recovery Act – Where we go from here:

- Outreach – continue to work and partner with communities
- Grants – track and pursue opportunities as they emerge
- Track the status of projects

# Recovery Act – Connecticut Coordinators Contact Information

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# Recovery Act – Closing

- Questions