

# **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

An Appalachian Update

March 18, 2009

## ARC ARRA Update

The goal of this webinar is provide you with updates that we feel are most pertinent to the ARC region. As the federal agencies rush to implement the ARRA, they are issuing regulations and making funding announcements on an almost daily basis. These updates are to help you keep up and to alert you to the developments most likely to impact the ARC region. We also strongly urge you to monitor the different agency web sites. You can find these web sites by going to our web site, <http://www.arc.gov/recovery> and then following the links.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the ARC website. The page title is "ARC | Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009". The URL in the address bar is "http://www.arc.gov/index.do?nodeId=3318". The page features a navigation menu with "NEWSROOM" selected. The main content area is titled "Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" and contains the following text:

The [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#) (ARRA) is a federal public law passed by the 111th United States Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. A response to an economic crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, the Recovery Act makes supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, health care preservation and improvement, expansion of education opportunities, assistance to the unemployed, and state and local fiscal stabilization, and for other purposes, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

Federal agencies will post ARRA grant information on their Web sites as it becomes available. In order to help Appalachian communities find information on ARRA grant opportunities, ARC staff has identified links to agency postings that may be of interest to economic and community development leaders and organizations in Appalachia. These links are organized by program area.

For information on all federal grant opportunities under the ARRA, see each [federal agency's ARRA Web site](#).

**Non-ARC ARRA Resources**

- [Community Infrastructure](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Energy](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Telecommunications](#)

For more information on the ARRA, visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

Please send any questions on the Recovery Act information on ARC's Web site to [info@arc.gov](mailto:info@arc.gov).

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- Energy – Ray Daffner
- Telecommunications
  - Mark DeFalco and Harry Roesch
- Education – Jeff Schwartz
- Infrastructure
  - Eric Stockton and Molly Theobald
- Health – Henry King

# ARC ARRA Update: ENERGY

- Loans, Tax Credits, Bonds
  - Clean Renewable Energy Bonds - \$1.6 B
  - Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee Program - \$6 B
  - Advanced Energy Manufacturing Credits - \$2 B
- Grants
  - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) - \$16.8 B
    - State Energy Office - \$3.1 B
    - Weatherization - \$5 B
    - EE Block Grants - \$3.2 B
  - R&D and Demonstration - \$2.5 B
  - Advanced Battery Grants - \$2 B
  - Investment Tax Credit, Grant in Lieu

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# ARC ARRA Update: TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- \$7.2 billion available
- NTIA has \$4.7B / RUS has \$2.5B
  - Both agencies planning a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA)
  - Both agencies considering three funding cycles
  - Regional workshops addressing the application process possible
  - Individual meetings replaced with a series of public meetings and written comments addressing approximately 100 questions in 15 categories
  - Six public meetings scheduled; two already taken place
  - States likely to play a strong role in this process, though state role has not yet been defined
- FCC opened a docket (GN Docket No. 09-29) to seek comment on the development of a comprehensive rural broadband strategy

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# ARC ARRA Update: EDUCATION

- Dept of Education formula funds include both pre-K thru 12 and Higher Ed
    - \$48.6 B State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFS)
    - 18.2% for education, public safety, other government services
    - Construction, renovation, repair of public schools, private colleges eligible
  - Dept of Labor formula funds
    - Distributed to states by March 18
    - Webinar on Recovery Act funds for WIA
      - Monday, March 23
      - Time tbd
      - delivered through Workforce3 One ([www.workforce3one.org](http://www.workforce3one.org))
  - Look at ALL agencies and sources
    - Tax laws
    - HHS, EDA, Energy, NIH
  - Don't wait for news, contact your state officials now.
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# ARC ARRA Update: INFRASTRUCTURE

- HUD-\$13 B
  - 75% distributed to states & local communities
  - 25% awarded via competition in coming months
- CDBG
  - For housing and community development projects (including infrastructure and public facilities)
    - Priority – Projects ready to go
  - Relaxation of guidelines still under discussion, expect announcement soon
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- EPA
  - Clean Water SRF- \$4 B; Drinking Water SRF- \$2 B distributed to states
  - Targeting disadvantaged communities
  - 50% of funds for subsidy
    - Negative interest loans, principal forgiveness to make program affordable to all communities.
  - 20% set-aside for “Green Project Reserve”
    - Energy/water, green infrastructure, environmentally innovative projects
    - Planning, design, equipment, construction
    - Stand-alone or part of larger project
    - On-lot systems qualify
  - Get on state EPA project lists now
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- USDA Rural Development
  - Water and Wastewater Grants and Loans (\$968M grant/\$412M loan)
  - Rural Business & Cooperatives (\$20M grant/\$130M loan)
  - Rural Housing/Community Facilities (\$63M grant/\$67M loan)
    - Standard loan/grant provisions
    - Persistent poverty counties
    - “Green” project elements
  - Call State and/or District RD offices ASAP
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- Economic Development Administration: (\$150 M)
  - “Sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss”
  - New electronic application process – no more “invites”
  - Call EDA regional offices in Atlanta, Chicago, or Philadelphia
- **For all infrastructure activities :**
  - Don’t wait – call funders to initiate projects
  - Consider efforts to expand scope of existing projects
  - Get pending projects ready to go ASAP
  - Move funded projects to construction NOW – to take advantage of bid climate
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# ARC ARRA Update: HEALTH

- \$137 B in Recovery Act funds managed by the Dept. of Health and Human Services
  - \$3.3 B into states as grants for Medicaid
  - \$500 M for The Health Centers Program
    - \$155 M obligated to support 126 new health center sites
    - \$11.5 M (of the \$155M) into the Appalachian Region for 10 new sites
    - AL, KY-2, NC, PA-5, WV
    - \$340 M for increased services at CHCs; applications were due on March 16
  - \$1.5 B
    - Construction, renovation and equipment of existing health centers
    - Health Information Technology
  - NIH Funding
    - \$1 B for construction, improvement of research facilities
    - \$500 M for scientific research and equipment

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**For further information on or to ask questions about  
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**Next webinar tentatively set for April 1, 2009  
See the ARC web site for daily updates.  
Email us with any questions or for assistance.**

**This PowerPoint presentation, all handouts used, and a list of all  
questions asked and the responses will be posted on the ARC web site,  
accessible from the Recovery page.**

