

Welcome to the Appalachian Regional Commission Webinar on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Thank you for logging in. The webinar will start at 10:00 a.m. EDT. You will be able to see and hear the presentation through your computer. To ask a question, you will need to click on the “Q&A” button at the top of the window and then type your question. You will not be able to talk to the presenters or other participants.

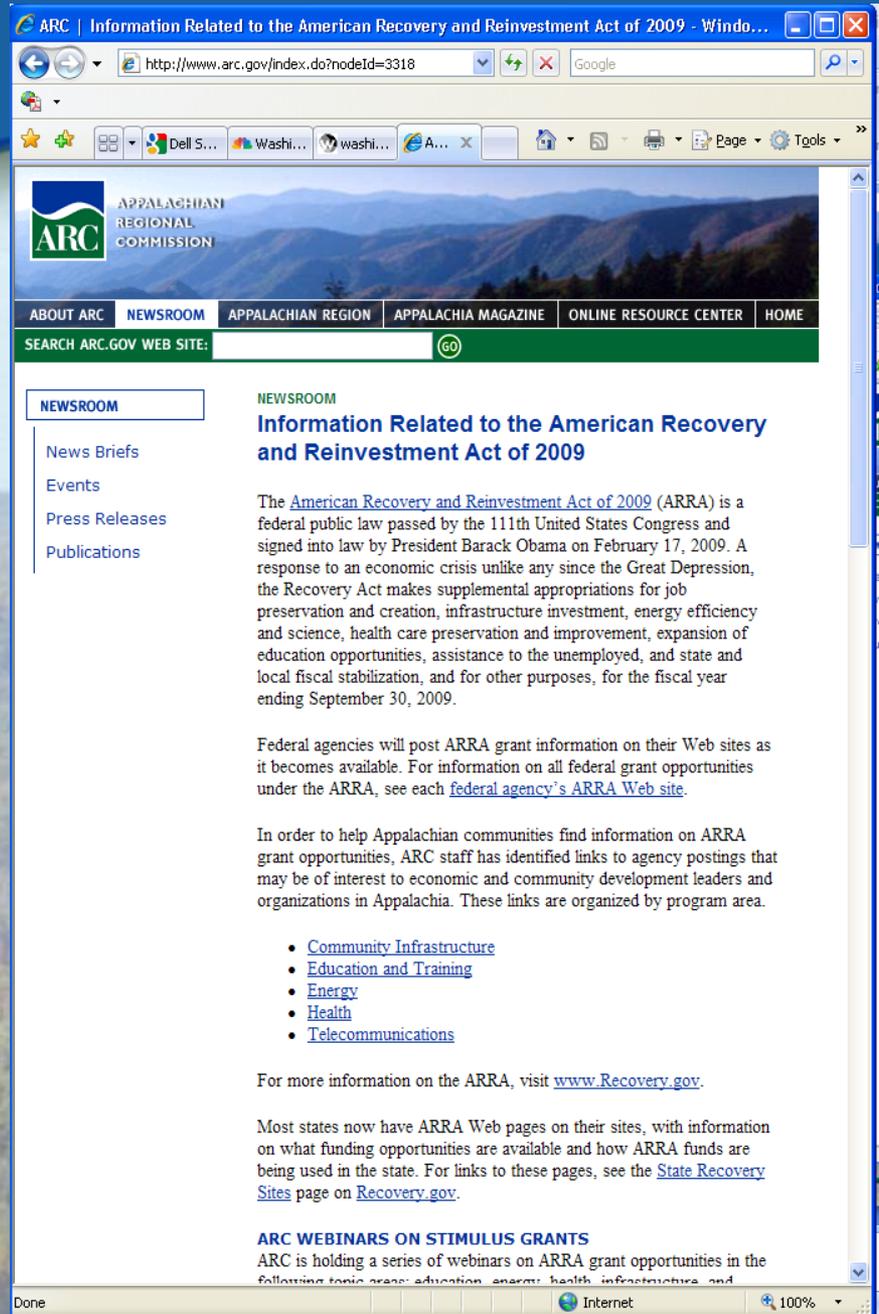
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

An Appalachian Update

April 1, 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 browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.arc.gov/index.do?nodeId=3318>. The website header features the ARC logo and the text "APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "ABOUT ARC", "NEWSROOM", "APPALACHIAN REGION", "APPALACHIA MAGAZINE", "ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER", and "HOME". A search bar is located below the navigation menu with the text "SEARCH ARC.GOV WEB SITE:" and a "GO" button. The main content area is titled "NEWSROOM" and features a sub-header "Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009". The text below this header explains that the 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. It describes the Act's purpose in response to an economic crisis and lists the types of funding opportunities it provides. A section titled "Federal agencies will post ARRA grant information on their Web sites as it becomes available." includes a link to "federal agency's ARRA Web site". Another section titled "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." includes a bulleted list of links: "Community Infrastructure", "Education and Training", "Energy", "Health", and "Telecommunications". A section titled "For more information on the ARRA, visit www.Recovery.gov." is also present. The bottom of the page features a section titled "ARC WEBINARS ON STIMULUS GRANTS" which states that ARC is holding a series of webinars on ARRA grant opportunities in the following topic areas: education, energy, health, infrastructure, and...



ARC ARRA Update

- 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

\$40B in Stimulus Funds + tax credits

- **Loans, Tax Credits, Bonds**
 - Clean Renewable Energy Bonds - \$1.6B
 - Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee Program - \$6B
 - Advanced Energy Manufacturing Credits - \$2B
- **Grants**
 - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) - \$16.8 B
 - State Energy Office - \$3.1B
 - Weatherization - \$5B
 - EE Block Grants - \$3.2B

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ARC ARRA Update:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- **Recap**
 - NTIA: \$4.7 B for grants, BB mapping, innovative/sustainable programs
 - RUS: \$2.5 B for grants, loans, loan guarantees
- **National Telecommunications Information Administration/RUS Meetings held 3/19, 3/23, 3/24**
 - The Topics addressed language in the Stimulus Bill
 - Panels consisted of 6 -10 presenters
 - 3/19 Topics: Definition of Broadband, Definition of Underserved and Reaching Vulnerable Populations, and Unserved Areas
 - 3/23 Topics: Nondiscrimination and Interconnection, Role of the States, and Broadband Mapping
 - 3/24 Topics: Post-award Compliance and Oversight, Selection Criteria, and Community Economic Development

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- Panels presented followed by “Public Comments” sessions
- No NTIA or RUS staff on any of the Panels
- Questions / Comments from the audience were general / very specific
- 50-70 people in audiences, including service providers
- NTIA and RUS staff indicated they were getting solid in-put
- All “E-mailed Comments” not discussed will be posted on NTIA and RUS websites

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What is next for these agencies:

- Both NTIA and RUS will accept additional written or emailed comments through **4/13/2009. Not too late.....**
 - RUS: The RUS appears to be going in direction of developing revised / new guidelines
 - NTIA: The NTIA is currently staffing up
 - NTIA: Appears to be going in the direction of a Notice of Funding Availability [NOFA].
 - No additional meetings have been scheduled
 - Both agencies working with the FCC on issues of what is true BB, and what constitutes underserved and unserved areas or populations

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- **Key discussion topics / points heard:**
 - STP, BB mapping, the need for a national minimum BB speed, AD issues, business case model development, and the last / middle / first mile deployment issues
 - States should be “consulted with / and collaborated with” but not be part of the grant selection process
 - It is anticipated that 1,000’s of applications could be submitted under these 2 programs
 - Look for RUS Guidelines / NTIA NOFA in late April / early May?

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ARC ARRA Update: EDUCATION

- **Department of Education**
 - Awarding stimulus funds for Title I and IDEA this week.
 - State application to be finalized and available this week
 - ED is promising a 2 week turnaround on acceptable applications
 - FAQs now available on ED web site
- **Department of Labor**
 - States have formula funds: Contact them now
 - Federal guidance to states on DOL web site and Workforce 3 One site
 - Competitive funds still in process
- **Construction funding**
 - State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) from ED
 - Qualified School Construction Bonds - \$22B
 - Qualified Zone Academy Bonds – \$2.8B

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- **HUD-CDBG \$13B**
 - 75% distributed to states/entitlement communities
 - 25% awarded via competition in coming months
 - Most activity at the state level—finalizing CDBG plans
 - CDBG Guideline requirements not expected to change

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- **EPA**

- \$5M - Brownfields Job Training Grants

- Applications due April 20th

- Funding limited to previous grantees or communities that have participated in state/federal brownfields program

- Funding plan for Brownfields' Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants to be announced soon (approx. \$95M)

- Clean Water SRF - \$4B; Drinking Water SRF - \$2B distributed to states

- States not accepting new projects – existing project list far exceeds available funding

- Green Projects – may have a chance of getting on list

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- **USDA Rural Development (RD)**

No substantial new information: RD expected to use existing programs to distribute \$1 billion in grants and \$600 million in loans this year.

- **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**
- **Emphasis on persistent poverty counties (ARC distressed counties)**
- **“Green” project elements may have increased likelihood of funding**
- **Call State RD offices:**

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html

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- **Department of Commerce/Economic Development Administration (EDA)**

No substantial new information: Notice of Funding Availability released 3/11/09 for \$150 million.

- Priority to areas with “sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss”.
- Funding typically for water/sewer, industrial sites, business incubators, community colleges, etc.
- Call EDA contacts in Atlanta, Chicago, or Philadelphia regional offices:

<http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Regions.xml>

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- **For all infrastructure activities (regardless of funding source)**
 - 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 ASAP – 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**
 - **\$15.3 B into states as grants for Medicaid**
 - **\$500 M for The Health Centers Program**
 - **\$155 M obligated to support 126 new health center sites**
 - **\$338 M will support grants to 1,128 community health centers for Increased Demand for Services (IDS) grants**
 - **\$27.9 M awarded to 113 Community Health Centers in Appalachia**
 - **\$1.5 B**
 - **Construction, renovation and equipment for existing health centers**
 - **Health Information Technology**

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ARC ARRA Update: HEALTH

- **Money Directly to States**
 - \$2 B - Child Care and Development Block Grant
 - \$5 B - TANF contingency Fund
 - \$3.1 B - Children and Family Services Programs
 - \$743 M – Foster Care/Adoption, and Child Support Enforcement & Family Support
 - \$15 B – Medicaid Program
- **Contact State/County Depts. Of Health, Social Services, Children and Family Services**

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Thank you for joining the ARC ARRA webinar.

For further information on or to ask questions about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and how it might affect you:

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

Email: info@arc.gov

Telephone: 202-884-7700

Next webinar tentatively set for April 15, 2009.

See the ARC web site for daily updates.

Email us with any questions or for assistance.

Questions or requests for ARC's next webinar?

Please email any suggestions on what ARC should cover in its April 15 ARRA webinar to info@arc.gov.

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.

