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Goal 1: Developing Investment in the Physical Infrastructure
Program: Community Development Block Grant
Program Description: To provide additional funding under the Community Development Block Grant program(CDBG)
Total Funds Available: \$1 billion
Eligible Recipients: States and localities eligible CDBG recipients that received funding in FY 2008.
Federal Delivery System: To be distributed using the usual CDBG funding formula.
Timing of Application: Priority must be given to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date that the funds are made available to the recipients.
Other Comments: The secretary may waive certain statutes or regulation in order to expedite or facilitate the timely use of the funds.
Program: Community Development Financial Institution Program (Treasury)
Program Description: For an additional amount for "Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Program Account.
Total Funds Available: \$100 million
Eligible Recipients: Qualified community development lender under the FY 2009 funding round
Federal Delivery System: Treasury Department
Timing of Application: Funds are to remain available until September 30, 2010. That no later than 60 days after the date of enactment, the Department must submit to the Committees on Appropriations in the House and the Senate a detailed expenditure plan for funds.
Other Comments: \$8 million may be for financial assistance, technical assistance, training and outreach programs designed to benefit Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaskan Native communities, and \$2 million may be used for administrative expenses (presumably for the CDFI Fund). No awardee, together with its subsidiaries and affiliates, may be awarded more than 5 percent of the aggregate funds available during fiscal year 2009.
Program: Homeless Assistance Grants
Program Description: To provide funds for the provision of short-term or medium-term rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services, or other appropriate activities for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing of persons who have become homeless.
Total Funds Available: \$1.5 billion
Eligible Recipients: State governments, large cities, urban counties, and U.S. territories.
Federal Delivery System: Funds will be made available to eligible grantees under the formula set forth in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
Timing of Application: Grantees must expend at least 60 percent of funds within 2 years of the date that funds became available, and 100 percent of funds within 3 years.
Other Comments: That the Secretary may establish a minimum grant size. Also, grantees may use up to 5 percent of any grant for administrative costs.
Program: HOME gap financing for stalled Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects
Program Description: Funding for additional capital investments in low-income housing tax credit projects.
Total Funds Available: \$2.25 billion
Eligible Recipients: State Housing Finance Agencies
Federal Delivery System: Grants shall be provided among the states based upon the proportion of HOME funds received by each state in FY 2008.
Timing of Application: State housing finance agencies must commit at least 75 percent of their funds within one year of the date of enactment, and must demonstrate that the project owners can spend 75 percent of the



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funds available within two years. Also, 100 percent of the funds must be spent within 3 years of enactment.
Other Comments: Housing finance agencies in each State must distribute these funds competitively through their qualified allocation plan (QAP) to owners of projects who have received or receive an award of low-income housing tax credits. Additionally, housing finance agencies must give priority to projects that are expected to be completed within 3 years of the Act's enactment. Also, the Secretary of HUD must be given access by the state housing finance agency to information related to the award of federal funds and must establish an internet site that identifies all projects selected for an award, including the amount of the award and a link to the state's QAP.
Program: Lead Hazard Reduction Program
Program Description: Grants for lead reduction and abatement.
Total Funds Available: \$100 million: Up to .5% for staffing, training, technical assistance, technology, monitoring, travel, enforcement, and research and evaluation.
Eligible Recipients: Funds will be first awarded to applicants of the Lead Hazard Reduction Program in the FY 08 NOFA that were found to be qualified but not funded due to funding limitations. Remaining funds will be added to the Lead Hazard Reduction Program in the FY 09 NOFA. Funds under LEAP, Healthy Homes Initiative, and Lead Technical Studies Program will be considered special projects.
Federal Delivery System: Grants to be provided through HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.
Timing of Application: Recipients shall expend 50% of the money within 2 years of receipt. Full expenditure required within 3 years of receipt.
Other Comments: An unspecified amount of the funding may be used by HUD for personnel compensation and benefits as well as administration, operations and management.
Program: Low Income Housing Tax Credit Exchange (Treasury)
Program Description: Grants to States for Low-Income Housing Projects in Lieu of Low-Income Housing Credit Allocations for 2009
Total Funds Available: The Secretary of the Treasury shall make a grant to the housing credit agency of each State in an amount equal to such State's low-income housing grant election amount. Grant amount can not exceed 85% of the product of (1) the sum of (A) 100% of the State housing credit ceiling for 2009 attributable to amounts described in clauses A(i) and (iii) of Section 42 (h) (3) (C) of IRS Code of 1986 and (B) 40% of the State housing credit ceiling for 2009 which is attributable to amounts described in clauses (ii) and (iv) of such section, multiplied by 10.
Eligible Recipients: State housing credit agencies. Grants shall be used to make sub-awards to finance the construction or acquisition and rehabilitation of qualified low-income buildings with or without an allocation under Chapter 42 under certain circumstances. Special grant incentives for energy efficiency are also eligible.
Federal Delivery System: Department of The Treasury
Timing of Application: Sub-awards must be made by January 1, 2011 or be subject to recapture.
Other Comments: This "exchange" plan is complicated. Many details are not worked out in the bill. Check with State housing credit agency.
Program: Native American Housing Block Grants
Program Description: For an additional amount for "Native American Housing Block Grants"
Total Funds Available: \$510 million
Eligible Recipients: Eligible Native American Tribal Entities
Federal Delivery System: HUD to provide \$255 million according to the same funding formula used in FY 2008 and another \$255 million may be provided to eligible tribal entities through competitive grants.
Timing of Application: That the Secretary shall obligate funds allocated by formula within 30 days of enactment of this Act. 100 percent of funds must be obligate within 1 year. At least 50 percent of funds must be expended within 2 years, and 100 percent must be expended within 3 years.



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Other Comments: That in selecting projects to be funded; recipients must give priority to projects for which contracts can be awarded within 180 days from the date that funds are made available to the recipients.
Program: Neighborhood Stabilization Program/Capacity Building for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grantees
Program Description: For purposes similar to the original Neighborhood Stabilization Program passed as part of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. Some provisions of the original act are also repealed or amended, as described below.
Total Funds Available: \$2 billion: Up to 10% of these funds (\$200 million) may be used for capacity building and support for local communities receiving funding under NSP.
Eligible Recipients: States, local governments, nonprofit entities, and consortia of nonprofit entities, which may submit proposals in partnership with for-profit entities.
Federal Delivery System: HUD will run a competitive allocation process, and may establish minimum grant sizes.
Timing of Application: HUD must announce the competitive criteria within 75 days of enactment, and applications are due no later than 150 days after enactment. HUD must obligate all funding within 1 year of enactment. Grantees shall expend at least 50% of allocated funds within 2 years of receipt, and 100% within 3 years.
Other Comments: Repeals the special NSP program income requirements that had been included in the original HERA language. Amends the allowable uses in original HERA language to (1) allow land banking for all residential properties and (2) to restrict the redevelopment of demolished or vacant properties for housing purposes. Places a limit of 10% of the recipients' grant for demolition activities, and prohibits the use of funds to demolish public housing. Also includes protections for renters living in foreclosed homes, including Section 8 voucher recipients.
Program: Project-Based Section 8
Program Description: This provision amends the Fiscal year 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, to provide an additional funding to fully fund project-based rental assistance contracts for 12-month periods.
Total Funds Available: \$2 billion
Eligible Recipients: Expiring or terminating Section 8 project-based subsidy contracts
Federal Delivery System: Existing funding to allow HUD to fund project-based contracts 12 months at a time.
Timing of Application: NA
Other Comments: This is intended to resolve, for the current fiscal year, the effects of recent short-funding of project-based Section 8 contracts. In addition to providing cash-flow stability to assisted properties, this measure is intended to facilitate financing for these projects by increasing investor confidence.
Program: Energy Efficiency Retrofits in Assisted Multifamily Housing
Program Description: Loans and grants for energy-efficient retrofits and green investments in assisted multifamily housing, specifically project-based Section 8, 202 (elderly) and 811 (disabled) housing.
Total Funds Available: \$250 million, Up to 1% (\$2.5 million) may be made available for training technical assistance, research and evaluation activities.
Eligible Recipients: Owners of assisted housing properties with at least a satisfactory management review rating and in substantial compliance with applicable performance standards.
Federal Delivery System: Grants and loans to be provided through HUD's Office of Affordable Housing Preservation (OAHP), formerly known as the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring (OMHAR).
Timing of Application: Recipients shall expend money within 2 years of receipt.
Other Comments: HUD may provide owners with incentives, such as fees, to owners to participate, and may require that owners share a portion of the energy savings with the Department. Owners must also agree to



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extension of affordability for at least 15 years. The use of funds must comply with prevailing wage requirements. Finally, the provision also provides \$2 billion to fully fund project-based rental assistance contracts for 12-month periods, which will resolve recent short-funding of Section 8 contracts and facilitate financing for these projects.
Program: Public Housing Capital Fund
Program Description: Increase in capital funds to Local Housing Authorities (LHAs) for modernization or development of public housing units. Funds can be used for energy retrofits, unit modernization, new development and other costs associated with the maintenance or development of units.
Total Funds Available: \$4 billion
Eligible Recipients: Housing Authorities that currently own and manage units funded through the federal public housing program.
Federal Delivery System: \$3 billion to be allocated through the existing formula allocation by HUD, and \$1 Billion of Capital funds to be allocated competitively.
Timing of Application: HUD must obligate formula dollars within 30 days to the LHAs. Formula allocations must be committed within one year from the date of receipt and 60% expended by two years and 100% expended within three years. Also, HUD must allocate the competitive funds by 9/ 30/09, and those funds must be expended within the same deadlines as the formula funds
Other Comments: Bill states priority should be given to projects in the competitive round that will; 1) leverage private funding, and 2) fund energy conservation and energy retrofit investments. LHAs are encouraged to prioritize capital projects that can award contracts within 120 days, and concentrate on rehabilitating vacant units.
Program: Rural Housing Programs
Program Description: For an additional gross obligation for principal amount of direct and guaranteed Section 502 loans.
Total Funds Available: \$200 million to support \$11.4 billion in direct and guaranteed single family housing loans (including \$67 million in subsidy supporting \$1 billion in direct loans, and \$133 million in subsidy supporting \$10.4 billion in guaranteed loans).
Eligible Recipients: Families seeking single family housing mortgages through an approved lender
Federal Delivery System: Department of Agriculture
Timing of Application: N/A
Other Comments: N/A
Program: Weatherization Assistance Program (DoE)
Program Description: Grants to low-income families for home weatherization.
Total Funds Available: \$5 billion for grants of up to \$6,500 per dwelling unit. Technical assistance and training of up to 20% of total program amount.
Eligible Recipients: Low-income families at or below 200% of poverty level. For use on most cost-effective efficiency activities including: “attic insulation, caulking and weather stripping of doors and windows, furnace efficiency modifications”. Previously weatherized units prior to 9/30/94 are eligible for additional funds for weatherization.
Federal Delivery System: Weatherization Assistance Program through HUD as described in the Energy Conservation and Production Act.
Timing of Application: N/A
Other Comments: Provisions in this bill keep the basics of the weatherization program while expanding those eligible for assistance and increasing the amount available per dwelling unit.



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Goal 2: Increasing Family Income and Wealth
Program: Training and Employment Services
Program Description: Workforce Development, Green Jobs
Total Funds Available: \$3.95 billion
Eligible Recipients: States, Cities, Non-profits
Federal Delivery System: The majority of funds are likely to be formula funded using Workforce Investment Act guidelines. The money comes to the Governors and then based on a formula a certain amount has to be dispersed to local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBS). The WIBS then “spend” it.
Timing of Application: The money has to be spent by June 30, 2010
<p>Other Comments: The funding is for the following programs:</p> <p>\$500 million for adult employment and training activities, including supportive services- It is likely to expand the existing one-stops and associated training. This money will be hard for local offices to access. It could potentially be a source for the Financial Opportunity Centers or Duluth at Work/Economic Opportunity Initiatives, but it all depends on the local WIB and how they see their funding role. Some local WIBS want to fund local non-profits for this work and others like to fund themselves to do this core work.</p> <p>\$1.2 billion for youth activities, including summer employment- The money is to be used for youth up to age 24, (instead of 21 like the current funding). The money cannot be used for the Youth Opportunity Program. This also will be difficult for our offices to access with the bulk of the money likely to be used for hiring youth over the summer. Depending on how the local WIB wants to use the money- there could be some program money for CBO’s implementing year-round youth employment programming. If you/your communities have a strong youth employment program talk to your local WIB. The HCCI program in New York might be a good candidate for this.</p> <p>\$1.25 billion for dislocated worker employment and training activities- This has the potential for programs that are placing and or training dislocated workers. Dislocated workers are defined as those laid off because of plant closing/general layoffs, not an individual being fired. It is unclear how easy this pot is to access, it appears that it fund is outside the rules set-up for existing dislocated worker programming under WIA, and thus serves as a potential source for employment programming. But we will have to wait on the rules set for it by the Department of Labor.</p> <p>\$200 million for the dislocated workers assistance national reserve- This money is used to help places where large plants closed down and it is controlled by DOL and the Governors. Not a likely place for LISC or our communities to access.</p> <p>\$750 million for a program of <u>competitive grants</u> for worker training and placement in high growth areas-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$500 million for green jobs using the regulations set for the by the Green Jobs Act passed in December 2007 ▪ \$250 million for other high growth training, with a priority given to health care <p>This is a real potential for sites with green jobs programming. In the language of the bill it states competitive grant-making and it is brand new so local WIBS have little experience with it or long term relationships with which to funnel it. For sites with interest in this field, now is the time to get together with local partners and think this through and go to your local WIB and get buy-in.</p> <p>The remainder of the money from this bill is related to expanding the Title V program, unemployment insurance, oversight, and building Jobs Corps buildings, all of which are not open to the public access.</p>



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Goal 3: Stimulating Economic Activity, Locally and Regionally
Program: Wireless and Broadband Grants
Program Description: Enhance broadband service to underserved regions of the country.
Total Funds Available: \$7.2 billion, of which \$4.7 billion is appropriated to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (Commerce) and \$2.5 billion Rural Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program (Agriculture)
Eligible Recipients: City, State, Non-profits
Federal Delivery System: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program: competitive grants; and Rural Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program: Loan guarantees and grants
Timing of Application: No specified timeline for the Commerce program. That Secretary of Agriculture must submit a report on planned spending and actual obligations of rural programs no later than 90 days after the date of enactment for the Department of Agriculture program.
Other Comments: Commerce: \$4.3 billion will be dedicated to the provision of grants to expand broadband access. Of which, not less than \$200 million must be made available for competitive grants aimed at expanding public computer center capacity (such as libraries), and no less than \$250 million must be available for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband services. Agriculture: At least 75 percent of the area served by a project receiving grants, loans or loan guarantees funds must be in a rural area without sufficient access to high speed broadband service. Priority for awarding such funds must be given to project applications for broadband systems that will deliver end users a choice of more than one service provider, and for awarding funds to projects that provide service to the highest proportion of rural residents that do not have access to broadband service.
Program: Rural Business-Cooperative Service
Program Description: For an additional amount for the cost of rural business guaranteed loans and grants.
Total Funds Available: \$150 million
Eligible Recipients: A borrower may be a cooperative organization, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity organized and operated on a profit or nonprofit basis.
Federal Delivery System: Department of Agriculture
Timing of Application: N/A
Other Comments: N/A
Program: Economic Development Assistance (Commerce)
Program Description: For an additional funding for Economic Development Assistance Programs
Total Funds Available: \$150 million
Eligible Recipients: 1) City; 2) State; 3) Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; 4) Public or private non-profit organization or association, including a community or faith-based non-profit organization, acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State; 5) District Organization; 6) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; or 7) Private individual or for-profit organization, but only for Training, Research and Technical Assistance Investments pursuant
Federal Delivery System: Competitive Grants through the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration
Timing of Application: N/A
Other Comments: \$50 million must be allocated for economic adjustment assistance grants for public facilities grants for development of public facilities, public services, business development (including funding of a revolving loan fund), planning, technical assistance, training, and any other assistance to alleviate long-term economic deterioration and sudden and severe economic dislocation. The Secretary of Commerce must give priority consideration to areas of the Nation that has experienced sudden and severe economic



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dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring. Up to \$50 million of the funds provided may be transferred to federally-authorized regional economic development commissions.
Program: New Markets Tax Credit (Treasury)
Program Description: The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program permits taxpayers to receive a credit against Federal income taxes for making qualified equity investments in designated Community Development Entities (CDEs). Substantially all of the qualified equity investment must in turn be used by the CDE to provide investments in low-income communities.
Total Funds Available: For 2008; \$5 million to be distributed to CDFIs who 1) submitted and application in 2008; 2) did not receive an allocation in 2008; 3) received an allocation in an amount less than the amount requested in the application. For 2009: \$5 million for qualified CDFIs.
Eligible Recipients: Qualified CDFIs
Federal Delivery System: Department of The Treasury
Timing of Application: N/A
Other Comments:
Goal 4: Improving Access to Quality Education
Program: Child Care and Development Block Grant (HHS)
Program Description: Administration for Children and Families payments to support the provision of child care.
Total Funds Available: \$2 billion for federal block grant to states for child care operating subsidies for low-income children. To supplement, not supplant, State general revenue funds for this child care assistance.
Eligible Recipients: States by formula
Federal Delivery System: Federal block grant through the HHS Administration for Children and Families to states for child care operating subsidies for low-income children. To supplement, not supplant, State general revenue funds for this child care assistance.
Timing of Application: Funds available upon enactment of the program.
Other Comments:
Program: Head Start & Early Head Start (HHS)
Program Description:
Total Funds Available: \$2.1 billion, of which \$1 billion is designated for Head Start and \$1.1 billion is designated for Early Head Start. Up to 10% of the Early Head Start money is for training and technical assistance, and up to 3% is for program monitoring
Eligible Recipients: Grants for the operation of Head Start and Early Head Start programs can be awarded to either public or private, for profit or nonprofit organizations, or public school systems, in urban and rural areas. Head Start money is going through current Head Start grantees, and Early Head Start funds will go out through RFP to expand the program either through existing grantees or new entities. It looks like American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start programs and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs will have some priority if there is need for more Early Head Start in those areas.
Federal Delivery System: Head Start funds to be allocated according to current statutory formula through HHS to existing Head Start grantees for existing programs. Early Head Start funds to be awarded through HHS on a competitive basis.
Timing of Application: Head Start and Early Head Start funds available to sustain fiscal year 2009 through fiscal year 2010.
Other Comments:



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Goal 5: Fostering Livable, Safe and Healthy Environments
Program: State and Local Law Enforcement (DoJ)
Program Description: Out of a total \$2.765 billion for state and local law enforcement assistance, the funded programs that are most relevant to LISC are: (1) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants, which provide funding by formula to state and local law enforcement agencies to help prevent, fight and prosecute crime; (2) Byrne Competitive Grants, which provide funding to state/local/tribal government <u>and to national/regional/local non-profit organizations</u> to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide victims' services, and support nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth; (3) Rural Law Enforcement Grants, which provide funding to drug enforcement and other law enforcement agencies in rural states/areas to combat drug-related crime and support prevention and treatment programs.
Total Funds Available: \$2 billion appropriated for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (Byrne-JAG); \$225 million appropriated for Byrne Competitive Grants; and \$125 million appropriated for Rural Law Enforcement.
Eligible Recipients: Byrne-JAG and Rural Law Enforcement grants are available only to law enforcement agencies. National, regional and local non-profit organizations are also eligible to apply for Byrne Competitive Grants.
Federal Delivery System: Byrne-JAG grants are distributed to states and localities by formula. Other grants are competitive. The Byrne Competitive Grants for which non-profits are eligible are administered through the U.S. Department of Justice- Bureau of Justice Assistance via a competitive RFP.
Timing of application, commitment/allocation and funds obligated: Funds are obligated through September 30, 2010.
Other Comments: While Byrne-JAG and the Rural Law Enforcement dollars will not benefit LISC or its non-profit affiliates directly, these resources provide a significant portion of the core operating dollars on which local police departments rely. LISC advocated for inclusion of these dollars in the stimulus bill- a fact which you can share with your police partners to strengthen local relationships. LISC-CSI typically makes a decision about applications for Byrne Competitive Grants in concert with the police chiefs on our Advisory Board; contact CSI for more info.
Program: Community Health Centers (HHS)
Program Description: To provide primary health services and additional health services to a population that is medically underserved, or a special medically underserved population comprised of migratory and seasonal agricultural workers, the homeless, and residents of public housing, either through the staff and supporting resources of the center or through contracts or cooperative arrangements.
Total Funds Available: \$1.5 billion for construction, renovations and equipment and for the acquisition of health information technology systems, for community health centers.
Eligible Recipients: Public and private non-profit health care organizations may apply to receive section 330 funding
Federal Delivery System: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) within the Department of Health and Human Services competitively award funds to public and private non-profit health care organizations through New Access Points Grants, Expanded Medical Capacity Grants, Service Expansion Grants, and Service Area Competition Grants.
Timing of Application: N/A
Other Comments: Note that an additional \$500 million is appropriated for services provided at community health centers. These funds are to be used to support new sites and service areas, to increase services at existing sites, and to provide supplemental payments for spikes in uninsured populations. Grants for new sites and service areas are to be two years in length as startup is phased in. The conferees encourage HRSA to consider supporting currently unfunded but approved community health center applications.



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Program: Brownfields (EPA)
Program Description: To provide Brownfields assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants, as authorized by section 104(k) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).
Total Funds Available: \$100 million
Eligible Recipients: States and Tribes
Federal Delivery System: Through State and Tribal assistance grants at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
Timing of Application: “The Conferees expect the Agency to award both the Brownfields and DERA funds in an expeditious manner, consistent with fair and open competition. To ensure the additional goal of creating jobs as quickly as possible, the Agency may make awards for meritorious and quality proposals submitted under competitions that were initiated within the past 18 months.”
Other Comments: The EPA may reserve up to 3.5 percent of the funds appropriated herein for management and oversight purposes.
Program: Public Transit and Rail Capital Funds (DoT)
Program Description: Grants for additional capital investment in surface transportation infrastructure.
Total Funds Available: \$1.5 billion
Eligible Recipients: States, Localities or Transit agencies
Federal Delivery System: Competitive grants for projects that will have significant impact on the Nation, a metro area, or a region
Timing of Application: The Secretary of Transportation must publish the criteria on which selections are made no later than 90 days after the act’s enactment. The Secretary may require that applications for funding be submitted no later than 180 days after the publication of the criteria.
Other Comments: Eligible projects include but are not limited to bridge and highway projects, improvements to rural collector road systems, bridge replacement, and public transportation projects. Individual grants must be at least \$20 million and not more than \$300 million (no more than 20% of the funds can be allocated to projects in a single state). Also, the federal share of the cost for a project may be 100%.
Other:
Program: AmeriCorps (CNCS)
Program Description: For operating expenses to carryout the National and Community Services Act of 1990
Total Funds Available: \$200 million, which includes \$89M to make awards to existing AmeriCorps grantees for the 2009-2010 service year, \$65M to fund VISTA, \$40M to shore up the Trust (pays the education award at the end of service), \$6M for IT upgrades/ Salaries at CNCS, and \$1M for the Office of Inspector General
Eligible Recipients: State Commissions and National Directs (nonprofits such as LISC)
Federal Delivery System: Corporation for National and Community Service
Timing of Application: The CEO of CNCS must provide a plan on disbursing the funds to grantees no less than 90 days after the act is signed. This would fall in line with the timing of our current grant application. Additional funds availability would potentially require LISC to submit a supplemental application.
Other Comments: Up to 20% of the funds can be used for National Direct programming (\$17.8M). Potential for LISC could be to apply for VISTA. LISC AmeriCorps would work with assisting non-profits apply to the State Commissions directly for VISTA members and help enfold the members at sites where there is AmeriCorps member overlap. In addition to potentially expanding the current AmeriCorps footprint in current and new sites, there is the opportunity to work with other LISC departments to implement program strategies. This would work best in areas where we already have operating AmeriCorps programs – expansion of members could be easily enfolded to take on LISC initiatives – foreclosure prevention services, community building/ community organizers for SC sites, housing preservation, green building, youth development, etc.



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Program: Community Services Block Grant (HHS)
Program Description: To provide States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories, and Federal and State-recognized Indian Tribes and tribal organizations with funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities through statewide or local grantees.
Total Funds Available: \$1 billion
Eligible Recipients: Block Grants: States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories, and Federal and State-recognized Indian Tribes and tribal organizations.
Federal Delivery System: Office of Community Services within the Administration for Children and Families within the Department of Health and Human Services disburses the mandatory block grant to the eligible recipients through a formula based on each State's and Indian Tribe's poverty population. In turn, grantees receiving funds are required to provide services and activities addressing employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition, emergency services and/or health.
Timing of Application: N/A
Other Comments: Requires that States reserve 1% of funds for benefits enrollment coordination activities and that all other funds are distributed to eligible entities. Also permits States to increase the income eligibility ceiling from 125% federal poverty level to 200% federal poverty level for fiscal years 2009 and 2010.
Program: Capacity Building Grants for Social Services Assistance (HHS)
Program Description: "To establish a new initiative to award capacity-building grants directly to nonprofit organizations... The conferees intent that this program will expand the delivery of social services to individuals and communities affected by the economic downturn. The conferees expect that grantees have clear and measurable goals, and must be able to evaluate the success of their program."
Total Funds Available: \$50 million
Eligible Recipients: Non-profits
Federal Delivery System: Administration for Children and Families within the Department of Health and Human Services will competitively award grants to private nonprofit organizations.
Timing of Application: As a new initiative, HHS will need to write rules and regulations before a notice of funds availability can be published.
Other Comments: Note that the House originally provided \$100 million for the Compassion Capital Fund. These funds are the result of the conference compromise.
Program: Emergency Food and Shelter Program (FEMA)
Program Description: Provide direct assistance of emergency food and shelter to victims of a natural disaster.
Total Funds Available: \$100 million
Eligible Recipients: Direct assistance to individuals and families affected by national disaster.
Federal Delivery System: Federal Emergency Management Agency within Department of Homeland Security
Timing of Application: N/A
Other Comments: N/A
Program: Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Account (FEMA)
Program Description: Loans to local governments which have lost more than 25 percent of more in tax revenues as a result of a disaster.
Total Funds Available: For disasters occurring in calendar year 2008, may exceed \$5 million but not more than 50 percent of the annual operating budget of the local government.
Eligible Recipients: States and Localities
Federal Delivery System: Federal Emergency Management Agency within Department of Homeland Security



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Timing of Application: N/A
Other Comments: Conferees include a provision, as proposed by Senate, related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita establishing an arbitration panel to expedite recovery efforts under the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The panel shall have sufficient authority regarding the award or denial of public assistance applications for hurricane damage. Also, FEMA may not prohibit or restrict the use of funds designated under the hazard mitigation grant program of damage caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita if the homeowner who is an applicant for assistance under the program commenced work otherwise eligible for hazard mitigation grant program assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act without approval in writing from the Administrator. The conferees also, include a provision, as proposed by the House, waving cost-share for grants.
Program: Summer Employment
Program Description: Funding for summer youth employment programs.
Total Funds Available: \$1.2 billion
Eligible Recipients: States, Localities, Non-profits
Federal Delivery System: The majority of funds are likely to be formula funded using Workforce Investment Act guidelines. The money comes to the Governors and then based on a formula a certain amount has to be dispersed to local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBS). The WIBS then “spend” it.
Timing of Application: Funds will remain available until June 30 th , 2010
Other Comments: The conference report states that the program should strive to enhance the work readiness of participating youth. Year-round employment is also envisioned through this provision, and the age of eligibility was increased to 24 in order to allow local programs to engage young adults who have been disconnected from local labor markets.
Program: YouthBuild
Program Description: Expand services to youth who gain academic and occupational credentials through the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing.
Total Funds Available: \$50 million
Eligible Recipients: States, Localities, Non-profits
Federal Delivery System: The majority of funds are likely to be formula funded using Workforce Investment Act guidelines. The money comes to the Governors and then based on a formula a certain amount has to be dispersed to local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBS). The WIBS then “spend” it.
Timing of Application: Funds will remain available until June 30 th , 2010
Other Comments: Agreement allows YouthBuild programs to serve individuals who have dropped out of school and reenrolled in an alternative school if that enrollment is a part of a sequential service strategy.