

FUNDS are now in PLAY!

The Stimulus Act & how it can work for you!

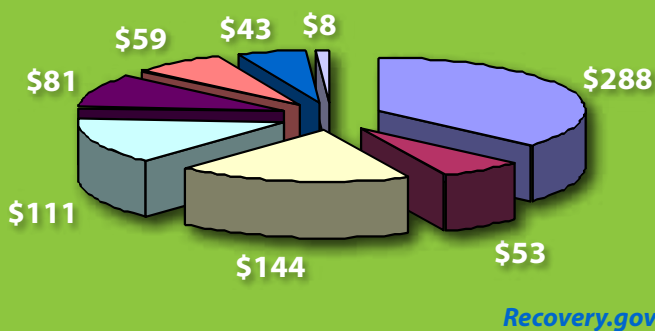
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create and save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression. In order to get our economy up and running, billions of dollars are being invested in the following categories. recovery.gov

Total Distribution of Funds

Total Stimulus Spending \$787 Billion

All figures in billions



- Tax Relief
- Education and Training
- Sate and Local Fiscal Relief
- Infrastructure and Science
- Protecting the Vulnerable
- Health Care
- Energy

Want to find out if your playground project qualifies for stimulus funding?

Want to find out more information on how to apply for competitive stimulus grants?

Visit the following links to get started!

Recovery.gov

Grants.gov

USASpending.gov

Visit your state's website on Recovery.gov where many states are currently accepting proposals

Potential Stimulus Funding for Your Playground

Title 1 Schools	\$10 Billion www.ed.gov
School Improvements-Title 1	\$3 Billion www.ed.gov
Head Start programs	\$2.1 Billion www.nhsa.org
Prevention & Wellness Fund	\$1 Billion www.ama-assn.org
Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs	\$2 Billion www.doi.gov/bia
Military improvements (i.e. housing/childcare centers)	\$2.33 Billion www.defenselink.mil
Rural Community Facilities Program	\$130 Million www.recovery.gov
Community Development Block Grant & Urban Communities	\$1 Billion www.hud.gov

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K-12 Education

The ARRA provides \$10 billion in additional Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 **Title I, Part A funds to local education agencies (LEAs)** for schools that have high concentrations of students from families that live in poverty in order to help improve teaching and learning for students most at risk of failing to meet state academic achievement standards. These funds create an unprecedented opportunity for educators to implement innovative strategies in Title I schools that improve education for at-risk students and close the achievement gaps while also stimulating the economy. www.ed.gov

Want to know the estimated Title I allocations under ARRA for your district? Visit www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html

Early Childhood Education

A total of \$2.1 billion will be appropriated for **Head Start and Early Head Start programs**. This breaks out to \$1 billion additional dollars (beyond the current appropriation) that will be available for activities under the Head Start Act. In addition, \$1.1 billion dollars will be available for Early Head Start expansion. Funds will come through the Office of Head Start ("OHS") for distribution through September 30, 2010. www.nhsa.org

Indian and Tribal Communities

Recovery funds to be distributed through the Department of the Interior include \$450 million to repair and construct **schools in Indian Country** among other projects; and another \$50 million for **housing improvements**, and economic development loans, and other programs. Other non-Interior funding in the ARRA for Indian Country includes \$510 million in Native American Housing Block Grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and \$500 million for health information technology and facility **construction and health services** from the Department of Health and Human Services. www.doi.gov

Prevention and Wellness Fund

To be administered through the Department of Health and Human Services, \$1 billion in funding is allocated for **wellness and prevention programs**, including \$300 million for the section 317 immunization program; \$50 million for state health-associated infections reduction strategies; and \$650 million for evidence-based clinical and **community based prevention and wellness strategies** that deliver specific, measurable health **outcomes addressing chronic disease rates**. www.ama-assn.org

Rural Communities Facilities Program

Administered through the USDA, Community Programs provides grants to assist in the **development of essential community facilities** in rural areas and towns of **up to 20,000 in population**. Grants are authorized on a graduated scale. Applicants located in small communities with low populations and low incomes will receive a higher percentage of grants. Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments. www.rurdev.usda.gov

Military Improvements

To be administered by the Department of Defense, \$2.33 billion, including quality of life and family-friendly military improvement projects such as family housing, hospitals, and child care centers. www.house.gov

Urban Communities

Administered through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$1 billion in **Community Development Block Grants** are allocated for approximately **1,200 state and local governments** to invest in their own **community development priorities**. Most local governments use this investment to rehabilitate affordable housing and improve key public facilities – stabilizing communities and creating jobs locally. www.hud.gov

Want to know the Community Development Block Grant funding allocated for your community? Visit www.hud.gov/recovery/cdbblock.cfm

"Schools and LEAs will have a unique opportunity to improve teaching and learning and should focus these funds on short-term investments with the potential for long-term benefits, rather than make ongoing commitments that they might not be able to sustain once recovery funds are expended."

— U.S. Secretary of Education
Arne Duncan

"President Obama's recovery package will provide significant investments in Indian Country which can play an important role in helping to stand-up tribal economies."

— U.S. Secretary of the Interior
Ken Salazar

"Not only would the [Head Start] targeted stimulus funds go directly to the hardest-hit communities where they are needed most, but they could be put to work immediately . . . to fix or replace Head Start's deteriorating schools and other infrastructure."

— National Head Start Association
Board Chairperson
Ron Herndon

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You might be surprised that some of the billions of dollars in stimulus funding could be accessed for your future playground project!

The ARRA represents a historic infusion of funds that is expected to be temporary. Depending on the program, these funds are available for only two to three years. These funds should be invested in ways that do not result in unsustainable continuing commitments after the funding expires. (www.ed.gov)

For this reason, Play & Park Structures wants to help you make the right investments with long lasting benefits. Play & Park Structures is an innovative playground manufacturer on the cutting edge of product design. Play & Park Structures keeps kids, fun and safety in mind throughout the design process to develop children's imagination and creativity to their fullest potential on the playground. Keep in mind, its not too early to start the research process for you playground project. Play & Park Structures is proud to have local sales representatives throughout the country that will gladly assist you with your future playground.



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