

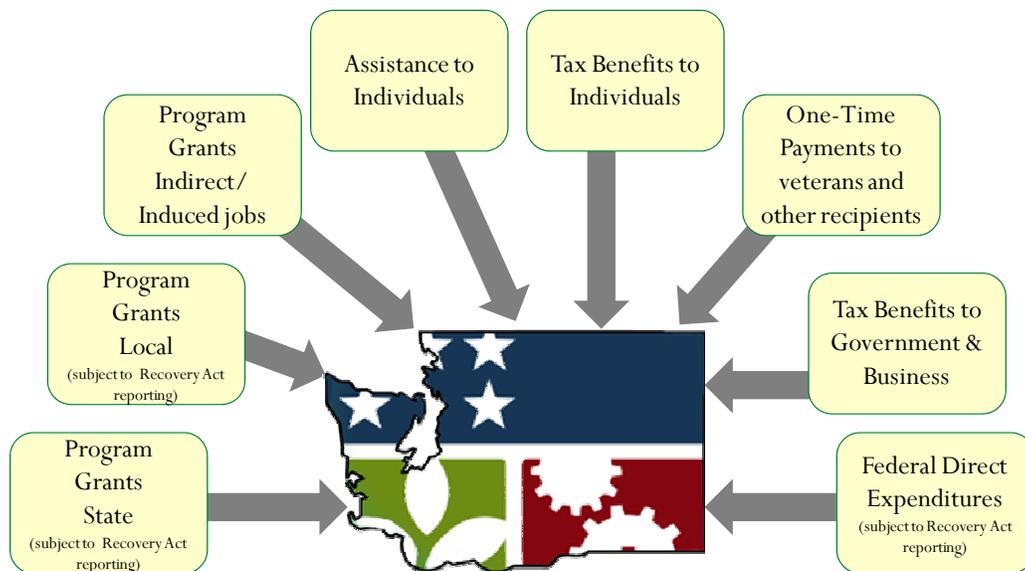
Putting Recovery Dollars to Work in Washington

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The **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act)**, signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009 is a comprehensive federal effort to create and save jobs and stabilize our nation's economy.

In Washington, these economic recovery funds are providing a **one-time opportunity** to stabilize government services and provide a jump-start to diversifying our economy. Although Recovery Act funds will not resolve all the budget challenges our state faces, this initiative is a critical first step towards putting people back to work and investing in our long-term success.

How is Recovery funding helping Washington state?



The Recovery Act uses a variety of tools to assist individuals and kick-start the economy, including:

- **Program Grants:** Competitive grants are available to help create jobs, improve infrastructure and lay a foundation for future economic growth. For example, grants provide funding for repaving roads, upgrading wastewater treatment systems and hiring law enforcement officers.
- **Individual Assistance:** Includes increased funding for emergency unemployment compensation, food stamps, foster care, Medicaid, emergency food assistance, and Pell education grants.
- **Individual Tax Benefits:** Includes reductions in payroll taxes, equal to \$400 for individuals and \$800 for families; tax credits for first-time home buyers and education; "Cash for Clunkers."
- **One-Time Payments:** Provides \$250 in additional compensation for veterans, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income recipients, and retired railroad employees.
- **Government and Business Tax Benefits:** Businesses receive tax incentives for manufacturing and renewable energy, while state and local governments are given tax relief through Build America Bonds, school construction bonds, and low income housing grants.
- **Federal Direct Expenditures:** Federal agencies contract directly with vendors to complete work on projects in Washington State. To date, these contracts total over \$2 billion and have created over 2,900 jobs. \$1.9 billion funds critical cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear facility.

How is Washington state government reporting on Recovery funding to the public?

The Recovery Act requires an **unprecedented level of accountability and transparency** at the federal level. The Act has detailed reporting requirements for **Program Grant funds** that are awarded to state and local governments, non-profits, and for **Federal Direct Expenditures** that are in the form of contracts to vendors.

Recipients of these grant and contract dollars submit detailed quarterly reports to show progress on their activities and how they are spending the money. Across the nation, organizations receiving these types of Recovery funds submitted their first reports on October 10, 2009. After a review period to ensure data quality, these reports will be made available to the public at www.recovery.gov starting October 30, 2009.

For the initial quarterly report, the State of Washington submitted reports on its 98 awards. **One hundred percent** of Washington state government agencies reported by the due date.

What kind of jobs and spending data is in the reports?

****Based on preliminary data; subject to change after release of final information on 10/30.**

Program Grants for State Agencies

Total funds awarded: \$2,025,709,314

Total spent to date: \$565,296,884

*Jobs created/retained as of 9/30/09: 30,209

* The Legislature used much of the State Fiscal Stabilization funds to pay for K-12 teachers in the last part of fiscal year 2009, ending June 30. The 30,209 jobs reflect about 25,000 teacher jobs saved. This rate of job creation will not be sustained in the future.

Contracts Awarded Directly by Federal Agencies

Number of Contracts Awarded: 523

Total Amount Awarded: \$2.1 billion

Jobs created/retained as of 9/30/09: 2,909

Washington ranked **#2 in the nation** for number of jobs created or saved based on federally-awarded contracts. \$1.9 billion is targeted to accelerating the cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear facility in Benton County.

Program Grants for Local Entities

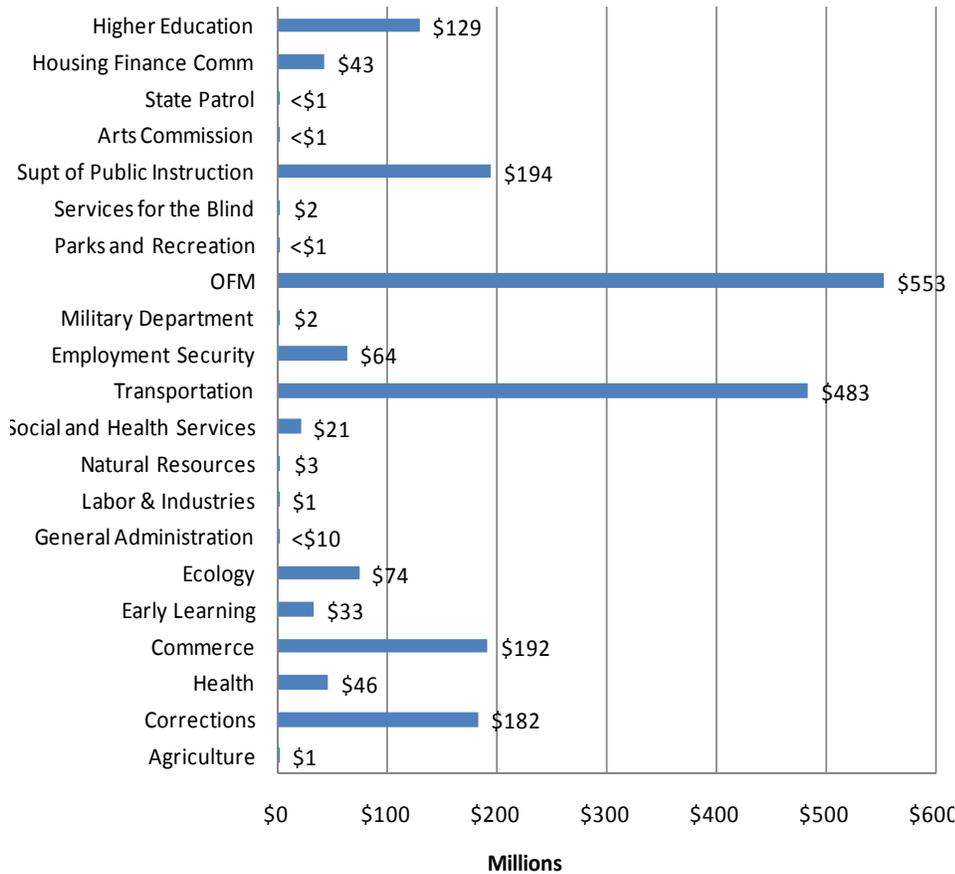
An estimated **additional \$2 billion dollars** was received by non-state entities, which include local and tribal governments, non-profit organizations, and businesses. This funding is not included in the numbers above. Although these entities are subject to the same reporting requirements, their reports go directly to the **federal** government and do not pass through **state** government. All reports from non-state entities will be available to the public on www.recovery.gov, after October 30, 2009.

Examples of these local grants include:

- Low-income Housing Assistance
- Community Safety
- Community Arts
- Airport Improvements

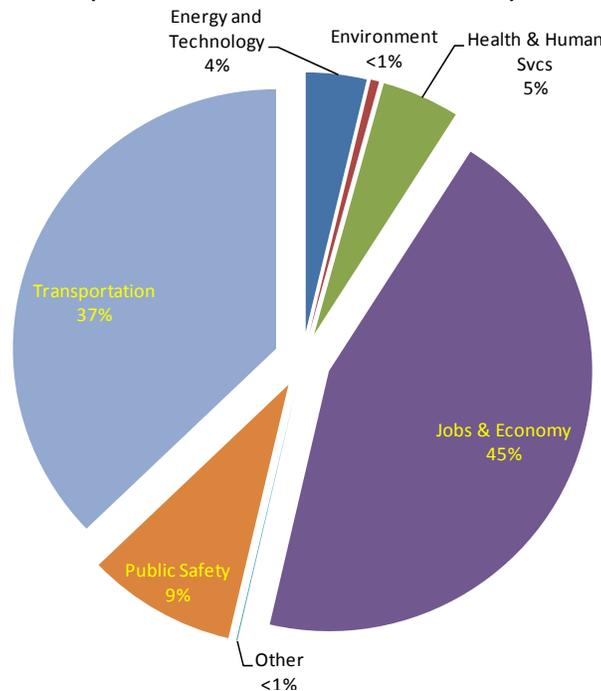
- Transit

Total Grants by State Agency



Source: Agency reports to federalreporting.gov, submitted 10/10/2009. This chart reflects only the Program Grants to State Agencies. The funding going to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) is primarily pass-through for Education (State Fiscal Stabilization) dollars.

Jobs by Industry Area (excludes education & fiscal stabilization)



Source: Agency reports to federalreporting.gov, submitted 10/10/2009.

This chart reflects only jobs created/retained by the Program Grants to State Agencies.

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How can the public “follow the money” and find out what is happening in their community?

The federal government and Washington state have interactive maps and download centers that allow the public to more easily “follow the money” in Washington state.

Recovery.wa.gov is the official website of Washington state. It has an **interactive state map** that shows the type and amount of federal grants awarded, plus the amount of funding spent by county as of September 30. Currently, the map only shows funding given to agencies managed by state government. It also has a **Download Center** with various reports that provide access to the data behind the map.

The state site also has regular reports from Governor Gregoire on the progress and results of the Recovery Act in Washington state, funding opportunities, project certifications, frequently asked questions, and even training videos on how to properly implement the Recovery Act funding.

Recovery.gov is the official federal Recovery website. It has an interactive nationwide map that is currently populated with Contract data. The map will be updated with state and local Program Grant data on October 30. This website also has a Download Center.

What are specific examples of how Recovery funding is helping Washington communities?

****Information as of September 30, 2009**

- Workforce development councils across the state are working with community colleges to provide **job training** for 1,960 students looking for careers in high-demand fields such as health care and environmental building. (\$7.8 million)
- Six **community development** projects have been certified as ready to begin. Contracts to begin work will be signed this fall. (\$3.72 million)
- The state Department of Commerce is using Recovery Act funds to **weatherize** more homes of low-income citizens throughout the state. Thousands of homes are planned to receive energy-efficiency upgrades such as weather stripping, insulation, and door replacement. (\$1.3 million)
- Laid-off workers in Washington State received supplemental **unemployment insurance benefits** from Recovery funds (\$25 per week) and from the state Economic Security Act (\$45 per week, and increased minimum weekly payments). (\$279.6 million)
- Local **infrastructure construction projects** that improve our drinking water systems, increase the safety and efficiency of our wastewater treatment operations, and enhance our transportation corridors have begun. For example, 21 of 22 contracts have been awarded for Drinking Water (as of October 21). There are also 185 transportation projects being funded by the Recovery Act, as well as 18 clean water projects.

Send Recovery success stories, and any questions about Recovery, to: economicrecovery@gov.wa.gov