

Preparing To Receive Economic Stimulus Funds



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Agenda

Status of Legislation

Legislation Provisions

Preparing For the Funding

Questions

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Status of Legislation:

The American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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The American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act

\$789 Billion Total

\$8.4 Billion- Public Transportation

\$9.3 Billion-Intercity and High Speed Rail

\$1.5 Billion- Discretionary Surface Transportation Grants

\$150 Million- Transit Security

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Purposes Of Legislation

- Maintain and create jobs
- Build and repair infrastructure
- Infuse cash into cash strapped state programs
- Encourage flow of money into the economy through tax cuts and other incentives for individuals and organizations



What Transit Will Look Like

Program	Final Bill	
Urban Formula	\$5.97 B	(incl. funds allocated through Sec 5340)
Non-Urban Formula	\$766 M	(incl. funds allocated through Sec 5340)
Fixed Guideway Modernization Formula	\$742 M	
New Starts / Small Starts	\$742 M	
Tribal Grants	\$17 M	
Energy Program [new prog]	\$100	
Multimodal Discretionary Funds [new prog]	[\$1.500B]	
Administration / Oversight	\$64 M	
Total (Transit Only)	\$8.4 Billion	



Discretionary Transit Programs

- **Major Capital Investments (\$0.742M)** - Allocate funds to existing FFGA's or priority ready-to-go projects under construction
- **Tribal Transit (\$17M)** - Competitive solicitation and selection
- **New Energy Program (\$100M)** - Competitive solicitation and selection; will require development of new procedures and criteria.



Key Provisions

- No waiver of FTA program requirements (planning/NEPA/Buy America/13(c))
- 100% Federal share, except new starts
- Capital expenses only are eligible (preventive maintenance is eligible)
- Cannot commingle FTA Chapter 53 Program/Economic Recovery Funds in Same Grant
- Funds not obligated within time frames will be taken back and reallocated



How You Can Be Ready!

- Projects must be in approved STIP/TIP; NEPA completed or completion imminent
- May include estimated funding for fiscal constraint purposes
- Must meet conformity requirements in non attainment and maintenance areas
- Work to refine project description and budgets for early submission to DOL
- Identify procurement strategy



ARRA Challenges

- **Obligation Window** - 180 Day and 1 Year time frames for obligating funds.
- **Redistribution Provisions** - Recovery and redistribution of funds not obligated after 180 Days and 1 Year
- **Reporting Requirements** - New, numerous periodic reporting requirements at much higher level of detail than normal. FTA Seeking to minimize manual reporting for grantees
- *Jobs, contracts, and projects are not collected by FTA.*
- *Definitions and measurement methods unsettled.*
- *Periodic reporting to **<http://www.recovery.gov/>***



ARRA Challenges

- **New Discretionary Energy Program** –execution of new discretionary programs. FTA will establish and announce solicitation, evaluation, award, and oversight approach.
- **Small Tribal Discretionary Program** - Timely obligation of \$17 M in tribal funds (competitive solicitation and selection)
- **Significant Grant Increase** - Approximately 1,240 additional grants in FY 09 (44% increase over FY 08)
- **Oversight** – Increased oversight role with an increased caseload of active projects; including 100 percent federally funded projects.



FTA Economic Recovery Support to Date

- **Grant Systems Updates** - Change grant-making systems and processes for new funding and reporting requirements with Continuing Resolution resources underway
- **Apportionment & Guidance** - Apportion funds and publish external and internal execution guidance underway. Issued upon enactment.
- **Process Streamlining** – Will allow early assignment of grant numbers to facilitate simultaneous reviews by DOT and DOL
- **FTA Recovery Website** - Robust Website devoted to ARRA Q's and A's (updated weekly) <http://fta.dot.gov/economicrecovery>
- **Increased Outreach** - Ongoing outreach to grantees and stakeholder groups

*Please contact your FTA Regional Office with your questions as soon as possible

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Q&A Session:



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Resources

FTA: www.fta.dot.gov/economicrecovery

APTA: www.apta.com

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