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Office of Economic Recovery & Investment

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

... at work in North Carolina



Governor Beverly Perdue



How does ARRA come to the state?

- Federal Tax Law Changes (Individuals & Businesses), including tax credits for Hiring Displaced Workers. (found in ARRA Part B)
- Direct Payment to Individuals, Safety Net
 - Unemployment
 - SNAP
 - 1 time Social Security payments
 - Pell Grants
- Local Government Bond Authority



How does ARRA come to the state?

- **State Budget Stabilization**
 - State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
 - FMAP (Medicare)
- **Formula Program Allocation**
 - Increases in existing program funding
 - Little discretion in spending
- **Federal Agency Supplemental Budgets**
- **Competitive Grants: Public & Private**
 - Infrastructure
 - Research and Development



N. C. / ARRA

Direct Paymts to Individuals	\$1.7 Billion
Stabilize State Budget	\$3.5 Billion
Formula Allocations	\$2.5 Billion
Federal Agencies	
Supplemental	\$.9 Billion
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Total-to-date	\$8.6 Billion



State Administered Programs

State Fiscal Stabilization:

(08-09) \$1,060,000,000

(09-11) \$2,420,000,000

Formula Programs – 44 Overall Categories

Transportation (NC Dept of Transportation)	838.8
Clean Water/Drinking Water (NC Dept of Envr. and Nat. Resources)	137.1
Education-Title I/IDEA (Dept. of Public Instruction and Local LEAs)	675
Energy Efficiency (State Energy Office)	274
Workforce Investment- Adult (NC Dept of Commerce)	54.8
WIA-Youth (NC Dept of Commerce)	25.1
Criminal Justice (Governor's Crime Commission)	40.9
Housing & Commt. Devlpmt. (Office of Economic Opportunity)	183.4
Child Care (NC Dept. of Health and Human Services)	67.5
Employment Services (Employment Security Commission)	69.7



Methods of Distribution –Various Programs

- Some Categories have Direct Allocation to Larger Local Governments (EECBG, CDBG)
- Transportation- N. C. Equity Formula
- Drinking Water/Clean Water- Applications
- Local Government (including LEAs), open bid process
- Federal Agencies- Location of Federal Facilities (courthouses, federal offices, military bases, national parks)



Program Highlights

Workforce Investment

- Funds to Regional Workforce Boards
- Statewide Skills Training
 - Community Colleges

Weatherization

- Office of Economic Opportunity, Dept. of Commerce
- Contracts with Local Organizations
- Risk Review Assessments/Energy Audits
- Target Average \$4000/Unit



Competitive Grants

Broadband BIP/BTOP Program \$7.2 Billion

- Round 1 (\$4 Billion) closed in August, awards announced beginning next month
- At least One More Round
- 1st Round NOFA was unrestricted
- State Working Group

Other Federal Departments

- Surface Transportation
- High Speed Rail
- USDA-Rural Program
- Department of Energy



Office of Economic Recovery and Investment

- OERI Established by Governor Perdue
February 18, 2009
- Acts as the coordinator and responsible agency for North Carolina's Recovery Act efforts
- Maintains contacts with all state agencies administering ARRA funds, reviews state applications for federal grants and oversees reporting efforts



Office of Economic Recovery and Investment

- Central point of contact for Federal Oversight Agencies: OMB and GAO
- Link to Recovery Accountability and Transparency (RAT) Board for reporting
- Does not accept applications, handle funds, or award grants
- Central location for information regarding the ARRA in North Carolina



Information available on NCRrecovery.gov

- OERI Website www.ncrrecovery.gov
- Sortable list of competitive grants, updated weekly
- Links to current RFPs
- Read Reports and comment on current plans
- Review OERI Management directives to State Agencies



Information available on NCRecovery.gov

- Information on awards and spending, including maps of projects, and detailed reports on grant awards
- Latest North Carolina Recovery News
- OERI meetings, including Broadband Working Group, BTOP Review Committee, HIT, and others
- Report suspected fraud, waste or misuse of Recovery Funds



ARRA Management, Federal

- ARRA passed by Congress and signed by the President
- Letter from the President to states urging the use of ARRA funds to small, local businesses
- OMB Guidance Documents Direct Federal Agencies on the use of ARRA funds
- Federal Agencies issue NOFAs (Notice of Funding Availability) on programs.
- RAT Board displays reported information on www.Recovery.gov.



ARRA Management, North Carolina

- OERI acts as a central hub for ARRA implementation
- Works with OSBM and NC General Assembly to ensure oversight and proper use of funds
- OERI established Management Directives for state agencies for the budgeting, use, and reporting of ARRA Funds
- State agencies enter into grant agreements or contracts with non-profits and businesses



Management Directives

- OERI Management Directives require the Statewide Interactive Procurement System (IPS) be used by all public agencies to list informal and formal solicitation documents if any recovery funds are used as payment for goods, services, and construction projects including design services.
 - If you are not a current IPS user, please contact Judy Goldman at judy.Goldman@ncmail.net
- The Recovery Office will require that all public entities advertise procurement opportunities in local media outlets for projects that will be using recovery funds above the \$5,000 threshold.
 - Advertisements appear in both state and local newspapers, including minority newspapers



HUB Outreach, Management

- **Executive Order 13**
 - Goal of 10% HUB participation
- **OERI Management Directive 3**
 - require public agencies using recovery funds for the purchasing or projects use their best efforts to notify at least one HUB of the opportunity to participate by submitting bids.
- **Coordination with HUB office in DOA**
- **OERI has solicited support from groups such as the NAACP and State Baptist Convention, to help disseminate information**



HUB Outreach, Workshops

- OERI is hosting a series of workshops focused on linking small and historically underutilized businesses to the recovery effort in North Carolina.
- Nine, three-hour workshops already completed with 700+ participants
- Tuesday Nov 17, Fayetteville, FTCC
- Thursday Nov 19, Greenville, Cornerstone Baptist Church
- Workshops start at 9:30, to register email admin_bta@bellsouth.net



HUB Outreach, Compliance

- The Recovery Office requires public entities to report HUB participation in recovery fund projects on a monthly basis.
- All public agencies and governmental units receiving recovery funds must comply with management directives. Failure to comply may result in the following actions :
 1. A request for compliance issued by the Recovery Office
 2. A referral to the Office of State Budget and Management Internal Audit Division
 3. A referral to the General Accounting Office
 4. A referral to the Office of Budget and Management
 5. A referral to the State Auditor Office
 6. A referral to other local, state or federal agencies having jurisdiction in the matter
- OERI has staff on hand to answer any questions



Open Bid Process

- **All Contracts filled through an RFP process**
- **ARRA funded contracts must be new Fixed-price Contacts**
- **Merit Project Selection**
- **Competitive Contracting**
 - **Low, responsible bids as outlined in RFP**
- **Recipients must be qualified To manage projects and compliance requirements**
- **Davis-Bacon and Buy American**



Reporting and Compliance Requirements

- **ARRA requirements apply when acting as a Prime Recipient, Sub Recipient or Vendor**
- **Full, complete Accounting for Expenditures**
- **Regular, quarterly reports to www.federalreporting.gov**
- **Federal and State Oversight, Whistle Blower protection and audit oversight**
- **Citizen Feedback**



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