

Office of Recovery Act Coordination

Department of Health and Human Services
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Recovery Act:

Massachusetts Highlights

Since the enactment of the Recovery Act in 2009, the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services has made \$5 billion in stimulus funds available in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts* for Community Health Centers, universities and other institutions to provide fiscal relief, improve and expand access to health care, provide child care and other social services for its most vulnerable citizens, establish the infrastructure for health information technology, and conduct scientific research.

This includes:

- \$3.5 billion for the increased Federal share (FMAP) of State Medicaid costs.
- \$1 billion for scientific research, facilities and equipment, including:
 - \$59.5 million to the Broad Institute for heart, blood, and lung research and \$9.5 million to Tufts University for construction of laboratory space for genome research.
- \$121.2 million for Community Health Center services, construction, renovation, equipment, and health information technology (IT), including:
 - \$14.6 million for East Boston
 Neighborhood Health Center for increased demand for services, construction, and equipment and \$8.4 million for health centers in Boston.
- \$111.1 million for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to assist low-income families during the economic downturn.
- \$58.2 million for health IT, including
 - \$15 million to the President and Fellows of Harvard College for a Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Project on systems design to ensure the accuracy, privacy, and security of electronic health information.
 - \$14 million to Massachusetts Technology Park Corp. to facilitate health information exchange.

- \$14 million to Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative Inc., to create a Regional Extension Center to provide health IT support services to doctors and other providers.
- \$28 million for Early Head Start and Head Start programs to expand services and improve quality.
- \$25.5 million for the Community Services
 Block Grant for community action agencies to
 reduce poverty.
- \$24 million for the Child Care and Development Fund to increase access to child care and to improve quality.
- \$12.5 million for the Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative to the Boston Public Health Commission for programs to improve nutrition, increase physical activity, and prevent tobacco use.
- \$4.7 million to support 96 National Health Service Corps clinicians providing primary care in Health Professional Shortage Areas.
- \$2.1 million for meals and nutrition services for the elderly.
- \$1.5 million for strengthening the capacity of nonprofit groups to help the needy.
- \$1.3 million for immunization programs.
- \$1.1 million for chronic disease selfmanagement programs for seniors.

*The total funding in this document is based on the HHS Sept. 30, 2011, Financial and Activity Report (FAR) for the Recovery Act, available at the Department's website, http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/reports/index.html, except for FMAP, which is based on the Oct. 21, 2011, FAR and FMAP obligations of \$521.7 million in Recovery Act funds extended by P.L. 111-226. The highlights are a selection of programs funded by the Recovery Act and do not add up to the total funding within the State. For more information about individual HHS programs and Recovery Act funding, see http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/.