



# RECOVERY REPORT: 100 DAYS 100 PROJECTS





# “Making a Difference: A Snapshot of Recovery”

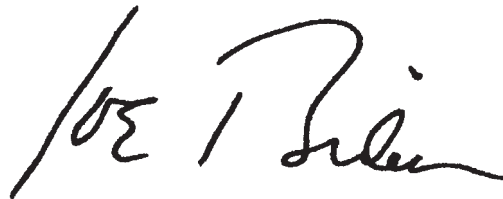
Across America, recovery is under way. From the new State of Maine Ferry to a community health center in Mississippi, from classrooms in Florida to the Willamette River Bridge in Washington — we are using the Recovery Act to jump-start our economy today, while building a new foundation for the sustained economic growth of tomorrow.

In the first 100 days since President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law, we have obligated more than \$112 billion, created more than 150,000 jobs and helped communities and tribes in every state and territory. But recovery is more than just a compilation of statistics; it's the return of hope and optimism about the future that comes with making life better for communities and families across the country. And it's proof of America's vast capacity to create real progress in the short term as we emerge from an economic crisis that was years in the making.

Progress comes in different ways. The Recovery Act provides direct help to individuals, funding for specific projects and investments in the growth industries of the 21st century. Help for individuals includes the \$250 supplemental Social Security payments to seniors released earlier this month; the extension of COBRA and unemployment benefits for those who have been laid off; and the Making Work Pay tax credit, which increased the take-home pay of 95 percent of working Americans.

As our team has traveled across the country, we have put a spotlight on the job-creating power of the Recovery act with workers at a transformer plant in Missouri and a windows factory in Illinois; with police academy graduates in Ohio, and with members of our armed forces in California. We saw factories being reopened, highways being repaved, and bridges being rebuilt. This report details those travels and paints an exciting picture of an America bouncing back — and looking forward.

We've done a lot in 100 days. But we know there is much still to do. We have asked the Federal agencies involved in Recovery to make commitments as to what they will accomplish with Recovery funding over the next 100 days. We will present those commitments to you soon as a “Roadmap for Recovery.” You know, as we do, that the road to full recovery will be long and not always smooth. But we also know that, working together, there is no doubt that we will reach the end of that road. When we do, America will be better and stronger than ever.

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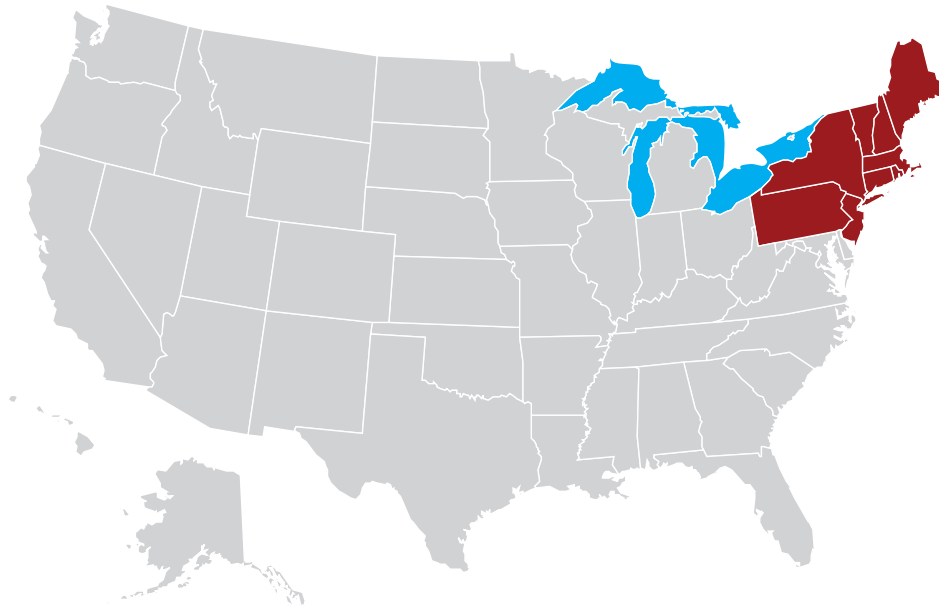


# Introduction

As you travel across the country, you can see numerous Recovery Act projects and opportunities getting underway. Recovery Act projects can be grouped into several areas. **Infrastructure** projects repair our roads, bridges, and airports, while **Construction and Repair** projects are building or repairing federal or state buildings. **Renewable Energy** projects build a new green economy, making our buildings more energy-efficient and working to discover new forms of energy to power our future, while **Environmental** projects work to preserve and restore our nation's environment. **Jobs & Job Training** programs are supporting job programs for youth and adults across the country, while education funding that **Supports Teachers** specifically directs support toward school payrolls. **Direct Farm Loans** provide operating assistance to new and beginning farmers, while **SBA Loans** do the same for small businesses. Highlighted projects that **Support Communities** assist localities with items such as funding for new fire trucks, police stations, and community health centers. **Advanced Technology** projects are pushing new technology platforms across the nation, while projects that **Support Research** ensure that America continues to be at the forefront of science and technology. Travel along with us as we highlight the ways we are rebuilding our economy, revitalizing our communities, and returning America to our rightful place at the leading edge of progress.



# Northeastern Region



- 1. Renewable Energy:** Using \$27 million of Recovery Act funding, a public housing development in Washington, D.C., the Regency House, has undergone a green retrofit. As part of this upgrade, the building installed solar panels, a “green” roof, a rainwater collection system, energy-efficient lighting as well as water conserving toilets, showerheads, and faucets. The greening of this building will allow the Regency House to save money in energy costs, while lessening their impact on the environment.
- 2. Advanced Technology:** Reveal Imaging Technologies of Massachusetts recently received a \$47.5 million contract to develop, build, and install 123 reduced-size explosive-detection system units and their ancillary equipment at approximately 50 airports across the country, as part of the Electronic Baggage Screening Program.
- 3. SBA Loans:** Joseph Jamiel says the SBA-backed loan he recently secured for Jamiel’s Shoe World, Rhode Island’s largest family-owned shoe store, “gave us a second chance at saving our family business.” Made possible by SBA’s 90 percent guaranty, the \$400,000 loan from Coastway Credit Union reduced existing debt and provided working capital to help consolidate operations in a single location in Warren. The \$10,800 he saved in fees under the terms of the Recovery Act was a big help.
- 4. Infrastructure:** Construction began on May 1st on the \$14.9 million Delaware Avenue reconstruction project in Albany County, New York, the first Recovery Act funded-construction contract awarded in the State. The project will reconstruct 1.6 miles of Delaware Avenue between Madison Avenue and the bridge over the New York State Thruway that links Albany to the Town of Delmar.

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5. **Supporting Communities:** The Buffalo VA Medical Center (VAMC) is the recipient of more than \$3.1 million in Recovery Act funding to improve end-of-life care for Veterans in the Buffalo, New York area. This latest project will completely renovate an existing wing of the VAMC, converting it to a state-of-the-art hospice facility. Like many VA projects funded with Recovery Act dollars, the renovation will incorporate numerous energy-saving technologies and upgrade the safety and comfort of Veterans who receive care from VA.
6. **Infrastructure:** In Wilmington and Bear, Delaware, Amtrak is using \$22 million in Recovery Act funding to restore two Superliner cars, three P-40 locomotives, and four Amfleet train cars. Announced on March 19th, these restorations are currently in process.
7. **Renewable Energy:** The New York State Veteran's Home at St. Alban's, in Jamaica, New York, is using \$109.5 million in Recovery Act spending to install more efficient motors, variable speed drive units, lighting, ballasts, lighting sensors, daylight sensors and to replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. All of these improve the energy efficiency of the facility, lower costs, and lessen its impact on the environment.
8. **Infrastructure:** On March 18th, the Maine Department of Transportation was awarded \$7.4 million in Recovery Act funding for replacement of a 40 year old passenger/vehicle ferry, which sustains a vital link between the mainland and islands in Penobscot Bay. Construction bids are currently being solicited, with construction anticipated to begin in August. The new ferry is expected to be complete and operational by mid-2011.
9. **Environmental:** Thanks to Recovery Act funding, Storey Brothers Trucking, a small family-owned business based in Cumberland, Maine, that had been struggling to pay its 19 employees, is now back to work and boosting the local economy. Awarded a \$2 million grant by the Portland Water District, Storey Brothers is currently at work upgrading the town's sewer system.
10. **Infrastructure:** With \$37.4 million in Recovery Act funding, 24 miles of I-295 in Maine is undergoing rehabilitation and structural upgrades. A major artery road for the state, rehabilitation will keep people and goods moving, smoothing the way for an improved economy.
11. **Infrastructure:** On March 25th, the Red Rose Transit Authority in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was awarded \$5.1 million in Recovery Act funds to support the renovation and expansion of the Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA) Operations Center. The installation of new equipment and operating systems will enable RRTA to purchase more energy-efficient equipment, and the new facility will feature "green" elements to reduce the facility's environmental impact. RRTA anticipates construction beginning in August 2009, with a completion date of September, 2010.
12. **Infrastructure:** On May 23rd, the new Route 324 bridge over Pequea Creek in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania opened for traffic. The \$4.3 million project, supported in part by \$1.5 million in Recovery Act funds, replaced a 97-year old single-lane bridge connecting Conestoga and Martic townships with a brand new, two-lane bridge.

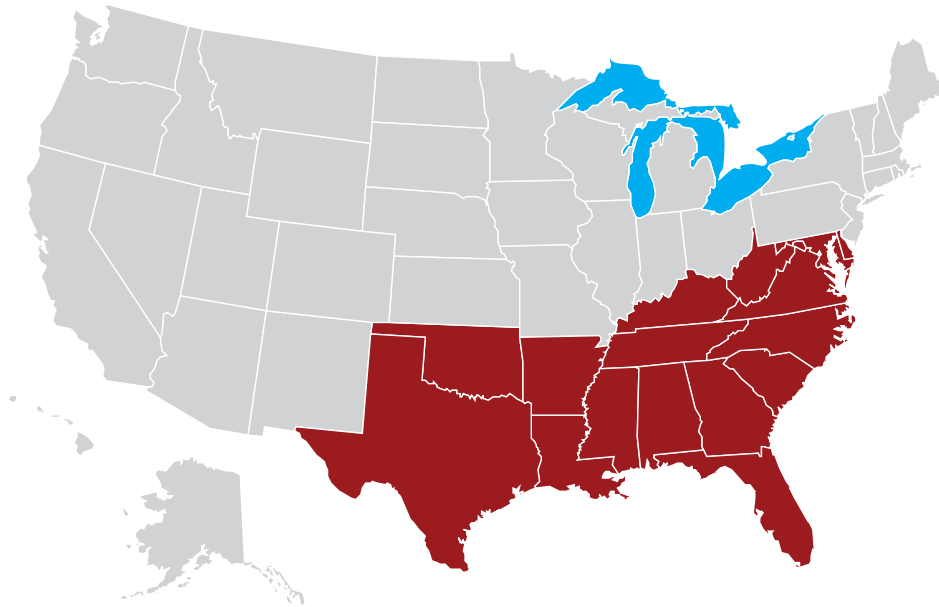


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- 13. Infrastructure:** \$6 million in Recovery Act funding is going toward improving fire and life safety in New York City's Penn Station by upgrading the fire standpipes in the tunnels..
- 14. Jobs & Job Training:** The owner of a New York construction company was able to rehire laid-off seasonal employees after it won contracts for Recovery-Act-funded projects. "Slate Hill Constructors Inc. laid off 40 seasonal construction workers last year, and the company spent the winter in intense competition for the summer's road and bridge projects. ... By the end of April, company President Jeff Hanlon was weighing whether he would have to skip raises for the first time in 24 years. No more. ....Slate Hill won a \$733,831 contract to repair 50 culverts that could have collapsed and washed out Route 54A in Steuben County. ... Slate Hill has also won a \$6.4 million contract to rehab nine arches on a 450-foot stone bridge in St. Lawrence County.." [[The Post-Standard](#), 5/20/09]
- 15. Jobs & Job Training:** The president of New Hampshire paving company Continental Paving estimates he would have had to lay off 75 employees if it weren't for the Recovery Act. "Continental Paving, Mark Charbonneau's family-run business, landed a \$10 million contract to reconstruct and pave a section of the F.E. Everett Turnpike in Bedford, as part of a larger project to connect the highway with Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. Continental's contract came out of a \$130 million package of stimulus money targeted to build and repair highways and bridges in New Hampshire....." [[The Nashua Telegraph](#), 5/10/09]
- 16. Jobs & Job Training:** Recovery Act funds will allow Rensselaer County, New York, to double the size of its summer youth jobs program, giving young people the early jobs exposure they need to be the true pioneers of our new economy. "The county will hire 400 people ages 14 to 24 for a six-week period between July 6 and Aug. 14. Participants work 30 hours a week... The county will budget \$485,000 for the summer jobs program, a 130 percent increase from the \$210,000 originally allocated in the 2009 county budget. The additional \$275,000 comes from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Two hundred people participated in the jobs program last year. With the federal funds, the program will add another 200 teenagers and young adults." [[Times Union](#), 5/8/09]



# Southern Region



- 17. Supporting Communities:** Darlington County, South Carolina, will be the location of a new 4,200 square-foot library supported in part by \$787,000 of Recovery Act Community Facility Grant funding. This new library, located in the town of Society Hill, will replace an existing 850 square-foot building, and provide for the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the 4,000 residents who live in the greater Society Hill area of Darlington County. Isolated from larger libraries by 17 miles in either direction, the Society Hill library supports junior and high school students research needs, as well as adults who use the library's resources for help in locating jobs, for instructions on constructing a resume, and for submitting their resumes electronically.
- 18. Direct Farm Loans:** With the assistance provided by a Farm Service Agency (FSA) USDA Stimulus Beginning Farmer operating loan, Chang Suhn Lee and his wife Soon Oak have been able to expand their farm in Coalmont, Tennessee, both keeping a family farm operating and keeping up with a growing demand for their crops. Combined with a USDA Direct Farm Ownership Loan the Lees received in 2007, they have expanded their vegetable farm from seven acres to 45 acres in 2009.
- 19. Direct Farm Loans:** David and Katherine Pyle, both raised on dairy farms, recently sought to start their own dairy operation and saw a classified advertisement to purchase cows and lease a dairy facility in Augusta County, Virginia. Working with the Farm loan team and using Recovery Act funding, the Pyles were able to work out a loan and started the lease on their new farm on April 1st. Using Recovery Act funds to purchase cows, breed heifers and provided start-up and operating capital, the Pyles now own and manage a growing dairy operation.

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- 20. Direct Farm Loans:** Norman and Ida Layne, along with their son Avery, of Cullen, Virginia, received two direct operating loans supported by Recovery Act funds for their family dairy and hog farm. The combined loans will help support direct operating expenses of the farm, as well as prior fee, repair and veterinary expenses, and will allow the Laynes to be able to keep the family farm for their son. Without the assistance of Recovery Act funds, the Laynes would have had to sell the family farm.
- 21. Supporting Communities:** Ecumenical Faith In Action, Inc., in Washington County, Virginia, is the recipient of \$50,000 in Community Facility Grant funding through the Recovery Act. With this funding, Ecumenical Faith in Action will add approximately 5,300 square feet to its food-distribution center. Their existing facility does not have any walk-in freezers or coolers — or even a loading dock. All frozen food is stored in approximately 25 residential type chest freezers. The addition will help alleviate these problems.
- 22. Construction & Repair:** The Department of Defense has started a project at the MacDill Air Force Base in Florida, which will repair severely deteriorated storm-drainage networks, originally constructed in 1942. Using \$7.5 million in Recovery Act funding, the construction work will make the taxi areas structurally sound and eliminate the potential for mission interruption.
- 23. Environmental:** Oklahoma received \$11.7 million in Recovery Act funding from the Environmental Protection Agency to accelerate the ongoing voluntary relocation of people living in three communities near the Tar Creek Superfund site in Ottawa County in northwestern Oklahoma. This initial investment will accelerate cleanup by making possible the removal and consolidation of smaller mining refuse (chat) piles.
- 24. Infrastructure:** Construction is underway at the Bartow Municipal Airport in Bartow, Florida. \$750,000 in Recovery Act funds is being used to rehabilitate a taxiway there.
- 25. Construction & Repair:** Using Recovery Act funds, a new recovery and transition complex for injured soldiers — the “Wounded Warrior Recovery Facility” — will be built in Fort Bliss, Texas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded phase 1 of the \$57 million contract to assist injured Soldiers in their recovery and re-integration back into the Army. Totalling more than 185,000 square-feet, the complex will house three separate buildings consisting of a barracks, a headquarters and administrative building, as well as a Soldier and Family Assistance Center.
- 26. SBA Loans:** Duluth Travel’s Arthur Salus, a disabled veteran in Atlanta, Georgia, saved \$7,750 in fees when he obtained his 504 program loan for \$825,735 to buy a new building to house his travel agency. The business is growing with an expanded emphasis on government customers including the Air Marshal Service. He’s putting those savings back into working capital.
- 27. Supporting Communities:** The Increased Demand for Services (IDS) grant program provides funding for two years to Health Centers to increase health center staffing, extend hours of operations, and expand existing services. Using \$147,000 in IDS funds, the Stewart County Community Medical Center in Tennessee will address two significant problems: deaths due to untreated diabetic conditions (Tennessee ranks 5th in the nation) and a lack of dentists. The Stewart County health center will use Recovery Act funds to provide free retinal eye screens

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for hundreds of their residents, as well as a full-time dental assistant, a part-time dentist to help their full-time staff clinician, and a bus service to get local children to and from the clinic.

- 28. Construction & Repair:** Supported by \$60.6 million in Recovery Act funding, workers are scheduled to break ground on May 27 on a three-story Chemical and Materials Sciences Building at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. This project will have approximately 120-150 workers onsite daily during construction peak. The vast majority of workers will be local workers from organized labor and include ironworkers, carpenters, painters, glazers, plumbers, fitters, electricians, laborers, millwrights, and teamsters. The Chemical and Materials Sciences Building will provide laboratory and office space that will be used to design new materials for energy-related products such as batteries and solar panels. The facility replaces laboratory and office space constructed in the early 1950s that is plagued with high energy and maintenance costs.
- 29. Jobs & Job Training:** EnergX, a Department of Energy contractor, has 87 new employees on the job in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to support the Transuranic Waste Processing Center. These new positions—everything from equipment operators to radiation safety technicians to support staff – are supported by Recovery Act funding.
- 30. Supporting Communities:** The Family Health Care Clinic in Pearl, Mississippi, was recently awarded \$1.3 million over two years under the new Health Care Access Point grant program to open three new clinics in Lincoln, Franklin, and Wilkinson counties. These clinics will offer medical and dental services to low-income and uninsured residents and will increase job opportunities in the respective communities by employing 70 staff (including 30 full-time positions) over two years, allowing them to treat another 9,000 patients in addition to the 31,000 they are already serving.
- 31. Supporting Communities:** The Jefferson Community Health Care Center, Inc. (JCHCC) operates two sites along the West Bank of the Mississippi River serving the uninsured and underinsured, low-income populations of Jefferson Parish and will open a third clinic in River Ridge on the east side of the River. Recipients of a new Health Care Access Point grant, JCHCC will, over the 2-year grant period, employ 32 staff, including 9 providers, to provide the full complement of preventive and comprehensive primary health care services — across the lifecycles, regardless of the ability to pay, to almost 6,000 patients at its new River Ridge clinic.
- 32. Infrastructure:** Construction is underway at the Franklin Municipal Airport in Franklin, Virginia. Built during the Great Depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps, \$2.6 million in Recovery Act funds are being used to rehabilitate Runway 9/27.
- 33. Supporting Communities:** The Housing Authority of Laredo, Texas, has begun using \$1.5 million in Recovery Act funds to implement “green” improvements at a number of older developments. The work will entail installing energy-efficient windows; weatherizing the exterior roofs, vents and siding; installing Solar Attic Fans; installing Solar Security Lighting; and, installing Energy Star<sup>®</sup> Appliances throughout the developments. Combined, these improvements will drive down energy costs for the developments, while also lessening their impact on the environment.

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- 34. Supporting Communities:** \$865,000 in Recovery Act funding will allow the Allen Parish Fire Protection District #4 in Kinder, Louisiana, to purchase four new fire trucks, modernizing their fleet with an upgrade from the 25-year-old trucks they currently have.
- 35. Supporting Communities:** The Town of Sunset, Louisiana, population of approximately 2,400, will use \$14,658 in Recovery Act funding to equip their police cars with new radar equipment and cameras. The radar units will help reduce speeding in the community, reducing accidents and injuries, and the cameras will provide documentation and safety for police officers as well as citizens.
- 36. Supporting Communities:** The Town of Basile, Louisiana, population of approximately 1,600, will use \$82,800 in Recovery Act funding to construct a metal building that will serve as a storage facility and distribution point for emergency supplies. During recent years, Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Ike have hit the community, destroying property and causing power and water outages. In the past, Basile has received an abundance of hurricane-related supplies, but has had no place to store them. As a result of this funding, residents of the Town of Basile and the surrounding area will be better prepared for the aftermath of future emergencies.
- 37. Supporting Teachers:** "The Alachua County School District will use federal stimulus money to pay approximately 250 teachers on annual contracts for the next two school years. ... Last week, the state received a waiver from the federal government and approval for \$1.8 billion to go toward public education. Before the waiver, Florida had been ineligible to receive budget stabilization money from the federal stimulus to go toward education because the state's education spending was below the 2006 level. For the Alachua County School District, the budget stabilization portion of the stimulus will be \$9.1 million for school years 2009-10 and 2010-11. Keith Birkett, assistant superintendent for planning and budget, said all that money will be spent on teachers." [[The Gainesville Sun, 5/20/09](#)]
- 38. Supporting Teachers:** Recovery Act funds are saving 139 teaching jobs in Seminole County, Florida. "School-district leaders Tuesday reversed an earlier plan to eliminate 139 teaching positions, saying the \$22 million in federal funds the district is set to receive means they won't have to cut them.." [[Orlando Sentinel, 5/13/09](#)]
- 39. Jobs & Job Training:** "More than 1,300 summer jobs will be provided for young men and women ages 14 – 24 this summer as part of the "Summer Coin Crew" summer youth employment opportunity program ... The program, which is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, kicks off today (May 1) in 27 North Mississippi counties with the initiation of the application process." [[The Star Herald, 5/4/09](#)]
- 40. Jobs & Job Training:** "The city of Salisbury [North Carolina] will partner with the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency to provide summer job opportunities for teens and young adults, ages 14 to 24. The partnership receives grant funding from the Centralina Workforce Development Board, which has received money through the federal stimulus package. The program will offer civic, community, government, profit and nonprofit agencies the opportunity to offer 8- to 10-week employment opportunities for qualifying area youth The program aims

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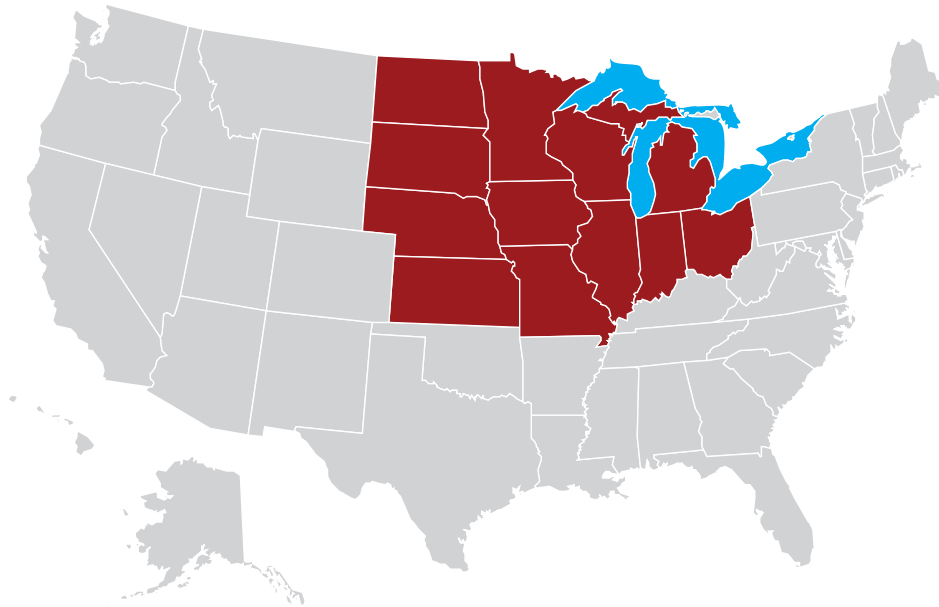
at providing jobs for 68 people in Rowan County and 58 in Cabarrus County. About \$241,000 will be available to Rowan and \$200,000 to Cabarrus.” [[Salisbury Post](#), 5/4/09]

41. **Infrastructure:** “The Great Smoky Mountains National Park will receive \$64 million in federal stimulus money, with most of the funds going toward road work. The park’s trails, cemeteries, public restrooms and other buildings also will be improved, Superintendent Dale Ditmanson said in a statement released today... The park has already hired its own temporary workers for the projects. The half-million acre park that straddles Tennessee and North Carolina is the nation’s most visited with more than 9 million visitors annually” [[Knoxville News Sentinel](#), 5/14/09]
42. **Jobs & Job Training:** “The Alliance for Families and Children, along with Central Virginia Community College, will help employ 110 young adults this summer through a Youth Summer Employment program. The program, which will give students work experience with local employers and a paycheck, is possible through a grant from the Region 2000 workforce investment board. The \$290,000 grant stems from stimulus funds the board received and will help businesses and youth starting in June..” [[Amherst New Era Progress](#), 5/13/09]
43. **Supporting Research:** “A federal stimulus grant worth \$17.5 million will fund the development of a solar fuels research center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the university said Wednesday. The five-year grant, which comes from the U.S. Department of Energy through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will fund research on how to use artificial photosynthesis to produce low-cost and efficient solar fuels. The research at UNC would study how to use the sun’s energy to make fuels from water and carbon dioxide that could be used for heating, transportation or energy storage.” [[Triangle Business Journal](#), 4/29/09]
44. **Jobs & Job Training:** “A portion of the federal stimulus package funds will put up to 89 people to work in Macon County for six weeks beginning June 1. The Summer Youth Program falls under the umbrella of the Alabama Department of Labor to target those from 16-24 who are out of work.” [The Tuskegee News, 5/21/09]
45. **Supporting Teachers:** “Colquitt County School Board [Georgia] approved Monday new instructional positions that will be funded through the recently enacted federal stimulus program. The grants are expected to fund 12 positions within the school system. The school system will receive \$3.9 million in funding through the America Reinvestment and Recovery Act over the next two years.” [Moultrie Observer, 5/20/09]





# Midwestern Region



- 46. Direct Farm Loans:** The droughts of 2007 and 2008 were a hard hit to Tim Mudd, a beginning farmer in Grayson County, Kentucky, and Tim found himself in need of operating fund assistance in order to make it through the 2009 crop year on his 236 acre family farm. Tim approached the Farm Services Agency (FSA), and with their help and a USDA Stimulus FSA Beginning Farmer operating loan, Tim will be able to continue to operate his farm, raising cattle, cutting hay, and growing tobacco.
- 47. Supporting Communities:** The City of Munising, Michigan, will use \$1,987,000 in Recovery Act funded Community Facility Grant funding to help acquire a new street sweeper, a snow plow, and a new police and fire facility for the town. Like much of the Upper Peninsula, Munising has faced tough economic times as the local mines have closed and manufacturing operations have relocated elsewhere.
- 48. Tax Incentives:** Developers in Osawatomie, Kansas, a region devastated by the floods of 2007, have taken advantage of the Low-Income Housing Cash Assistance In Lieu of Tax Credits program to provide the funds needed to complete construction on an elderly low-income housing project. Earlier this year, developers had halted construction with only three-fourths of the building completed because, as the economy contracted, they could not attract additional investors. As a result of the Recovery Act funding, the developers will be able to hire 25 plumbers, 21 landscapers, 16 electricians, nine general contractors, and seven painters. In addition, almost 24 families of Osawatomie will have affordable housing at a time when many need it most.
- 49. Tax Incentives:** Andersen Windows of Bayport, Minnesota, has now recalled nearly half of the 560 workers (250 of them) it had laid off in January — a move made possible in part by the tax

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credit for energy-efficient home improvements. Andersen Windows also cites the first-time homebuyer credit as another factor, as this tax credit helps to get existing homes off the market so that builders can start building again.

- 50. Renewable Energy:** On May 18, a groundbreaking was held for improvements to Johnson County's Douglas L. Smith Middle Basin Treatment Plant in Kansas, a large sewage treatment plant in Overland Park. Improvements to this facility will include an energy cogeneration facility to supply the plant's annual energy requirements from captured biogases. \$16 million in recovery act funds will be used in this, the largest green infrastructure project funded by the Recovery Act in Kansas. EPA has stated that the improvements to this plant are slated to reduce annual greenhouse emissions by more than 9,700 metric tons, and the facility estimates that about \$600,000 in annual savings will accrue to local taxpayers.
- 51. SBA Loans:** Don Lane's auto repair shop, Greenfield Collision, in Washington, Michigan, recently received a \$463,500 loan to buy the building the shop has been leasing for the last 11 years. The loan, guaranteed at 90 percent by the Small Business Administration, reduces his monthly costs by \$2,000, strengthening his short-term cash flow and putting him and his 10 employees in position to increase sales as the economy turns around.
- 52. Infrastructure:** Amtrak is using \$1.5 million of Recovery Act funding to replace wood ties on tracks in various states, such as Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana, and Florida.
- 53. Infrastructure:** Construction started in early April on the US 61 Fort Madison Bypass project in Fort Madison, Iowa. Supported by \$14.4 million in Recovery Act funding, this project will provide 10 miles of new construction on U.S. 61/Iowa 2 at Fort Madison and provide the following improvements: accommodate planned and balanced growth and associated travel demand increases in Fort Madison; provide an efficient connection between the west side of Ft. Madison to points north and east of Ft. Madison; create a future link for U.S. 61 four-lane traffic continuity; and reduce congestion on existing U.S. 61 in Ft. Madison.
- 54. Supporting Communities:** Three projects at the VA Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota, facility will use approximately \$250,000 of Recovery Act funds to improve clinical spaces for Veteran care and to boost energy savings. One project will renovate approximately 5,000 square feet of existing business office space into ambulatory care exam rooms and support space, while a second will renovate the inpatient pharmacy and adjacent office space. Both cases will enhance staff and patient treatment efficiency. A third project will replace two chiller compressors in poor condition, install a spot cooler to air condition the scope cleaning room in the gastroenterology area, and make repairs to a patient care area.
- 55. Supporting Communities:** With the help of Recovery Act funding, Zeglin's Home TV & Appliance, a locally-owned and operated company, is currently replacing stoves in Public Housing units in Davenport, Iowa, with American-made Whirlpool appliances.

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- 56. Environmental:** Kermit, West Virginia, is putting Recovery Act funding from the State Revolving Fund to work improving the town's wastewater treatment facility. Kermit, an economically distressed town, has been trying to get funding for this project for over a decade. Now, at a time when the economic needs are greatest, the people there are at work, improving quality of life in the town and preserving the surrounding environment.
- 57. Supporting Communities:** Using \$220,670 in Recovery Act-provided IDS funds, Preston-Taylor Community Health Center in West Virginia will extend its hours of operations. This additional funding will allow them to serve an additional 775 patients, 400 with no health insurance, over the two-year grant period. This is an 8.3-percent increase over the number of patients they are currently treating. With this funding, the health center will be able to provide: one eight-hour day of oral health services to provide care to patients who have lost their jobs and may no longer have access to dental care, and one full-time outreach worker to educate the community about the services the health center provides.
- 58. SBA Loans:** The Recovery Act made a big difference for Dayton International Tire Recycling of Troy, Ohio. The start-up closed its \$1.715 million equipment loan from Mutual Federal Savings Bank the day after the Recovery Act passed, but before SBA announced it would retroactively eliminate borrower fees on guaranteed loans. As a result, the company received a fee refund of \$45,750. Owner Dave Musgrave took it in cash and applied it to working capital to solve several new issues for the new company, which hopes to have 34 employees onboard by New Year's Day next year.
- 59. Infrastructure:** Construction is underway at the Eppley Airfield, in Omaha, Nebraska. In this runway-rehabilitation project, \$4.2 million in Recovery Act funding is being used to reconstruct two runways, increasing safety for all planes using this airport.
- 60. Supporting Communities:** Shawnee Health Service and Franklin-Williamson Human Services, Inc. in Williamson County, Illinois, have received two Community Facility Loans totaling \$2,784,000 to construct two new medical buildings on their joint campus in Marion. More than 15,000 children and adults in rural Williamson County don't have the personal resources to pay for the healthcare they need; about a third of them live 200 percent below the poverty level. Starting this fall, thanks to the funding, there will be a full-time dentist and hygienist to provide comprehensive dental services in Williamson County. With this funding, thousands of underemployed, unemployed, and uninsured in Southern Illinois will have access to quality, affordable health care.
- 61. Supporting Communities:** Using Recovery Act funding, the Housing Authority in Blair, Nebraska is upgrading several elderly/disabled complexes with new exhaust fans, and windows, as well as upgrading air conditioning units. All replaced equipment will be Energy Star rated, lowering costs for the units as well as lessening their impact on the environment.

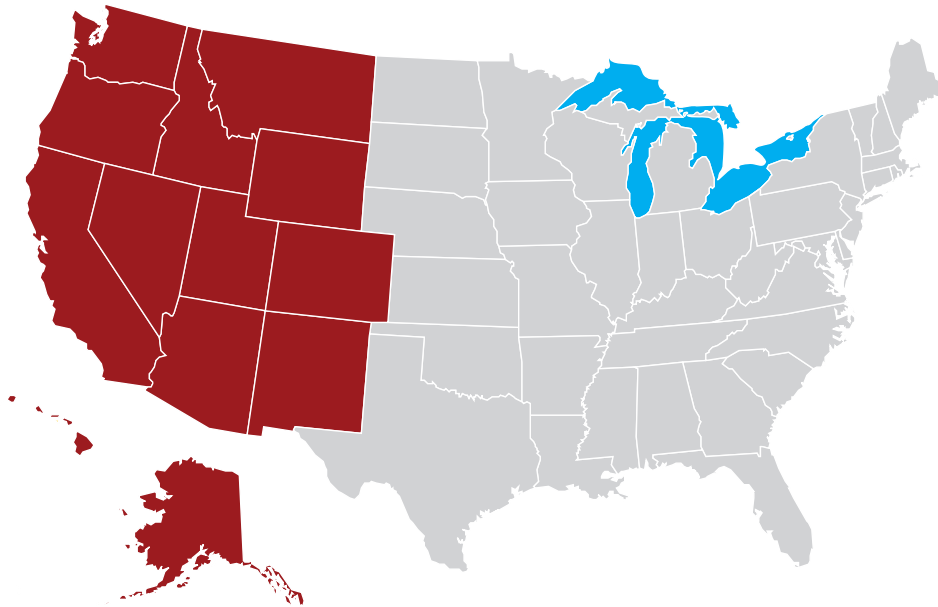
- 62. Jobs & Job Training:** Recovery Act funds will pay for 7,000 Cleveland teens to work summer jobs, where they can develop new skills for a new economy. “The \$6.4 million program will be paid for with federal stimulus money. The city has partnered with Cleveland State and Case Western Reserve universities and Cuyahoga Community College, clergy, local businesses and the city schools to promote the education, recreational and employment opportunities. Cleveland usually offers about 1,500 summer jobs at recreation centers and internships at its utility companies, but the federal cash will add an additional 4,500.” [[Plain Dealer \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), 5/20/09]
- 63. Supporting Research:** Recovery Act funds will pay for Illinois hospitals to train scientists and conduct research on influenza. “Five Illinois universities and a hospital will divide \$2.5 million in federal stimulus funding for biomedical research and training. Research money includes \$678,000 for the hospital to study susceptibility to food allergies and about \$612,000 for the University of Chicago to explore how war and natural disasters affect drinking problems. Illinois’ campus in Urbana Champaign is getting two grants, including about \$230,000 for flu-related study.” [[AP](#), 5/15/09]
- 64. Jobs & Job Training:** Elgin Community College, in Illinois, will use Recovery Act funds to create a summer jobs program for 16-to-24-year-olds. “The program offers participants a chance to serve their community by working on green projects, earn a salary, and receive educational resources. ‘Improving Our Environment, Our Community and Ourselves’ is offered by the ECC Workforce Transitions Department and is funded through grants from the Workforce Board of Northern Cook County and the Kane County Department of Employment and Education via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009...” [[Northwest Herald](#), 5/12/09]
- 65. Infrastructure:** The Illinois Department of Transportation began its first Recovery Act-funded project on May 3. “A new \$8-million stretch of pothole plagued Interstate 74 in Peoria County means 120 jobs this summer. . . Besides stimulating jobs, it’s stimulated the project’s contractor, R.A. Cullinan. ‘We purchased two new Caterpillar pavers. We purchased a profiling machine, 6 or 8 rollers and some other equipment to accomplish this type of work. All told, \$1.5 to \$2 million in equipment,’ Mike Cullinan says.” [[Week News 25](#), 5/4/09]
- 66. SBA Loans:** Minnesota Small Business Administration lending is back up to pre-economic-crisis levels, and lenders say that the Recovery Act incentives to stimulate SBA Lending are behind the trend. “The number of SBA loans guaranteed in Minnesota dropped to a low of 96 in January, but jumped up to 177 in April – the same number it guaranteed in June of last year. ‘. . . For Scott Otto, founder and co-owner of Organizational Change Advisors in St. Louis Park, that fee reduction was an incentive to take out an SBA-guaranteed loan from Bremer Bank in St. Paul. . . Kristin Wood, executive director of SPEDCO, an Arden Hills-based SBA lender, was skeptical that the stimulus package would make much of a difference when it was signed in February. Now, SPEDCO, Minnesota’s ninth-largest SBA lender in 2008, has done more lending in the past six to eight weeks than it did in the previous six to eight months, and Wood has changed her mind.” [[Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal](#), 5/8/09]

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- 67. Infrastructure:** Recovery Act funding will fund the renovation of the Route 66 Welcome Center and three trail projects. “Four local projects have received a combined \$646,800 in federal stimulus money through the Transportation Enhancement Program of the Missouri Department of Transportation. Three of the projects are for trails. The other is for a Route 66 Welcome Center in Webb City. In Joplin, the money will fund two trail extensions. The Turkey Creek Trail, which connects the Frisco Greenway Trail to St. Louis Avenue, will receive \$279,500. The Ozark Memorial Park Trail, which connects St. Louis Avenue to Florida Avenue, will get \$160,000... The Route 66 Welcome Center in Webb City is to be developed in an old gasoline service station at Webb Street and Broadway.” [[The Joplin Globe](#), 5/18/09]
- 68. Jobs & Job Training:** Recovery Act funds will allow for 220 Wisconsin teens to work summer jobs, developing skills for the new economy. “As part of President Obama’s American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program has received funding for a Summer Youth Employment Program. Beginning in June and continuing until September 2009, approximately 220 young people will work in a variety of entry-level job settings, including government agencies, hospitals, nonprofits, small businesses and retail organizations... They will be supervised by NWCEP staff, as well as the host employer, with their wages paid by AARA stimulus funds.” [[Northwest Wisconsin](#), 5/1/09]
- 69. Supporting Communities:** Three Cleveland community health centers receive support from Recovery Act funds. “Three of Cleveland’s community health centers, which serve the uninsured and underinsured, are slated to get \$1.2 million over two years in federal stimulus dollars... Care Alliance, which will receive \$289,859, plans to bolster its dental services... The center served 2,030 dental patients last year and expects the federal stimulus money to help an additional 1,370 patients over two years. The other centers to receive stimulus dollars are Neighborhood Family Practice (\$207,004) and North East Ohio Neighborhood Family Health Services (\$714,045). Combined, the three centers served more than 70,000 patients last year.” [[Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/24/09]



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- 70. Construction & Repair:** The Department of Defense is in the process of repairing wharfs and pier-supporting piles to support structural capacity at the Pearl Harbor Naval Station in Hawaii. The \$21.9 million in Recovery Act construction funding will replace pier systems and hardware, as well as repair wharf and pier supports for crane operations.
- 71. Environmental:** \$20.6 million in Recovery Act funding is accelerating cleanup at the Iron Mountain Superfund site near Redding, California. These additional funds will make it possible to dredge, treat, and dispose of heavy-metal contaminated sediments in the Spring Creek arm of the Keswick Reservoir, a project originally slated to take three years that can now be completed in 18 months.
- 72. Construction & Repair:** Using \$20.7 million in Recovery Act funding, the Department of Defense is in the process of repaving and upgrading runways at the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Hawaii, ensuring that there are adequate airfield runways to support this facility.
- 73. Construction & Repair:** On March 13, the U.S. Forest Service began \$1.5 million in trail repairs at the San Bernardino National Forest, partnering with the California Conservation Corps. The California Conservation Corps employs youth between 18 to 25 years old for conservation work.
- 74. Renewable Energy:** President Obama announced in Las Vegas today the availability of \$350 million in Recovery Act grants to expand and accelerate the use of geothermal energy throughout the United States, targeting priority areas to enable the widespread use of geothermal technology and the generation of clean electricity. Research in these areas will move the nation towards the goal of 50 gigawatts of installed geothermal capacity by 2030.

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- 75. Environmental:** Four hundred employees hired using Recovery Act funding reported for work at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington State, and received training for their new jobs in environmental cleanup. They represent the first of many jobs that will be created at the Department of Energy's Hanford Site. Many of the new employees are union workers hired to support decontamination and demolition efforts for contractor CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company.
- 76. Environmental:** The Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project recently celebrated the official beginning of relocating 16 million tons of uranium mill tailings from the Moab site in Utah by rail, 30 miles north to an engineered disposal cell near Crescent Junction, Utah. With Recovery Act funding, the project will significantly increase the volume of tailings shipped by the end of fiscal year 2011.
- 77. Infrastructure:** Construction is underway in Eugene, Oregon, on a \$162 million (\$132 million in Recovery Act funding) project to replace the Willamette River Bridge and the Canoe Canal (Patterson Slough) Bridge on Interstate 5 in Lane County, Oregon. The existing I-5 bridge has severely cracked girders, and is slated to be demolished in early July.
- 78. Infrastructure:** Construction started at the end of March on an important highway project in Bellevue, Washington. Supported partially by \$30 million in Recovery Act funding, this project will construct new multi-level "braided" ramps to separate vehicles entering and exiting northbound I-405 between NE 8th Street and SR 520 in Bellevue. The new improvements will improve safety and reduce congestion on I-405 in an area that experiences up to eight hours of traffic congestion a day.
- 79. Infrastructure:** Eagle Peak Rock & Paving, Inc. of Alturas, California recently was awarded a contract of \$8 million for a project to rehabilitate approximately 5.06 miles of Glacier Point Road, and 2.17 miles of Wawona Road, as well as Badger Pass Ski Area Access, and the Badger Pass Ski Area Parking Lot in Yosemite National Park in California. Construction will include pulverizing, hot asphalt concrete paving, erecting of concrete retaining walls, constructing guardwalls, and installing drainage. The project is located in an Economically Distressed Area and construction will begin in late June.
- 80. Supporting Research:** With the arrival of the first portion of the \$115.8 million in federal Recovery Act funding allocated to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, in Berkeley, California, work has already started to inject the money directly into the economy. The Lab's Facilities division, which will receive the majority of the funds since much of it is slated for laboratory construction and infrastructure, has hired project managers and other personnel and is poised to assign new work to subcontractors. About \$70 million will go towards nine construction projects at the Berkeley Lab.
- 81. Advanced Technology:** Rapiscan Systems, Inc. of California recently received a \$2.8 million contract to develop, build, and install 44 Advanced Technology baggage screening systems and their ancillary equipment at approximately 50 airports across the country.



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- 82. SBA Loans:** Lena Smith and Robert Metz received an SBA 504 loan for \$3.74 million to build an assisted living facility in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, specializing in residents with dementia. Because the Recovery Act eliminated their fees, Smith and Metz saved \$31,180. The whole project will allow them to create 75 new jobs, and the fee savings will augment their working capital.
- 83. SBA Loans:** Royal Window Films of Anaheim, California, which sells and installs energy-saving window films for commercial buildings, saved \$6,970 in fees on its SBA 504 loan when it bought a new space five times larger than its previous home. The savings will help owners John and Kimberly Henderson add three employees to their staff of 12.
- 84. Renewable Energy:** In an announcement today in Las Vegas, President Obama identified the availability of \$117.6 million in Recovery Act funding to expand and accelerate the use of solar energy throughout the United States. Work done with Recovery Act funding under these activities will be used to accelerate specific development efforts for critical path photovoltaic technologies in order to significantly integrate them into the grid.
- 85. Advanced Technology:** Bodell Construction Company is working on an explosive detection system for checked baggage at the Kahului Airport on Maui in Hawaii. The project already was in the works as part of the state's \$2.3 billion airport modernization plan. In March of 2009, Governor Linda Lingle announced that stimulus money would go to help pay for the Maui luggage-screening project.
- 86. Infrastructure:** Construction started in mid-May on California's first Recovery Act-funded infrastructure project. The \$13.5 million project will repave and restore I-80 between Highway 12 and Air Base Parkway in Fairfield, and will also create new, high-occupancy vehicle lanes.
- 87. Supporting Communities:** In California, the Department of Veterans Affairs is spending over \$8 million to replace roofing, make infrastructure repairs, and renovate radiation and nuclear medicine areas at the West Los Angeles Medical Center.
- 88. Infrastructure:** Construction has started on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Project on the San Diego Freeway. Supported by \$189.9 million in Recovery Act funds, this \$950 million project for one of the most congested highways in the nation, is adding an HOV-lane from Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) to the Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101). With the completion of this project, the last hole in the freeway's carpool lane system will be filled, saving time for commuters and contributing to improved air quality.
- 89. Infrastructure:** Colorado's Department of Transportation recently broke ground on their first Recovery Act highway project. This project will resurface a half-mile of West Belleview Avenue between South Zuni Street and South Federal Boulevard. Two other recovery-funded projects also started the same day: concrete slab replacement on I-70 and rehabilitation work on Colorado 62 and U.S. 550.

- 90. Jobs & Job Training:** Stimulus funds will pay for 200 jobs for young people in Yuba County, California. “Mid-Valley shops, restaurants, nonprofits and government agencies will employ hundreds of young people this summer – and pay them with federal stimulus dollars. The funding is part of a \$1.2 billion program approved by Congress in February to provide short-term work training and employment for disadvantaged 14- to 24-year-olds. Sheila Moore, a Yuba County One Stop training and employment counselor, said the \$465,000 share allocated for Yuba County will pay minimum wage salaries for up to 200 youth jobs, as well as transportation vouchers and other work-related expenses. ‘They really got the dollars down to us fast,’ Yuba County One Stop Director Patti Clary said of the \$465,000.” [[The Appeal-Democrat](#), 5/20/09]
- 91. Jobs & Job Training:** Recovery Act funding will enable the Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho to keep running, and help clients find jobs. “The Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho has found its second life thanks to the federal stimulus money. After losing its state funding during the recently completed legislative session, the foundation had faced the prospects of closing its Idaho Falls office and cutting services to the 15,000 Idahoans with epilepsy...” On May 8, [foundation director Marcia L. Karakas] learned her nonprofit organization received a \$115,000 one-time grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The foundation works with nearly 2,000 people with epilepsy. Its goal is to ensure people who have seizures are able to participate in all life experiences, including working. [Idaho Falls Post Register, 5/20/09]
- 92. Supporting Teachers:** Recovery Act funds will help Arizona State University’s financial stability, as well as its ability to retain teachers and keep costs low. “Arizona State University President Michael Crow says money from the federal stimulus program and a new tuition surcharge will provide the Tempe-based university with a financial ‘calming point.’ Crow told university faculty and staff in a video message e-mailed May 8 that the additional funding will provide ASU with ‘sufficient resources to financially stabilize the institution’ despite state funding cuts. He said university officials plan to use the next two years focusing on lower-cost options and on faculty recruitment and retention.” [[Arizona Capitol Times](#), 5/11/09]
- 93. Supporting Communities:** Recovery Act funding has reached Yavapai County, Arizona, health clinics. “Patients who use Yavapai County Community Health Services clinics are seeing some of the first federal money from the president’s economic recovery plan in the form of expanded hours and services. Stimulus dollars amounting to \$254,000 over two years hit county health coffers two weeks after county health officials applied for it. ...[Director Peggy Nies of the Community Health Center of Yavapai] said she would use the money to increase the Cottonwood dental clinic hours so it can stay open three days a week instead of two. She said she’s also hiring an office manager and a half-time backup person. The dental clinic now has five part-time dentists and will expand its operations to four days a week in July, Nies said.” [[Prescott Daily Courier](#), 5/6/09]
- 94. Jobs & Job Training:** Recovery Act funds will support teen summer jobs in Riverside County, California. “About 2,500 Riverside County teenagers and young adults will have summer jobs, thanks to nearly \$2.9 million in federal stimulus funds. The stimulus dollars are part of a larger appropriation the county received to bolster Workforce Investment Act-mandated

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programs. With the new funding, 2,500 county residents ages 14 to 24 could receive career counseling, hands-on training and part-time jobs between now and Sept. 30, according to EDA spokesman Tom Freeman. Five government-subsidized Youth Opportunity centers — in Hemet, Indio Lake Elsinore, Perris and Rubidoux — will receive \$400,000 each to implement SWEP initiatives, including academic tutorials, resume and interview preparation, job search assistance and skills assessments.” [[Desert Sun Wire Service](#), 5/8/09]

- 95. Jobs & Job Training:** Recovery Act funds allowed the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps to bolster its staff and support community businesses. “Rocky Mountain Youth Corps has bolstered its staff with local faces and spent about \$30,000 at community businesses with the help of \$254,000 it received in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. RMYC received the funds through the U.S. Forest Service, which contracted with Colorado Youth Corps Association to help mitigate the impacts of the Rocky Mountain West’s mountain pine beetle epidemic... Among its stimulus purchases, RMYC has placed a \$16,000 order for 20 steel chain saws with Precision Sharpening and Repair Service in Steamboat. Precision owner Jim Pavlik said he was angered earlier this year when tree-removal contracts in the Routt National Forest went to companies in California and Florida instead of local loggers; Pavlik said the order he received from RMYC renewed his faith in the federal stimulus legislation. ‘... RMYC will add an additional three crews this summer, each consisting of 10 young adults ages 19 to 25 who will work 40 hours a week this summer removing beetle-killed trees 12 inches in diameter and less...” [[The Steamboat Pilot & Today](#), 5/10/09]
- 96. Infrastructure:** A Recovery Act-funded repaving project in southern Oregon is putting 28 people to work. “The first in a series of federal stimulus transportation projects is underway in Southern Oregon. Construction crews are starting to repave interstate 5 in the Ashland area. The \$2 million project will put about 28 people to work.” [[KDRV.com \(with video\)](#), 5/18/09]
- 97. Infrastructure:** St. George Bridge in Utah, built with Recovery Act funds, will replace an old bridge washed out by the 2005 floods. “On Friday, ground was broken for a new \$4.2 million bridge across the Santa Clara River. It will replace the one washed out in the floods of 2005 and connect the southern, Green Valley section of St. George with its northern half. Since the floods — they caused \$200 million in damage — motorists have had to use a temporary two-lane road. The result: a traffic bottle neck and safety concerns. When finished next May, the new bridge will span more than 100 feet from bank to bank, have five lanes for traffic and feature a trail, pedestrian and bike lane. ... The project is being paid for by St. George, the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization and Utah Department of Transportation. UDOT’s portion comes from \$158 million in stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed by Congress last month.” [[Salt Lake Tribune](#), 5/1/09]
- 98. Infrastructure:** Construction starts on Washington state’s first Recovery Act funded highway project. “The stimulus package has reached Washington’s highways. The state’s first federal stimulus-funded highway project got under way Thursday morning on a stretch of Interstate

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90 near Ellensburg. The \$2.5 million repaving project, which will cover about 4 miles just west of Ellensburg, is funded entirely by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which Congress passed in February. It's part of nearly \$500 million in federal stimulus funds set aside for 181 state and local highway projects in Washington... According to the department, the project near Ellensburg will provide 25 jobs and be completed by late summer." [Yakima Herald, [4/30/09](#)]

**99. Supporting Research:** UCSB receives Recovery Act funded support for energy research. "President Obama's plan to expand energy research across the nation has found its way to Santa Barbara, following an announcement last Monday that UCSB's Institute for Energy Efficiency will be home to one of 46 new multi-million-dollar Energy Frontier Research Centers (EFRCs). In lieu of the President's commitment to energy research, a \$19 million grant will be distributed to the university over an initial five-year award period. As one of only 16 EFRCs to be guaranteed a five-year commitment by the President's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the agreement will reinforce the employment of postdoctoral associates, graduate students, undergraduates and technical staff in energy research jobs.." [Santa Barbara Independent, [4/30/09](#)]

**100. Environmental:** Big Bear Flats receives Recovery Act funding to support restoration work. "A \$435,000 restoration of Big Bear Flats was announced Monday as one of 59 projects in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Southwest Region receiving \$26.8 million in federal stimulus money. ... The restoration of Big Bear Flats, off of Highway 89 east of Mount Shasta, will include restoring a meadow to rewater up to 500 acres of mountain meadow, said U.S. Fish and Wildlife spokesperson Alex Pitts. Pitts said the project has the ability to improve water quality downstream and will include revegetation work... Besides restoration, other improvement projects include construction and energy efficiency upgrades at national wildlife refuges, fish hatcheries at public and private lands." [Red Bluff Daily News, [4/28/09](#)]