



AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 ARRA

NJ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Overview of ARRA and NJ Funds

- Principles of ARRA
- NJ ARRA Funds
- Title 1 and IDEA
- NJ Summer Program Application
- Q&A



Guiding Principles for ARRA Funds

1. Spend quickly to save and create jobs.
2. Ensure transparency and accountability
3. Thoughtfully invest one-time funds
4. Advance effective reforms



Education Reform Goals

- Increase teacher effectiveness and address inequities in the distribution of Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT)
- Establish and use pre-K-16 data systems to track progress and foster continuous improvement
- Make progress toward rigorous standards and high-quality assessments



Education Reform Goals (cont.)

- Support targeted, intensive support and effective interventions to turn around schools identified for corrective action and restructuring
- Improve results for all students, including early learning, extended learning time, use of technology, preparation for college and school modernization



Transparency and Accountability

- All ARRA funds must be tracked separately
- States and LEAs must produce quarterly reports
 - Financial and program outcome reports.
 - Estimated number of jobs created.
- Reporting procedures are currently being developed for use by states
- NJ is one of 16 states selected by US General Accounting Office (GAO) to be subject to bimonthly GAO reporting to Congress for at least the next 2 yrs



NJ ARRA Funds

- STABILIZATION \$1.3 BILLION
- TITLE I \$173 MILLION
- TITLE I SIA a \$7 MILLION
- TITLE I PART G \$57 MILLION
- TITLE I PART D \$850,000 (neglected and delinquent)
- HOMELESS \$908,000
- IDEA BASIC \$360 MILLION
- IDEA PRESCHOOL \$11 MILLION
- ED TECH \$12 MILLION



State Stabilization Funds - \$1.3B

- ❑ Must be allocated using the state's funding formula
- ❑ Governor applies for the funds
- ❑ NJ will use to support 09-10 state aid
- ❑ Considered federal funds
- ❑ Can be used to support almost all general fund type of activities
- ❑ Guidance will be distributed over the summer



ARRA Title I

- **Funds are available for eligible Title I schools and students; examples for one-time ARRA funds include:**
 - Preschool programs
 - Summer programs
 - After school programs
 - Professional development
 - Additional instructional time-extended day
 - Supplies, materials and technology



ARRA Title I - examples cont. (Federal)

- Schoolwide programs for secondary school students to use high quality online courses as supplemental learning materials for science and math
- Professional development to teachers in targeted assistance programs on the use of data to inform and improve instruction for Title I eligible students
- Reading or math coaches to provide professional development to teachers in Title I targeted assistance programs



ARRA IDEA

- Funds are available to pay the excess costs for special education and related services; examples for one-time ARRA funds include:
 - Assistive technology and training.
 - Intensive district-wide professional development for special education.
 - Develop and expand the capacity to collect and use data.
 - Expand in district placement options.



ARRA IDEA, examples cont.

- Renovations or construction of classroom spaces to meet special education needs.
- Summer intensive instructional support programs.
- Professional development.
- Parent involvement activities.
- Supplementary instructional material and supplies in preparation for an IDEA program in the school year.
- Transition programs and services.



Supplement not Supplant

- ❑ **Check statutes and federal guidance**
- ❑ **TITLE I –**
 - Services are in addition to those available under state and local laws and funding and in addition to those provided to non Title I students
 - It is presumed supplanting if an LEA uses Title 1 funds for programs and services previously funded with state and local funds
 - NOTE: An LEA can rebut the presumption of supplanting if LEA can demonstrate that without the federal funds, the programs/services would not have been continued



Supplement not Supplant

- IDEA-Maintenance of Effort -excess cost
- 50% rule-only to districts determined to “meet requirements” under IDEA
 - “An LEA may treat as local funds up to 50% of the amount of funds it is eligible to receive... from that appropriation that exceeds the amount from funds appropriated for the previous fiscal year that the LEA was eligible to receive”
 - Must track offset funds to ensure spent on ESEA activities



Questions for Districts to Consider

1. Will the proposed use of funds assist the district in improving results for students?
2. Will this have a positive long term result?
3. Are the proposed uses in keeping with the district and school improvement plans, QSAC plans?
4. Will the district be able to sustain the programs when the ARRA funding ends?
5. Will the district be able to track the funds separately and be able to measure and demonstrate implementation?



NJ Summer Program Application

- Applications due June 5th 2009
- May use up to 50% of the funds
- Summer programs for students
- Summer professional development for teachers
- Materials, equipment for Special Education or Title I programs



Questions

- NJDOE is planning regional technical assistance sessions in early June. Dates/locations TBA.
- NJDOE has specific email boxes to answer Title I and IDEA ARRA questions:
 - **Title I** – arratitle1@doe.state.nj.us
 - **IDEA** – arraidea@doe.state.nj.us
- NJDOE ARRA Information:
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/arra/>
- USDE ARRA Information
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>