



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:



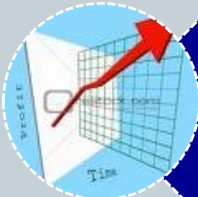
**SAVING AND CREATING JOBS AND
ADVANCING EDUCATION REFORMS**



Guiding Principles



Spend Quickly to Save and Create Jobs



Ensure Transparency and Accountability



Thoughtfully Invest One-time Funds



Advance Effective Reforms



\$44Billion Available In 30 - 45 Days



- **State Stabilization - \$32.5 billion (67%): Education, IHEs, Public Safety and other government services.**
- **IDEA, Parts B & C - \$6.1 billion (50%)**
- **Title I, Part A - \$5 billion (50%)**
- **Vocational Rehab - \$270 million (50%)**
- **Homeless youth - \$70 million (100%)**
- **Independent Living - \$52.5 million (100% of formula funds; \$87.5 million in competitive grants to follow)**
- **Impact Aid - \$40 million (100% of formula funds; \$60 million in competitive grants to follow)**



Additional \$49 Billion Available In 6 Months



- Pell & Work Study - \$17.3 billion (100%)
- State Stabilization - \$16.1 billion (33%)
- IDEA , Parts B & C - \$6.1 billion in (50%)
- Title I, Part A - \$5 billion (50%)
- School Improvement - \$3 billion (100%)
- Vocational Rehab - \$650 million (50%)
- Statewide Data Systems - \$250 million (100%)
- Teacher Incentive Fund - \$200 million (100%)
- Teacher Quality Enhancement - \$100 million (100%)



\$5B More Fall '09 and Spring '10

- **“Race to the Top” - \$4.35 billion competitive grants to states making most progress toward the assurances**
- **“Investing in What Works and Innovation” - \$650 million competitive grants to districts and non-profits that have made significant gains in closing achievement gaps to be models of best practices**
- **2010 grant awards will be made in two rounds - late Fall 2009, Summer 2010**



Advancing Effective Reforms

College and career-ready standards and high quality, valid, and reliable assessments for all students including ELLs and students with disabilities

Pre-K to higher education data systems that meet the ten principles in the America Competes Act

Teacher effectiveness and equitable distribution of effective teachers

Intensive support and effective interventions for lowest-performing schools



State Fiscal Stabilization Fund



- **Streamlined, user-friendly State application available by the end of March**
- **FAQs by end of March:**
 - Restoring State Support Levels
 - Uses of Funds by LEAs and IHEs
 - Uses of Government Services Funds
 - Maintenance of Effort
 - Waivers
 - Transparency, Accountability and Reporting
- **Governors, Chiefs and Superintendents are strongly encouraged to coordinate efforts and investments**
- **Governors encourage to allocate funds to LEAs expeditiously**



Reporting and Transparency



- **All ARRA funds must be tracked separately**
 - Description of use of funds (obligated and non-obligated)
 - Quarterly reports on both financial info and program outcomes/results
 - Estimated number of jobs created
 - Subcontracts and sub-grants required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act
- **Reporting template being developed for use by states to capture required information**



Accountability & Risk Management



- Root cause of most failures – lack of effective design or implementation of proper internal controls
- Typical issues/risks based on IG findings
 - Inaccurate or Incomplete Documentation
 - Unallowable Costs Resulting from Contracts with Missing Required Elements, Lack of Approval, or Expenditures that Exceeded the sub-contract amount
 - Poor internal controls over purchase cards and gift cards
 - Unsupported adjusting journal entries
- Complete documentation and record keeping is a must!



Superintendents Are Key



- The Superintendents in this room will make the decisions about a major portion of the stabilization funds ~ District and school decisions will determine success.
- Use short-term funding to invest in reforms that drive long-term results for students, schools and school systems.
- Strengthening teaching, turning-around lowest performing schools, using data for continuous improvement ~ You are doing the hard work



Ongoing Outreach



Webinars

**Conference
calls**

**Meetings and
conferences**

**“List serves”
by each
program office**

Online forums



More Information



- www.ed.gov and www.recovery.gov
 - FAQs, Hot Topics, Updated guidance.
- Preliminary information about each state's IDEA allocation:
<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/recovery.html>
- Preliminary estimates of Title I, Part A recovery allocations to each State and LEA are available at:
<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/news.html#ARRA>
- E-mail state.fiscal.fund@ed.gov
- E-mail IDEArecovery.comments@ed.gov
- OIG Hotline 1-800 -MISUSED