

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

UPDATE: Current and Upcoming Opportunities

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This is an update to a previous SEI research brief titled *The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Opportunities for Children and Family Services* (May 1, 2009). This update is designed to provide the latest information about ARRA provisions that offer current or upcoming opportunities for funding of local education, health or human service programs.

The following table presents programs authorized under ARRA that represent potential funding opportunities for local (community or county level) programs specifically related to education, health or human services. All are either currently open for applications or expected to become available in the coming months. **All information contained in this brief was taken from the federal and state sources listed in the table, and is subject to change. Please check the websites listed for the most complete and current information.**

Notes:

- Under the Timeline column, NOFA stands for Notice of Funding Availability and indicates when the announcement was posted.
- If a NOFA has been issued, detailed information including the funding announcement, application guidelines and other information is available by going to the Grants.gov ARRA page at <http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery.jsp> and click on the Find Recovery Act Opportunities button. The list of open opportunities will be sorted by Close Date, which will correspond to the application due date listed in the Timeline column of the chart below.

| Program | Eligible Entities | Timeline | For More Information |
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| FUNDING CURRENTLY OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS – ACT NOW! | | | |
| McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children A portion of ARRA funds are earmarked to increase local access to quality education for homeless children and youth. | Local education agencies (LEAs) are eligible for the grants portion of funding | Applications due to the California Department of Education by 6/17/09 | Administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7582 . Grant application details available through the California Department of Education at http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r16/homeless09rfa.asp . |
| Head Start Expansion Expand existing Head Start programs to serve more children. Includes funding to improve staff compensation and training, upgrade centers and classrooms, increase hours of operation and enhance transportation services. | Current Head Start grantees | NOFA issued 5/8/09 Applications due 6/23/09 Grants awarded by 8/09 | Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/program-plan&program_id=7533 Application details are available at Grants.gov; see instructions at the beginning of this brief to access the application details. |

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| <p>Strengthening Communities Fund Competitive grant program to build the capacity of nonprofits to expand the delivery of social services to individuals and communities affected by the recession.</p> | <p>Nonprofit organizations and local city, county and tribal governments</p> | <p>NOFA issued 5/11/09 Applications due 7/7/09 Grants awarded by 9/30/09</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7751 Application details are available at Grants.gov; see instructions at the beginning of this brief to access the application details.</p> |
| <p>Early Head Start Expansion Grants to increase the number of children and families served. Up to 10% can be spent on training and technical assistance and up to 3% for monitoring. Early Head Start can support both center-based and home visiting services.</p> | <p>Local entities eligible to operate Early Head Start programs</p> | <p>NOFA issued 5/8/09 Applications due 7/9/09 Successful applicants selected 8/09 Grants awarded 9/09</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/program-plan&program_id=7603 Application details are available at Grants.gov; see instructions at the beginning of this brief to access the application details.</p> |
| <p>Higher Education Title II Part A Teacher Quality Partnership Grants Provides funds to school districts to promote teacher and principal quality through strategies such as high quality professional development in core subject areas and mechanisms and initiatives to promote retention and hiring of highly qualified teachers and principals (which can include early childhood educators).</p> | <p>Local partnerships must include a higher education institution and a high-need local school district; may also include ECE programs (Head Start, State Preschool, licensed child care entity)</p> | <p>NOFA issued 5/27/09 Intent to apply due date 6/26/09 Applications due 7/23/09 Grants awarded by 9/30/09</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/program-plan&program_id=7550 Application package is available at http://www.ed.gov/programs/tqpartnership/applicant.html. Applications must be submitted through the Department of Education’s e-GRANTS system (and <u>not</u> through the Grants.gov system used for most other ARRA programs).</p> |
| <p>Public Housing Capital Fund Competitive Program Funding to construct or renovate public housing. Priority is given for projects that leverage private sector funding or renovations and energy conservation retrofits.</p> | <p>Public housing agencies</p> | <p>Revised NOFA issued 5/7/09 Threshold based applications due 6/22/09 – 8/18/09 Rated and ranked applications due 7/21/09</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Capital Improvements. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/program-plan&program_id=7767 Application details are available through HUD at http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir.cfm.</p> |

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| UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES: GENERAL | | | |
| <p>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) For community and economic development projects, with priority given to fast-action projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available to the recipients.</p> | <p>Grantees that received CDBG funding in 2008</p> | <p>Action plan amendments from local entities due and release of ARRA funds by 9/30/09</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Program overview: http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=153,7973215&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL</p> <p>Coordination with the local agency responsible for administering CDBG funding is needed to assess opportunities to access local grants or coordinate services using new CDBG funds provided under ARRA.</p> |
| <p>Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Expansion of the existing CSBG program, which funds a broad range of programs to address the underlying causes of poverty and provide direct services to low-income families based on the needs of the community. At least 5% of a state's allocation must be dedicated to activities relating to the identification and enrollment of eligible individuals and families in federal, state and local benefit programs.</p> | <p>Community action agencies, who in turn may partner with other local organizations</p> | <p>State plans for ARRA CSBG funds were due by 5/29/09</p> <p>Federal acceptance of state plans is due by 6/30/09</p> <p>Dates for release of local CSBG funds will be announced after that (date not set yet)</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/program-plan&program_id=7748</p> <p>Block grant funds will go first to the state, which then must distribute 99% of these funds to local eligible entities (i.e., community action agencies). These funds are administered by the Community Services & Development (CSD) Department in California. State-level information can be monitored on the CSD Recovery page at http://www.csd.ca.gov/Recovery/Recovery.aspx.</p> |
| UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES: EDUCATION | | | |
| <p>Enhancing Education Through Technology Intended to improve student academic achievement through the use of technology in schools; assist students in becoming technologically literate by the end of eighth grade; and better integrate technology with teacher training and curriculum development.</p> | <p>Local education agencies (LEAs) should be able to apply for grants through their state Department of Education</p> | <p>Guidance for state education agencies (SEAs) and state grant awards by 7/09</p> <p>No timeline set for grants or allocations to LEAs</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7598.</p> <p>In California, these funds will be administered by the California Department of Education (CDE). The CDE's Recovery website at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ar/ should be monitored for announcements and grant application information.</p> |

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| <p>Teacher Incentive Fund Competitive grants to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools.</p> | <p>Local education agencies (LEAs)</p> | <p>NOFA due to be published by 7/31/09</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7543.</p> <p>Once it has been developed, eligibility information, a timeline and the NOFA will be posted in the Eligibility and Applicant Info sections of the program’s website, available at: http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherincentive/index.html.</p> |
| <p>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C Infants and Families \$500 million nationally (\$53 million to California) for coordination and early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.</p> | <p>Local education agencies (LEAs), through allocations from the state education agency</p> | <p>50% of ARRA funds have already been released to the states</p> <p>The other 50% is due to be released by 9/30/09</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7573.</p> <p>More specific information about allocation of these funds in California could not be found for this brief. The Government Affairs office at the California Department of Education may be contacted for updates (email: ARRA@cde.ca.gov, phone: 916-319-0821).</p> |
| <p>IDEA Section 619 Preschool \$400 million nationally (\$41 million to California) to help ensure that children ages 3-5 with disabilities have access to appropriate preschool and support services. California is also projected to receive an additional \$1.2 billion in IDEA Part B funding for special education services for school-age children.</p> | <p>Local education agencies (LEAs), through allocations from the state education agency</p> | <p>50% of ARRA funds have already been released to the states</p> <p>The other 50% is due to be released by 9/30/09</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7578.</p> <p>Funding information and availability for California can be found on the California Department of Education website at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ar/rr/.</p> |
| <p>Title I Grants to LEAs Supplemental funds for local education agencies (LEAs) for schools that have high concentrations of students from low-income families to improve academic achievement. Flexibility is provided in using these funds to meet local needs, and can include support for early childhood education programs.</p> | <p>Local education agencies (LEAs), who can in turn partner with other public and nonprofit organizations</p> | <p>According to the California Department of Education, 80% of Title I allocations to LEAs have already been released</p> <p>The balance is due by 9/30/09</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7664.</p> <p>State-level information about Title I allocations is available through the California Department of Education at http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/nclbttitlei.asp.</p> |

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| <p>What Works and Innovation Funds Competitive grants to expand programs shown to make significant gains in closing academic achievement gaps so they may serve as models of best practice, and identify and document best practices to share and take to scale.</p> | <p>LEAs and other public entities (including institutions of higher education and hospitals); can include partnership between public and nonprofit entities or multiple LEAs</p> | <p>No schedule or timeline has been announced yet</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7604. Additional information is not yet available for this program. The U.S. Department of Education’s Recovery website at http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html can be monitored for updates.</p> |
| <p>Title I School Improvement Grants Targets local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools that have been identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring in order to support local school improvement activities.</p> | <p>Local education agencies (LEAs), through grants approved by the state education agency</p> | <p>No schedule or timeline has been announced yet</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7558.</p> |
| UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES: HEALTH | | | |
| <p>Evidence-Based Clinical and Community-Based Prevention and Wellness Strategies Supports evidence-based clinical and community-based prevention and wellness strategies (e.g. could include childhood asthma or obesity prevention efforts, among many other possibilities). Includes innovation grants to increase the number of children receiving vaccines.</p> | <p>Local public and nonprofit agencies</p> | <p>No schedule or timeline has been announced yet</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7687. This webpage can be monitored for updates, as the timeline should be announced here first. Ongoing monitoring of Grants.gov for new announcements of funding availability is also recommended.</p> |
| <p>Health Professions Programs The types of activities to be funded are the support of health professions students and training programs, as well as of loan repayment of health professionals serving in underserved areas. More specific objectives are not yet available.</p> | <p>Not yet determined, but some funding is expected to be made available to local health organization and/or higher education institutions</p> | <p>No schedule or timeline has been announced yet</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fprogram-plan&program_id=7557. This webpage can be monitored for updates, as the timeline should be announced here first. Ongoing monitoring of Grants.gov for new announcements of funding availability is also recommended.</p> |

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| UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES: OTHER | | | |
| <p>Centers for Independent Living Additional funding to centers for independent living (CILs) to improve and expand independent living services to individuals with significant disabilities.</p> | <p>Depends on joint state / federal decision as to whether to establish new centers. If new centers will be created, nonprofit and public agencies will be eligible to apply for these funds. If not, funds will go to existing CILs to enhance their services.</p> | <p>Conference with states to set guidelines by 6/30/09</p> <p>State plan amendments due by 8/31/09</p> <p>NOFA issued by 11/30/09 if new centers are to be created under state plans</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/program-plan&program_id=7595.</p> <p>Additional information is not yet available for this program. The U.S. Department of Education’s Recovery website at http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html can be monitored for updates.</p> |
| <p>Women, Infants and Children (WIC). \$400 million of ARRA funding for the WIC program was placed in a contingency fund for future uses to be determined by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.</p> | <p>Not yet determined</p> | <p>Not yet determined</p> | <p>Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Program description: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/program-plan&program_id=7755.</p> <p>The Department of Agriculture’s Recovery site at http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/?navid=USDA_ARRA may be monitored by local WIC programs in case some or all of these contingency funds are made available to local jurisdictions.</p> |

The following websites are recommended for further information about ARRA programs and funding opportunities, including programs not directly related to the education, health and human service focus of this brief.

Main federal portal for national information about ARRA and daily federal announcements: www.recovery.gov

California portal for state level information about ARRA and daily state announcements: www.recovery.ca.gov

Access to the Federal Register for daily announcements, including an option to sign up for daily emails with the Federal Register table of contents: www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html

Access to most ARRA grant opportunities (use the Recovery Act Opportunities option): www.grants.gov

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