



## Items that Received Support in the Economic Stimulus Bill

1. **The National Endowment for the Arts:** The NEA is positioned to use existing mechanisms to allocate lifeline funding quickly to state, regional and nonprofit organizations to retain jobs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes \$50 million in direct grants to fund arts projects and activities to preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn. Forty percent of the funds are to be re-granted through the state and regional arts agencies and sixty percent will be direct grants from the NEA.

The NEA has released grant guidelines to apply for the economic recovery funds provided in the economic stimulus package for arts organizations. One-time grants will be awarded to eligible non-profit organizations including arts organizations. The deadline for these grants closed on April 2, 2009. Funds will also be made available through state and regional arts organizations. The NEA recently awarded 63 Recovery and Reinvestment grants to state arts agencies and regional arts organizations. Recovery grant guidelines vary by state and regional agencies, so organizations should consult the list of state and regional recipients online and inquire directly about the funding process.

Visit the National Endowment for the Arts' Recovery website for more information:

<http://www.nea.gov/recovery/index.html>  
<http://www.arts.gov/recovery/nea-recovery-programs.html>  
<http://www.nea.gov/grants/recent/09grants/ARRA-SAA-RAO.html>

2. **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for communities to support economic development projects:** Arts projects and service programs are eligible in most municipalities, and the boost in funding will provide much-needed relief for cultural services and add shovel-ready development jobs. Visit the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for more information:

HUD Local Office Directory  
<http://www.hud.gov/localoffices.cfm>

Community Development Block Grants - Contacts  
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/contacts/>

HUD has posted a webpage devoted to the economic recovery and the CDBG program. Please follow the link below to the find the latest information:

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>

3. **Rural Community Facilities:** Support grants and loans for essential Rural Community Facilities such as community centers and libraries. Rural areas are often underserved, and funds would help ensure that cultural facilities in these localities have the resources necessary to continue operating.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural and Community Development State Offices  
[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd\\_map.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html)  
Tel: 1-800-670-6553

4. **Funding for the Transportation Enhancement program:** Federally funded and state administered programs support surface transportation projects through 12 eligible categories including preservation, landscaping, and design.

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Authority Regional Contacts  
[http://www.fta.dot.gov/regional\\_offices.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/regional_offices.html)

National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse Contact:  
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2121 Ward Court, NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20037  
Tel: 1-888-388-6832, Fax: 202-466-3742  
Email: [ntec@enhancements.org](mailto:ntec@enhancements.org) Website: [www.enhancements.org](http://www.enhancements.org)

State TE Managers: To submit an application for TE funds or to learn more about the TE program in your state, contact the TE manager(s) at your state department of transportation (DOT). They are responsible for the implementation of the TE program and the distribution of funds.  
[http://enhancements.org/contacts\\_search.asp?type=TE](http://enhancements.org/contacts_search.asp?type=TE)

State FHWA TE Contacts: To discuss federal regulations and eligibility restrictions on the TE program, contact the TE staff at the local division office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). They are responsible for ensuring that state DOTs comply with federal regulations related to the TE program.  
[http://www.enhancements.org/contacts\\_search.asp?type=FHWA](http://www.enhancements.org/contacts_search.asp?type=FHWA)

FHWA Headquarters Contacts: To ask questions about federal regulations related to the TE program, contact FHWA headquarters staff based in Washington, DC. They are responsible for developing regulations related to the TE program and overseeing the work of the FHWA division offices.

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5. **Increased funding and incentives for states that adopt Unemployment Insurance Modernization programs expanding benefits to part-time and low-wage workers:** This is a significant change to the eligibility for part-time workers by increasing access to benefits and those seeking additional part-time employment.
6. **Title I Education, Funding for School Modernization, and State Fiscal Stabilization, including education uses:** As a core academic subject, local officials can use federal funds to support arts education. The Arts Education Partnership has released a very helpful full analysis of the U.S. Department of Education (USED) economic stimulus funding.

U.S. Department of Education - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

Arts Education Partnership Summary and Analysis of Education Stimulus Funding  
[http://www.aep-arts.org/files/related/Education%20Stimulus%20Package%20Analysis%20final%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.aep-arts.org/files/related/Education%20Stimulus%20Package%20Analysis%20final%20(2).pdf)

7. **Corporation for National & Community Service (CNS):** This expands funding for AmeriCorps State and National grantees and VISTA program. Visit the CNS website for more information:  
<http://www.nationalservice.org/>

Interactive Program Selector:

[http://www.nationalservice.org/for\\_organizations/programs/selector.asp](http://www.nationalservice.org/for_organizations/programs/selector.asp)

Who and When to Contact

[http://www.nationalservice.org/about/volunteering/states\\_offices.asp](http://www.nationalservice.org/about/volunteering/states_offices.asp)

CNS Online Resource Center

<http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/resources/>

The Corporation for National and Community Service has begun hosting conference calls detailing Guidelines for the implementation of the recovery funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Visit the link below for conference call details:

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp>

8. **Job Training and Employment Services:** Funding for job training for state formula grants for Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs, including an initiative to help provide 1.2 million summer jobs for youth.
9. **Economic Development Administration (EDA) to address distressed urban industrial cores and rural areas:** The EDA leverages \$10 million in private investments for every \$1 in federal funds and could include projects like the planning and creation of cultural districts.

U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration

<http://www.eda.gov/>

10. **National Park Service for much needed historic preservation efforts:** Funds will help protect museum collections and cultural sites that have gone into disrepair.
11. **Extension of healthcare for the unemployed:** Extension of COBRA and expanded Medicaid coverage for those without insurance.

## Additional Nonprofit Resources

The National Council of Nonprofits offers a series of special reports designed to help understand the connection between the nation's economic recovery and nonprofit organizations.

Nonprofit Grant Opportunities

<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/?q=stimulusreport1/>

Grant Tips

<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/?q=stimulusreport2>

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