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Research funding includes repairs, renovations, more

\$400 million available for higher ed, community colleges, nonprofits

Research institutions within higher education, community colleges and nonprofit organizations have two funding opportunities from which they can qualify for millions of dollars of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. The money is available through grants and program funding.

The first funding arm is the Academic Research Infrastructure (ARI) Program, where \$200 million is available. These funds, with project awards of up to \$10 million, can be used for repairs and renovations at academic research institutions (higher ed, community colleges, nonprofits) to support research. It can also be used to assist research organizations in improving their science and engineering research facilities.

Additionally, the ARI funding can be used by a consortia or an academic department or other partnerships to renovate current research facilities to augment cyberinfrastructure, excluding computer systems or data storage systems. Projects that improve access to and increase use of next-generation research facilities for researchers, educators and students also may be submitted for funding. These can include buildings, mobile research facilities and virtual facilities using broadband-based technologies.

The Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program has another \$200 million for allocation. These funds are available for purchase and development of research instruments that will be jointly used.

The letter of intent deadline for both programs is July 1 and the application deadline for both is Aug. 24. Please see the Calendar of Events tab below for information on a video Webcast Thursday that will outline the two programs.

Some public housing funds to be used to create 'green' jobs

Goals are more energy efficiency and more jobs for middle class

Among the \$4 billion in funding set aside for public housing in the federal economic stimulus bill is money to be used to create "green jobs" as the housing is made more energy efficient. Federal officials this week announced that \$500 million from the \$4 billion will be used to train workers for these jobs. That amount also includes \$50 million for communities affected by the restructuring in the automobile industry. Both the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Labor are working together to help public housing residents find training programs or a "green" job.

The goal of the overall program is not only to increase energy efficiency in public housing, but also to assist middle class Americans in finding jobs. The total funding package is aimed at improving public housing, reducing energy costs for residents of public housing, creating jobs for those who live there and elsewhere in the community and reducing the nation's dependence on foreign energy sources.

Some of the energy-efficient renovations might include replacing windows, adding insulation and replacing appliances and even light bulbs with more energy-efficient replacements.

Follow the money

Three agencies to work together to create jobs in 'green' energy industry

Three federal agencies - the U.S. Departments of Energy, Labor and Education - will team up in efforts to promote job growth through "green" initiatives. Because the Energy Department is responsible for distributing most of the clean energy funding in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, when those distributions are made, officials with the Labor Department will be contacted regarding the jobs it should create. The Labor Department then will work with local employment centers to facilitate unemployed workers in training for and securing those jobs.

The three departments will work collectively to help create opportunities for career development in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries and there will be outreach to industry officials regarding standards and certifications necessary for jobs in the energy sector. The Labor Department already has announced it will release \$500 million in stimulus funding to prepare workers for careers in these sectors, including working with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure some of the training and jobs include public housing residents.

ARRA funds to support evaluation of suicide prevention training

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is using federal economic stimulus funds for grant support to complete a project currently under way to evaluate the effectiveness of a new training program for telephone crisis counselors at suicide hotline centers. Officials say the information gathered could shape telephone-based suicide prevention services across the country. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) is carrying out the training program across its network of crisis centers.

Evaluating the effectiveness of hotlines is difficult; however, the investigators will use an approach in which hotline centers are assigned to receive training at various times on a random basis. The design provides a way to conduct a controlled study of whether trained telephone crisis counselors more effectively assess and refer callers. Results of the evaluation study will provide information on approaches used to provide crisis services and will have an impact on the ability of hotlines to provide effective help. Funding for the first year of this two-year grant is \$809,819.

\$100 billion available for education through State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

More than \$100 billion over the next two years will be made available to states through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The education portion of the funds will be used to preserve jobs in education, allow more young people to attend college, provide for modernization of school classrooms and provide for necessary education reforms.

The program will help ensure that local educational agencies and public institutions of higher education have the resources to ensure that teachers and professors are retained in their teaching jobs. The program may also help support the modernization, renovation and repair of school and college facilities.

The U.S. Department of Education has set a July 1 deadline for SFSF applications. States whose applications already have been approved include California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New York, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wisconsin. Pending approvals are Tennessee, Rhode Island, Indiana, North Carolina, Washington, Idaho, Massachusetts, Virginia, Iowa and Puerto Rico.

HUD to release \$100 million to eliminate lead-based paint, other safety hazards

Health and safety are at issue in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's announcement it will release \$100 million in program funding to help eliminate lead-based paint and other health and safety hazards. The funds are headed to more than 50 local programs in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

The City of Norwich, Conn., will use its nearly \$1.7 million to ensure that 90 affordable housing units in the city are lead safe. The University of Illinois at Chicago will be awarded \$973,982 to implement a study, Moving Into Green Healthy Housing, that will monetize the health and monetary benefits that are realized when low-income residents move from unhealthy public housing into green, affordable, healthy housing. Polk County, Iowa, will be awarded \$3 million in funds to eliminate lead hazards in 206 housing units occupied by low- and very low-income families with children under six years of age. The City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health will get \$875,000 to protect children in home-based child care from housing-related environmental health and safety hazards caused by inadequate indoor air quality and pest-related asthma triggers. Harris County, Texas will be awarded \$871,327 for the Harris County Safe and Healthy Homes Demonstration Program in low-income neighborhoods in Aldine, Galena Park and Cloverleaf.

To view the complete list of grant recipients and their projects, click [HERE](#) and look under RECENT REPORTS.

Improving public housing goal of \$1 billion in competitive funding

Improving public housing is the goal of nearly \$1 billion in competitive stimulus funds recently announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funding includes \$600 million to help create more energy-efficient public housing units, \$200 million to develop or restart stalled housing projects, \$100 million for rehabilitation and renovation of obsolete public housing and \$95 million to improve housing units and create community facilities for delivery of medical and other services to seniors. Most of the funding will be awarded between June and August.

For information about these and other funding opportunities, contact Reagan Weil or Richard Hartmann at 512-531-3900.

Stimulus news briefs

NTIA delays stimulus awards for broadband grants

A three-month delay in the submission and grant schedule for \$4.7 billion in broadband stimulus money has been announced by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The agency will accept grant applications in September and begin awarding funds in December. It previously stated the first funding allocations would come as early as June. The delay is not all bad news, as some forecast that the change in dates will give entities more time to put together a sustainable business plan.

\$4 billion per month spent on transportation

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said the United States government is spending \$4 billion per month on highway construction projects and another \$1 billion has been made available for airport infrastructure projects.

Another \$640 million will soon be available for more than 60 grants as well. Transportation money was sent quickly and expected to be used first among federal economic stimulus funding, as transportation projects are among the most visible projects where Americans can see fellow citizens being put back to work as jobs are created. LaHood said more money was made available to the states for transportation projects early on and has been spent quickly.

HHS plans to distribute \$75 million in grants to expand health insurance

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced that \$75 million will be headed to the states to help expand health insurance access to those without insurance. HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said some states in recent years have implemented health reforms and the awards from the federal economic stimulus bill "will make it possible for more states to extend coverage to more people."

Grants of \$2 million to \$4 million will be awarded to states with plans to target specific groups of uninsured, such as children or seniors. Comprehensive grants of \$7 million to \$10 million will be awarded to states for extensive insurance coverage proposals. The grants will be awarded over a five-year period and generally require a 20 percent match. There are exceptions for states showing a financial hardship. States also must show they can continue the programs after the federal funds end. Deadline for applying for the two categories of grants is June 15.

Palin puts the skids on \$28 million in stimulus funds for Alaska

As expected, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin has said "no" to some of the federal economic stimulus funds that were headed to her state. Palin signed her state's new budget bill, but vetoed \$28.6 million in federal funds for energy conservation. Her reasoning for the veto is that the funds would be tied to forced adoption of state building codes in communities throughout Alaska. Her action is subject to an override of the veto by the state legislature.

Missouri senator creates her own recovery Web site

Although all of the states have recovery Web sites, Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill has created her own Web site to help organizations and businesses apply for funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The Web site provides a guideline showing funds that are available and how organizations can get information necessary to apply for them. The site also includes a map showing the locations where projects funded by the ARRA in Missouri are located.

City of Oakland creates Web site for tracking funds, projects

States aren't the only ones creating Web sites for tracking and information on the funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The city of Oakland, California, recently announced the launch of its Web site for tracking Oakland's efforts to obtain some of the stimulus funds. The public can read on the Web site about the application for funding, what programs and projects have received funds and where they are being invested. Among the grant opportunities Oakland is exploring are for funds for infrastructure projects, hiring more police officers, for energy efficiency and conservation projects, for human services efforts and public safety projects. The city already is expecting some \$39 million in stimulus funding and has applied for nearly \$95 million more in grants.

Grants announced will help study lung diseases

Twenty-two grants totaling \$3.3 million have been announced by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health. The funds come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for research regarding hard-to-treat lung diseases - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Recovery Act funds will allow an expansion of the institute's lung tissue research program, enabling support for nine more grants than would have been possible with existing funds.

The grant awards will provide investments to further advances in the understanding of complex lung diseases by supporting research in laboratories in 16 states - Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas.

Small Business Administration to offer short-term loans

The Small Business Administration (SBA) beginning on June 15 will guarantee short-term emergency loans - "America's Recovery Capital Loans" - as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The deferred payment loans of up to \$35,000 will be available to established, for-profit small businesses that need help short-term for principal and interest payments on existing, qualifying debt. The loans will be interest-free, are 100 percent guaranteed and have no SBA fees associated with them. Repayment will not begin until 12 months after the final disbursement and then the principal will be paid back over five years.

The loans will be made by commercial lenders and not the SBA directly. They will provide for payment of principal and interest on existing, qualifying, small-business debt, including mortgages, and term and revolving lines of credit, capital leases, credit card obligation and notes owed by vendors, suppliers and utilities.

State of California eligible for Medicaid money

California qualifies for an extra \$8 billion in federal Medicaid funding as part of the federal economic stimulus bill. California was unsure if it would receive the funds because unions representing home health workers said the state was in violation of requirements that prohibits them from passing health costs on to counties. The union argued the state violated that requirement when it lowered its contributions to home health care workers wages to save millions in the budget.

Medicaid officials informed the state that while counties are permitted to pay more for home health as a result of the state's action, they are not required to do so. The state's eligibility for extra Medicare funds - \$8 billion in future spending and \$2 billion the state has already received - was at stake.

What the states are doing

North Carolina officials have broken ground on a \$56 million North Carolina National Guard headquarters in Raleigh. Some \$41.5 million of the project's funding came from federal economic stimulus funding. The facility is located on an 18-acre site and is slated to be completed in two years. More than 4,000 jobs are expected to be created as a result of the project.

New York has announced more than \$51 million in transportation projects from economic stimulus funds. Some of the projects include a more than \$7 million project to reconstruct 19th Street in Waterylet, \$3 million for a road connecting the Glens Falls with Queensbury, \$387,500 to replace a bridge in Green County, \$7.5 million to resurface a portion of Route 5 in Albany, Schenectady, Colonie and Niskayuna and \$6.2 million to update a bridge in Columbia County.

The Texas governor has funded "bailouts" at the federal level, but the state of Texas is planning to use \$11 million of its federal stimulus financing to help rebuild the Texas Governor's Mansion, which was the victim of an arson fire last summer. Another \$10 million in state funds will also be used to repair the mansion. While the renovation is under way, the governor is living in a more than \$9,000 per month rental. He still must sign the budget bill that would make the appropriation for the mansion's repair.

The California Water Resources Board and the California Department of Public Health will garner \$280 million and \$159 million respectively from \$440 million in stimulus funds allocated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. More than 30 projects have been selected by the two agencies, with the first project being to complete a sewage treatment plant in Delano. The project will benefit from \$2 million in grant funds and a \$341.4 million low-interest loan.

Utah's Salt Lake County officials are studying what projects will benefit from \$2.3 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds coming to the state for energy efficiency and conservation projects. Some items under consideration are commercial building incentives, energy audits for government buildings, replacement of street lights with low-energy alternatives, installing solar panels on government and residential homes. The county has until late next month to decide how to spend its funds.

New Jersey colleges and universities facing budget shortfalls are getting a reprieve thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The state's governor has in his budget proposal - which must be approved by the legislature - \$40 million in stimulus funding for the state's institutions of higher education - colleges, universities and community college systems. That would bring higher ed funding in the state back to its previous level - \$2.2 billion. The higher ed institutions previously were facing a 5 percent cut in funding.

In **Iowa**, higher education is getting a boost from the stimulus funding. The University of Iowa president has indicated she will allocate \$19 million of the \$34 million the university will receive to offset salary cuts and furloughs that were being considered. The flailing economy has affected Iowa tax revenue and the university, like other government entities, was facing cuts. The federal funds will be a stop-gap measure, as college officials expect the cuts will still come later down the line if the economy doesn't improve significantly.

Ohio's Franklin County will see \$4.5 million coming its way through stimulus funds being appropriated by the U.S. Department of Justice. The county will receive the funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, part of the more than \$38 million to be sent to the state to disburse statewide. The grants can be used to provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance and information systems for more widespread apprehension, prosecution, adjudication, detention and rehabilitation of offenders who violate such state and local laws.

In **Missouri**, Kansas City is in line to receive \$2.37 million in economic stimulus funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funds will be administered by the Kansas City Housing and Community Development Department. The funds will be allocated among a number of projects that have already been submitted for approval. Officials there say the additional funding will allow them to support programs they could not fund through their regular Community Development Block Grant funding.

A **Connecticut** lawmaker has come up with a rather unusual proposal for some of the federal stimulus package funding set aside for alternative energy projects. Rep. Mary Fritz has filed legislation that would require the state's prison system to apply for a grant from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund to fund a project that would erect wind power turbines at one of the state's prisons. Efforts in the prison system previously have been able to save \$600,000 in energy costs by using energy-efficient lighting and other energy saving methods.

New Mexico drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects are gearing up to receive \$27.5 million in federal economic stimulus funds. In line for 80 percent of the funding (the remaining 20 percent must be green related) some of the project will improve water quality and drinking water infrastructure under the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. Additional funding will be to improve wastewater infrastructure and sewage treatment systems through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. The state also will receive \$5.6 million in airport funding. Albuquerque will get \$2.5 million to reconstruct a runway at its Double Eagle II airport and the Las Cruces International Airport will receive \$2.5 million to reconstruct a runway. An additional \$500,000 is headed to the Santa Fe Municipal Airport for taxiway upgrades and \$100,000 is headed to Conchas Lake Airport for runway rehab.

Michigan's share of the economic stimulus funding won't all go to the big cities. Several rural areas of the state, too, will see money coming their way - from U.S. Department of Agriculture funding. The money will be in the form of grants and loans and can be used to purchase tractors, fire trucks, snow plows and other equipment in Alger, Allegan, Antrim, Geogebic, Houghton, Iron, Mackinac, Marquette, Mecosta, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Schoolcraft and Van Buren counties. Munising gets the biggest piece of the pie - \$1.5 million in loans and grants for the city hall, police department and fire department.

Florida's St. Augustine Airport has been informed it will receive \$2.5 million in stimulus funds for improvements. The Federal Aviation Administration-administered funds will be used to resurface, widen and light a taxiway.

Maryland research institutions such as Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland are burning the midnight oil in applying for some of the \$13 billion that will be available for medical and scientific research from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The funds will be administered by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. The quick availability of the stimulus funding has research institutions coming out of the woodwork. Some 20,000 applications have already been received just for the \$200 million in challenge grants. Maryland has already submitted close to 600 grant applications and Hopkins has written more than 700.

Pennsylvania rural public transit agencies are expecting \$39.5 million for public transportation in their areas. While the majority of the state's \$347 million for transit projects will go to urban areas, rural areas will see a portion of the funding as well. Among the recipients: Mid-County Transit Authority of Armstrong County, \$310,277; Beaver County Transit Authority, \$387,500; Washington County Transit Authority, \$280,415; Westmoreland County Transit Authority, \$2.9 million; and Butler Transit Authority, \$5.3 million.

Indiana's Purdue University Airport will get \$1 million in stimulus funds to improve security and manage wildlife. The management of wildlife includes building a fence with a skirt along the bottom to keep burrowing animals from accessing the airport.

Colorado has begun work on the first of its federal stimulus-funded transportation projects with the resurfacing of Belleview Avenue in Golden. Seven of the 15-20 people who will work on the project have been recalled to work after having earlier been laid off. Other upcoming projects that will share in the \$500 million the state garnered for road and bridge projects include repairs on Interstate 70 and resurfacing of a portion of Colorado 62.

Other national news

Broadband report issued by FCC acting chairman Copps

A report providing a starting point for development of policies to ensure delivery of broadband to rural areas and to restore economic growth for those living and working in those areas is outlined in a report released today, Wednesday, by Acting Federal Communications Chairman Michael J. Copps. The report, "Bringing Broadband to Rural America: Report on a Rural Broadband Strategy," identifies problems affecting rural broadband - such as technological challenges, lack of data and high costs of networks. It also offers recommendations addressing these issues.

In the report, Copps notes that Congress has provided new direction and support for federal broadband policies and initiatives, in particular through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In addition to providing \$7.2 billion for broadband grants, loans and loan guarantees administered by the Agriculture and Commerce departments, that law charges the FCC with developing a national broadband plan by next February. To access the report, click [HERE](#).

Data.gov site provides access to federal government data streams

A new Web site whose goal is to provide access to government data streams in machine-readable formats was unveiled recently by the White House Office of Management and Budget. The site is intended to be a one-stop shop for free access to data generated by federal agencies. Federal data often is housed in numerous sites and formats, making them hard to access and hard to use. The new Web site, "Data.gov," includes searchable catalogs with access to 46 "raw" datasets and 27 information tools. The datasets and tools are searchable by category, keyword and/or data format.

USDA seeks applicants for rural housing repair grants
Up to \$10 million in competitive grants to help low- and very-low-income rural residents repair their homes has been announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Housing Preservation Grants are provided to intermediaries such as city or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribes and nonprofit and faith-based organizations. They are then distributed to homeowners or owners of multi-family rental properties and cooperative dwellings who rent to low- and very-low-income residents.

The grants can be used to weatherize or repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access for persons with disabilities. They will be awarded as part of the USDA's annual budget and are not funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Grant applications are due by close of business on July 10. Applications may be accessed at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Four RSD schools get millions from FEMA

Four Recovery School District (RSD) Quick Start Schools in New Orleans will benefit from \$147.8 million in public assistant grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the RSD. The funds assist with the rebuilding of schools destroyed or seriously damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The schools are part of a comprehensive plan of repair and replacement projects for the 2009-10 school year. To date, FEMA has approved more than \$649 million for the restoration of public schools in Orleans Parish.

The L.B. Landry High School will be a college preparatory high school that will give students the option to concentrate on three career themes, one of which is health sciences. It will have a total of 52 teaching stations, including career technology labs; visual and performing arts labs and classrooms for core curriculum; rehearsal spaces for dance, choir, band and art; and a black box theater. The Langston Hughes Elementary will be a 96,000-square-foot building that will include technology-ready classrooms, special education areas, a media center, full cafeteria and kitchen and gymnasium. The new Greater Gentilly High School will be the first new, state-of-the-art public high school built in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina and it will have a technology focus. The Andrew H. Wilson Elementary project includes the complete restoration of the existing historic building and new construction that will include a gymnasium, cafeteria and additional art and music classroom space.

Calendar of Events

Webcast available for NSF research programs

A Webcast outlining the Academic Research Infrastructure (ARI) Program and the Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program of the National Science Foundation will be held Thursday from 1 to 2:45 p.m. (EDT). The Web cast will include information on the two programs and the grant funding that is being made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The information program will be followed by answers to questions submitted by e-mail in advance of the Webcast. For the link to the Webcast, click [HERE](#). Attendees may also register there for the video feed and email questions they would like answered.

San Gabriel Valley Economic Stimulus Summit set Thursday

Pasadena (CA) City Council will host its free San Gabriel Valley Economic Stimulus Collaboration Summit on Thursday at the Jack Scott Multipurpose Room, 3035 E. Foothill Blvd. in Pasadena. Local elected officials, nonprofits and businesses will meet to discuss and distribute information on how to access and spend the federal stimulus funding that is available. The event is from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the College's Community Education Center. Those attending will also discuss how to form partnerships to access funding. For reservations contact Rick Hodge at rlhodge@pasadena.edu or call 626-585-3010.

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All 50 states have own recovery Web sites

All 50 of the states and the District of Columbia now have their own "recovery" sites where citizens can track where ARRA dollars are being spent in their respective states. The sites are charged with ensuring accountability and transparency in how the funds are spent and their Web sites show the projects being funded and the amount of ARRA funds allocated. For links to each of the state and District of Columbia recovery Web sites, click [HERE](#).

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an unprecedented infusion of \$787 billion into a flailing United States economy. The ARRA is designed to create or save millions of jobs and to address pressing needs throughout the country, from education to infrastructure. To view the bill as passed by the U.S. House and Senate and signed by President Barack Obama, click [HERE](#).

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