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The America Recovery and
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For
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Introduction

This booklet, compiled by the Office of Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, contains information about the funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Act is intended to provide economic stimulus to the nation during this time of economic hardship, to protect and create jobs, and to help build a base for future economic health.

The booklet has two purposes: The first is to assist the Commonwealth Government in accessing funds that are available to the Northern Mariana Islands in the Recovery Act. Many of these are formula-based grants to existing programs. Federal agencies have already begun to notify agencies in the Commonwealth regarding new funding that will be available for existing programs and further notifications will continue in the weeks ahead. Some of the funds will be available on a competitive basis. State-level governments, such as the CNMI, that submit the best grant proposals will receive funding.

The second purpose of this booklet is to provide the general public with basic information about federal assistance and funding opportunities available to the Northern Mariana Islands in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Members of the public who are interested in programs listed here should contact the federal agencies in charge (using the contact information provided in the booklet) and the local agencies that are responsible for that particular type of program.

Please note: Because of the complexity of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and because the Commonwealth may in some cases have unique arrangements for accessing federal program funds, not all applicable programs are included in this booklet. Furthermore, allocations of funds to the U.S. insular areas are in some cases subject to the discretion of federal program administrators. For these reasons the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply. We will continue to update this booklet, as new information becomes available.

Information and Resources:

- America Recovery and Reinvestment Webpage: www.recovery.gov
- Clearinghouse of government information: <http://www.usa.gov>
- How to apply for federal contracts: <https://www.fbo.gov/>
- How to apply for federal grants: <http://www.grants.gov/>
- How to access various federal benefits: <http://www.govbenefits.gov>

AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND RURAL SERVICES

Agriculture

Program:	Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations
Federal Funding:	\$145 million
CNMI Funding:	\$4,150,000
Funding Agency:	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture
CNMI Authorized Project:	Kagman Watershed
Description:	Watershed Operations is a voluntary program which provides assistance to sponsoring local organizations of authorized watershed projects, planned and approved under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (P.L. 83-566). The Kagman Watershed Project reduces flooding and provides reliable water supply for vegetable farming. The Project significantly decreases flooding of agricultural lots and flooding of the main road from the island's east side population center. The planned project measures include completion of waterways A, B, and C, which will collect and transfer runoff and divert water into a planned 70 million gallon reservoir.
Contact information:	Natural Resources Conservation Service Attn: Public Affairs Division P.O. Box 2890 Washington, DC 20013 202-720-1560(Phone)
Website:	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/

Nutrition Services

Program:	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
Federal Funding:	\$500 million
Funding Agency:	Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	WIC's goal is to improve the health of low income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breast-feeding postpartum women, and infants and children up to 5 years old. WIC provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, and access to health services. Participants receive vouchers that can be redeemed at retail food stores for specific foods that are rich sources of the nutrients frequently lacking in the diet of low-income mothers and children.
Contact Information:	Food & Nutrition Service Food Distribution Division 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504 Alexandria, VA 22302-1500 703 305-2680 (Phone) 703 305-2420 (Fax) Email: fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov
Website:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/

Program:	The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
Federal Funding:	\$150 million
CNMI Funding:	\$20,439
Funding Agency:	Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a Federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost. While states receive one portion of their TEFAP assistance in the form of federally donated food commodities, the CNMI receives its entire allocation in cash.
Contact Information:	Food & Nutrition Service 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504 Alexandria, VA 22302-1500

	703 305-2680 (Phone) 703 305-2420 (Fax) Email: fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov
Website:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/

Program:	Emergency Food and Shelter
Federal Funding:	\$100 million
CNMI Funding:	\$64,350
Funding Agency:	Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Description:	Provides food and shelter for those in need. EFSP funds can be used for a broad range of services, including: mass shelter; mass feeding; food distribution through food pantries and food banks; one-month assistance with rent; mortgage and utility payments to prevent evictions; and transition assistance from shelters to stable living conditions. ESFP's objectives are to allocate funds to the neediest areas; to ensure fast response; to foster public-private sector partnerships; to ensure local decision-making; and to maintain minimal but accountable reporting.
Contact Information:	Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20472 202- 646-2500(Phone)
Website:	http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm

Program:	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Federal Funding:	\$300 million
CNMI Funding:	\$1.459 million
Funding Agency:	Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	The SNAP in the CNMI defines a needy family as one with income equal to or lower than the Gross Income Eligibility Standards appropriate for that size Household as designated and with resources equal to or below the Resource Eligibility Standards established in Section 9. The CNMI Program is

	designed to maximize benefits of those CNMI Households determined most in need, and thus most deserving of nutritional assistance. This is accomplished by preparation of tables providing for variable benefit levels depending upon: (1) the size of the Household, and (2) the amount of Household's net income. Thirty percent (30%) of all food purchased with coupons under the Program shall be local commodities obtained, grown, fished, raised, or otherwise produced in the CNMI.
Contact Information:	Food & Nutrition Service 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504 Alexandria, VA 22302-1500 703 305-2680 (Phone) 703 305-2420 (Fax)
Website:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/Default.htm

Rural Services

Program:	Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account
Federal Funding:	\$ 1,067,000,000 for section 502 direct loans \$10,605,000,000 for section 502 unsubsidized guaranteed loans.
Funding Agency:	Rural Housing Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	These loans are available for low- and very low-income households to obtain homeownership. Applicants may obtain 100% financing to purchase an existing dwelling, purchase a site and construct a dwelling, or purchase newly constructed dwellings located in rural areas. Mortgage payments are based on the household's adjusted income. Under the Guaranteed Loan program, the Housing and Community Facilities Programs guarantees loans made by private sector lenders. (A loan guarantee through HCFP means that, should the individual borrower default on the loan, HCFP will pay the private financier for the loan.) The individual works with the private lender and makes his or her payments to that lender. Under the terms of the program, an individual or family may borrow up to 100% of the appraised value of the home, which eliminates the need for a down payment. Since a common barrier to owning a home for many low-income people is the lack of funds to make a down payment, the availability of the loan guarantees from HCFP makes the reality of owning a home available to a much larger percentage of Americans.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)

Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/
Program:	Rural Community Facilities Program Account
Federal Funding:	\$130 million
Funding Agency:	Rural Housing Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	Community Programs administers programs designed to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through its Community Programs, the Department of Agriculture is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural communities. Community Programs utilizes three flexible financial tools to achieve this goal: the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and the Community Facilities Grant Program.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account
Federal Funding:	\$1.38 billion
Funding Agency:	Rural Utilities Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	The purpose of this program is to develop water and waste disposal systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage, in rural areas and towns. Funds are available to public entities, such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts. In addition, funds may be made available to corporations operated on a not-for-profit basis. Priority will be given to public entities in areas with less than 5,500 people to restore a deteriorating water supply, or to improve, enlarge, or modify a water facility or an inadequate waste facility. The purpose of this program is to reduce water and waste disposal costs to a reasonable level for facilities serving the most

	financially needy communities/users of the system. Grants may be made, in some instances, up to 75% of eligible project costs.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband
Federal Funding:	\$2.5 billion
Funding Agency:	Rural Utilities Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	<p>Through our Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, USDA Rural Development offers rural communities help in developing facilities to make these exciting new services accessible. Financial assistance is available through loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations. Distance learning projects provide funding for computers and internet hookups in schools and libraries. Now, students living in sparsely populated rural areas can obtain the same quality of education previously offered to suburban and urban areas. Telemedicine provides rural clinics and health care centers with instant access to physicians hundreds or thousands of miles away.</p> <p>The physician can do anything from conversing with the patient to making visual examinations, to running complicated tests. Rural Utilities Service will support the expansion of broadband service in rural areas through financing and grants to projects that provide access to high speed service and facilitate economic development in locations without sufficient access to such service.</p>
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Rural Business Program Account
Federal Funding:	\$150 million
Funding Agency:	Rural Business-Corporate Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	To make available to rural communities through Rural Utility Service borrowers grants to be used for revolving loan funds for infrastructure, community facilities, healthcare and educational type projects.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

COMMERCE

Program:	Broadband Technology Opportunities
Federal Funding:	\$4.7 billion
Funding Agency:	National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.
Description:	<p>Funding is provided to award competitive grants to accelerate Broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas and to strategic institutions that is likely to create jobs or provide significant public benefits. The U.S. Congress has appropriated \$4.7 billion to establish a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) for awards to eligible entities to develop and expand broadband services to rural and underserved areas and improve access to broadband by public safety agencies. \$200 million shall be used for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity. \$250 million shall be for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband adoption. Internet service providers would be required to provide open access to broadband networks built using the federal funds. Up to \$350 million of the BTOP funding is designated for the development and maintenance of a broadband inventory map. \$650 million has been set aside for the TV Converter Box Coupon Program to allow National Telecommunication and Information Administration to ensure vulnerable populations are prepared for the transition from analog-to-digital television transmission.</p>
Contact Information:	<p>U.S. Department of Commerce 325 Broadway Boulder, Colorado 80305-3328 (303) 497-3500</p>
Website:	http://www.ntia.doc.gov/
Program:	Economic Development Assistance Programs
Federal Funding:	\$150 million
Funding Agency:	Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
Description:	The program's funding is first distributed regionally on a formulaic basis based on high unemployment or low per capita

	income, and then each region actively seeks competitive applications. \$50 million will be used for economic adjustment assistance to help communities recover from sudden and severe economic dislocation and massive job losses due to corporate restructuring. \$50 million may be transferred to federally authorized, regional economic development commissions.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20230 202-482-2000 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml
Program:	National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration Operations, Research and Facilities
CNMI Program:	Habitat Conservation: Laolao Bay Road and Coastal Management Improvement Plan
Federal Funding:	\$230 million
CNMI Funding:	\$2.9 million
Funding Agency:	National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
Description:	Restore Saipan's coral reefs by removing and addressing sources of upland sediment. This will include road upgrades, drainage improvements and elimination of unsustainable beach activities (LaoLao Beach). DEQ will use the grant to upgrade roads and improve drainage around the Bay. This will reduce the sediment that now runs off into the water and smothers the living coral. One of NOAA's top priorities for coral reef conservation and restoration is to address impacts from land-based sources of pollution, including reducing sediment from hillsides and nearby land. The project that DEQ is undertaking in the Northern Marianas will create jobs and provide immediate stimulus to our economy, and will protect one of our most important natural resources and also protect the future of our tourism industry.
Contact Information:	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW Room 5128 Washington, DC 20230 Phone:(202)482-1939
Website:	http://www.noaa.gov/

PUBLIC SAFETY

Program:	Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs
Federal Funding:	\$225 million (\$50 million shall be for Transitional housing assistance grants for victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault.)
CNMI Funding:	\$630,273
Funding Agency:	Office on Violence against Women, U.S. Department of Justice
Description:	The STOP Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhancing advocacy and improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. It encourages the development and improvement of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and improvement of advocacy and services in cases involving violent crimes against women. VAWA was designed to improve criminal justice responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to increase the availability of services for victims of these crimes. VAWA requires a coordinated community response (CCR) to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, encouraging jurisdictions to bring together players from diverse backgrounds to share information and to use their distinct roles to improve community responses to violence against women. These players include, but are not limited to: victim advocates, police officers, prosecutors, judges, probation and corrections officials, health care professionals, leaders within faith communities, and survivors of violence against women. The federal law takes a comprehensive approach to violence against women by combining tough new penalties to prosecute offenders while implementing programs to aid the victims of such violence.
Contact Information:	Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) 800 K Street, N.W., Suite 920 Washington, D.C. 20530 Phone: 202-307-6026 Fax: 202-305-2589 TTY: 202-307-2277 Website: www.usdoj.gov/ovw
Website:	http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm

Program:	Byrne Grants
Federal Funding:	The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - \$2 billion The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program - \$225 million
CNMI Funding:	The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – \$1,640,925 The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program-Competitive Grant
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Justice
Description:	<p>The JAG Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. Funds under the JAG program may be used for hiring, training, and employing of added law enforcement officers and needed personnel on an ongoing basis. In addition funds can also be used to acquire equipment, technology and other resources directly for law enforcement purposes, crime prevention programs linking assistance between the community and law enforcement personnel to control, identify, or investigate crime or to prosecute criminals.</p> <p>The Competitive Grant Program is an open, competitive solicitation. The funding must be used to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth. Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government. Only projects that are national in scope and respond to one or more of the priorities listed in the solicitation will be considered.</p>
Contact Information:	Office of Justice Programs U.S. Department of Justice 810 Seventh Street NW Washington, DC 20531 202-307-0703 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/

Program:	COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)
Federal Funding:	\$1 billion
Funding Agency:	State and Local Enforcement Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice
CNMI Funding:	\$519,048
Description:	CHRP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts. CHRP grants will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date, as a result of local budget cuts. In addition, there is no cap on the number of positions an agency may request, but awards will be limited to available funding. The initial 3-year grant period and the agency's ability to fill the officer positions awarded, while following your agency's established hiring policies and procedures should be taken into consideration. Federal funding, grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHRP grant. The retained CHRP-funded position(s) should be added to the grantees law enforcement budget with state and/or local funds, over and above the number of locally-funded positions that would have existed in the absence of the grant. The estimated amount is to be awarded to the CNMI over a three-year grant period.
Contact Information:	Office of Justice Programs U.S. Department of Justice 810 Seventh Street NW Washington, DC 20531 202-307-0703 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/

Program:	Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
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Federal Funding:	\$210 million
Funding Agency:	Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Description:	Competitive grant to provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade, or construct fire stations. The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. The grant will help firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.
Contact Information:	DHS/FEMA/Grant Programs Directorate Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Tech World Bldg - South Tower 5th Floor 500 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20472 1-866-274-0960 (Phone)
Website:	www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Program:	Micro-Loan Program
Federal Funding:	\$6 million for direct loans
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration (SBA)
Description:	Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level.
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640
Website:	www.sba.gov

Program:	7(a) Loan Guarantee Program
Federal Funding:	\$375 million was included for temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program.
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration
Description:	To ensure small businesses have access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business. Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program. SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722)
Website:	www.sba.gov

Program:	504 Loan Program
Federal Funding:	\$375 million was included for the temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program.
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration
Description:	To ensure small businesses maintain have access to 504 loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business. Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 504 loan program.
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640
Website:	www.sba.gov

Program:	Business Stabilization Program
Federal Funding:	\$225 million
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration
Description:	To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that has a qualifying small business loan and is experiencing immediate financial hardship.
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640
Website:	www.sba.gov

EDUCATION

Program:	Education for the Disadvantaged (Title I)
Federal Funding:	\$13 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$2,552,414
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Education
Description:	\$10 billion will go toward Title I formula grants and \$3 billion toward School Improvement grants. These funds should be available during school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 to help school districts mitigate the effect of the recent reduction in local revenues and State support for education. \$5 billion of the Title I formula grants will be allocated through the targeted formula and the same amount should be allocated through the education finance incentive grant formula. Half of the grant will be distributed in February/March and half in September/October.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov
Program:	Education Technology
Federal Funding:	\$650 million
CNMI Funding:	\$299,619
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	The Enhancing Education through Technology program supports State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology into curricula in order to improve teaching and learning. Funding shall be used for technology hardware, software applications, professional development and related instructional technology staff and services. These funds should be used to improve student academic achievement and ensure that students are college and workforce ready by ensuring that every student has 21st century skills and is technology literate. In addition, the funds should be used to increase ongoing and meaningful professional

	development around technology that leads to changes in teaching and curriculum and improves student achievement. Half of the Grant will be distributed in June/July and half in September/October.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Vocational Rehabilitation
Federal Funding:	\$680 million
CNMI Funding:	\$270,196
Funding Agency:	Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research, U.S. Department of Education
Description:	This program provides grants to support a wide range of services. Eligible individuals are those who have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment, who can benefit from vocational rehabilitation (VR) services for employment, and who require VR services. Priority must be given to serving individuals with the most significant disabilities if a state is unable to serve all eligible individuals. Half of the grant will be distributed in February/March and half in September/October.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Independent Living State Grant
Federal Funding:	\$18.2 million
CNMI Funding:	\$22,523
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education

Description:	The purpose of the independent living programs is to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence and productivity of individuals with disabilities and to integrate these individuals into the mainstream of American society. Independent living programs provide financial assistance to provide, expand and improve independent living services.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education, OSERS 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Rm. 5055, PCP Washington, DC 20202-2800 202-245-7404 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailob/index.html

Program:	Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants
Federal Funding:	\$100 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	States may use grant funds to reform teacher licensing and certification requirements; provide alternative methods of teacher preparation; and provide alternative routes to State certification. The funds provided in the economic recovery bill will assist States in modernizing the teaching workforce, address teacher shortages, and provide new routes to teaching for jobless individuals seeking to enter the teaching field.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Student Financial Assistance
Federal Funding:	\$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. Each eligible student will be given an increase of \$490. For the Federal Work-Study Program, ARRA provides \$200 million in supplemental discretionary appropriations for fiscal year 2009.
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	These additional funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are

	struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn. Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds, to provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B
Federal Funding:	\$11.3 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$174,906
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	IDEA Program Part B authorizes education of school aged children (grants to states) and a state grant program for preschool children with disabilities. Half of the grant will be distributed in February/March and half in September/October.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) 202-884-8215 (Phone)
Website:	http://idea.ed.gov/ http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Program:	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C
Federal Funding:	\$500 million
CNMI Funding:	\$16,323

Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	IDEA Program Part C authorizes state grants for programs serving infants and toddlers with disabilities. Half of the grant will be distributed in February/March and half in September/October.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) 202-884-8215 (Phone)
Website:	http://idea.ed.gov/ http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Program:	Fiscal Stabilization-Education Fund
Federal Funding:	\$53.6 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$24.3 million (received to date)
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	Support of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and as applicable, early childhood education programs and services. Includes Kindergarten through grade 12 school modernizations: repair, renovation, energy efficiency improvements to existing schools. The Race to the Top program is part of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. This fund reserves up to .5% for the outlying areas, to be allocated “on the basis of their respective needs, as determined by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior.”
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/guidance.pdf

Program:	Teacher Incentive Fund
Federal Funding:	\$200 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Education
Description:	This program supports efforts to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools. The goals for the this program is to improve student achievement by increasing teacher and principal effectiveness, reform teacher and principal compensation systems so that teachers and principals are rewarded for increases in student achievement, increase the number of effective teachers teaching poor, minority, and disadvantaged students in hard-to-staff subjects and create sustainable performance-based compensation systems. Competitive grant.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherincentive/index.html

Program:	Impact Aid Program
Federal Funding:	\$100 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Education
Description:	Most Impact Aid funds, except for the additional payments for children with disabilities and construction payments, are considered general aid to the recipient school districts; these districts may use the funds in whatever manner they choose in accordance with their local and State requirements. Most recipients use these funds for current expenditures, but recipients may use the funds for other purposes such as capital expenditures. School districts use Impact Aid for a wide variety of expenses, including the salaries of teachers and teacher aides; purchasing textbooks, computers, and other equipment; after-school programs and remedial tutoring; advanced placement classes; and special enrichment programs. Payments for Children with Disabilities must be used for the extra costs of educating these

	children, 40% will be distributed by formula and 60% will be distributed through competitive grants at a later date.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oes/impactaid/whatisia.html

TRANSPORTATION

Program:	Territorial Highway Program
Federal Funding:	\$45 million
CNMI Funding:	\$4.5 million
Funding Agency:	Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Description:	Funds may be available for eligible surface transportation projects, cost-effective preventative maintenance activities, road improvements including planning, environmental studies, and design, construction, operation, and maintenance of highways.
Contact Information:	Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590 800-832-5660 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/summary.htm

Program:	Transit Capital Assistance
Federal Funding:	\$6.9 billion (formula + discretionary grants)
CNMI Funding:	\$1,114,292 (based on formula grants)
Funding Agency:	Federal Transit Administration, USDOT
Description:	Grants are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas. Urban Area Section 5307 and Non-urbanized Area Section 5311 grants. Discretionary grants: Under the new energy program, funding is also distributed for capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transportation systems.
Contact Information:	Federal Transit Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590 1-800-877-8339 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Program:	Grants-in-Aid for Airports: Rehabilitate Runways
Federal Funding:	\$1.1 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$5 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Transportation
Description:	The funds for the Grant-in-Airports are used for the planning and development of a safe and efficient national airport system to satisfy the needs of the aviation interests of the United States. This includes airport improvement grants for development projects that enhance capacity, safety, and security, as well as for aircraft noise compatibility planning and programs. Recovery funding will be used to issue discretionary grants to airports, with priority given to those projects that can be completed within two years.
Contact Information:	<u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u> Federal Aviation Administration 800 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20591 1-866-TELL-FAA (1-866-835-5322)
Website:	http://www.faa.gov/recovery/

PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Program:	Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust
Federal Funding:	\$190.7 million
CNMI Funding:	\$57,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	Through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Program, EPA provides resources to states and territories for the oversight, enforcement and cleanup of petroleum releases from underground storage tanks. \$190.7 million will pay for activities at shovel-ready sites to assess and cleanup underground storage tank petroleum leaks. The money may be used either to oversee assessing and cleaning up underground tank leaks, or directly pay for assessing and cleaning up leaks from federally regulated tanks where the responsible party is unknown, unwilling, unable, or the cleanup is an emergency response. The Recovery Act money for cleaning up underground storage tank leaks is intended to stimulate jobs such as those necessary to perform site assessments and cleanup activities.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	Brownfields Projects
Federal Funding:	\$100 million
CNMI Funding:	\$750,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	Funds are provided for Brownfields competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent of which are mandated by law to address petroleum contamination. Funds will capitalize revolving funds and provide low interest loans, job

	training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview
Program:	Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA)
Federal Funding:	\$300 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	Created in 2005, the DERA program provides grants and loans to states and local governments for projects that reduce diesel emission. Priority projects include those that maximize public health benefits by significantly reducing particulate matter emissions which are a significant threat to both human health and a likely contributor to global warming. The program also targets geographic areas with high air pollution and air toxics and areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution, such as truck stops and ports. EPA funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview
Program:	Clean Water State Revolving Funds
Federal Funding:	\$4 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$1,551,700

Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's CWSRF program awards annual capitalization grants to states as a long-term source of state financing a) for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities, b) for the implementation of non-point water quality management activities, and c) for the development and implementation of comprehensive estuary conservation and management plans.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
Federal Funding:	\$2 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$1,902,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) provides grants, distributed by formula, to states to capitalize their revolving loan funds which then finance drinking water infrastructure improvements. Community water systems, and non-profit, non-community water systems, are eligible to have projects funded. Some examples are projects to: rehabilitate or develop sources of drinking water; install or upgrade treatment facilities; install or upgrade storage facilities; install or replace transmission or distribution pipes; and replace aging water system infrastructure. Funds can also be used to conduct project feasibility studies, engineering design work, and project administration.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	National Park Service
Federal Funding:	\$750 million
CNMI Benefit:	\$747,000 (funding awarded to the National Park Service, American Memorial Park)
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Interior
Description:	Installation of Grid Connection to Solar Array at the Visitor Center of the American Memorial Park in Saipan.
Contact Information:	Elaine Hackett Congressional Liaison National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, NW, Room 7256 Washington, DC 20240
Website:	http://recovery.doi.gov/

ENERGY

Program:	State Energy Program
Federal Funding:	\$3.1 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$18,651,000 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	The State Energy Program (SEP) provides grants to states and directs funding to state energy offices. States use grants to address their energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. This funding will provide resources for activities in state energy offices, including key initiatives such as residential, commercial and governmental building energy efficiency retrofits.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)
Website:	http://www.energy.gov/recovery/

Program:	Weatherization Assistance Program
Federal Funding:	\$5 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$795,206
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	Enables low income families to reduce energy bills by making homes more energy efficient. Services include attic, wall and basement insulation, blower-door-guided air leakage reduction; heating system repairs or replacement; and health and safety testing and inspections. All measures are provided based on an on-site energy audit and on cost-effective guidelines. The program has been expanded to include households at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The maximum allowed per household has been increased from \$2,500 to \$6,500.
Contact	U.S. Department of Energy

Information:	1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)
Website:	http://www.energy.gov/recovery/
Program:	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
Federal Funding:	\$3.2 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$ 9,593,500 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	Assists local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)
Website:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm#eligible
Program:	State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program
Federal Funding:	\$300 million
CNMI Funding:	\$100,000

Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	The Rebate programs for consumer purchases of new ENERGY STAR® qualified home appliances. States and territories have the flexibility to decide on which residential ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances to include in their programs and the individual rebate amount for each appliance. DOE recommends that states and territories focus their program efforts on heating and cooling equipment, appliances, and water heaters as these products offer the greatest energy savings potential. ENERGY STAR® qualified appliance categories eligible for rebates include: central air conditioners, heat pumps (air source and geothermal), boilers, furnaces (oil and gas), room air conditioners, clothes washers, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, and water heaters. States and territories can use these funds to leverage the utility companies and energy efficiency program sponsors in their area.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)
Website:	http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7634.htm

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Program:	Dislocated Workers State Grant
Federal Funding:	\$1.25 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$595,309
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Program is to provide services to individuals who have been terminated or laid off, or have received notice of termination or layoff, from employment generally due to company closures or downsizing. Core services will include job search and placement assistance (including career counseling); labor market information (which identifies job vacancies; skills needed for in-demand jobs).
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm
Program:	Youth State Grants
Federal Funding:	\$1.2 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$512,149
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Youth Program provides services to youth ages 14-24. The main thrust of the Youth Program is to increase the focus on longer-term academic and occupational learning opportunities and provide long-term comprehensive service strategies through summer jobs and training programs.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	Adult State Grants
Federal Funding:	\$500 million
CNMI Funding:	\$205,279
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Intended to be customer-focused, to help Americans access the tools they need to manage their careers through information and high quality services, and to help companies find skilled workers.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	Community Service Employment for Older Americans
Federal Funding:	\$120 million
CNMI Funding:	\$390,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Community service and work based training program for older workers. Provides subsidized, part-time community service work based training for low-income persons age 55 or older who have poor employment prospects.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	YouthBuild
Federal Funding:	\$50 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	This competitive grant program funds projects that provide

	education and construction skills training for disadvantaged youth. Participating youth work primarily through mentorship and apprenticeship programs to rehabilitate and construct housing for low-income families.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm
Program:	High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors
Federal Funding:	\$750 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Funds are distributed by a competitive grant process to provide worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. For research, labor exchange, and job training prospects that prepare workers for careers in deconstruction and materials use industry, energy efficient building, construction, and retrofits industries. In awarding remaining funds, priority shall be given to projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Program:	Child Care and Development Block Grant Program
Federal Funding:	\$2 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$1,823,015
Funding Agency:	Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is the primary Federal program specifically devoted to child care services and quality. Fund will allow states across the country to support child care services for more families whose children require care while they are working, seeking employment or receiving job training or education. The funds will be used by states to provide vouchers to families for child care or to provide access to care through contracts with child care centers.
Contact Information:	Adm. for Children and Families San Francisco Regional Office 90 7th St., 9th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103 415-437-8400(Phone) 415-437-8444(Fax)
Website:	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html

Program:	Children and Families Services Programs (Head Start/Early Head Start)
Federal Funding:	\$2.1 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$340,000
Funding Agency:	Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Child development programs with overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children in low income families.
Contact Information:	Administration for Children and Families 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201
Website:	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html

Program:	Prevention and Wellness Fund: NCD Prevention Integrating Diabetes and Tobacco Programs
Federal Funding:	\$3 million
CNMI Funding:	\$ 221,128
Funding Agency:	Prevention and Wellness Fund, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) is issuing this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to support tobacco control, diabetes prevention and control, and BRFSS activities in the US Affiliated Pacific Islands. Public health efforts in tobacco control and diabetes prevention and control are critical to promoting the overarching goals of "Healthy People 2010", to increase the length and quality of life and eliminate health disparities. This program announcement addresses the focus areas of Tobacco Use, Educational and Community-Based Programs, Diabetes, and Surveillance and Data Systems.
Contact Information:	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1600 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30333, USA 1800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: (888) 232-6348
Website:	www.hhs.gov

Program:	Community Services Block Grant
Federal Funding:	\$1 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$770,658
Funding Agency:	Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Funds to address the needs of low-income individuals to improve the causes and conditions of poverty. Eligible entities use funds to provide services and activities addressing employment, education, housing, nutrition, and emergency services to combat the central causes of poverty. The services that are currently provided by community organizations that receive CSBG funds include Job training and placement assistance, financial programs

	such as credit counseling, nutrition programs that provide meals for vulnerable families and community agencies that bring public and private resources together to assist families in need.
Contact Information:	Administration for Children and Families 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201
Website:	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html
Program:	Senior Meals Program (Congregate Nutrition services and Home-Delivered Nutrition under Title III)
Federal Funding:	\$100 million (\$65 million for congregate nutrition services under Title III and \$32 million for home-delivered nutrition services under Title III)
CNMI Funding:	\$60,625 (\$40,625 for congregate nutrition services under Title III and \$20,000 for home-delivered nutrition services under Title III)
Funding Agency:	Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Congregate Nutrition Services (Title III-C1) provides funding for the provision of meals and related services in an array of congregate settings, which help keep older Americans healthy and prevent the need for more costly medical interventions. The program also presents opportunities for social engagement and meaningful volunteer roles, which contribute to overall health and well-being. Home-Delivered Nutrition Services (Title III-C2) provides funding for the delivery of meals and related services to seniors that are homebound. Home-delivered meals are often the first in-home service that an older adult receives, and the program is a key access point for the other home and community-based services. Home-delivered meals also are an essential service for many caregivers, by helping them to maintain their own health and well-being.
Contact Information:	Administration on Aging Washington, DC 20201 202 619-0724(Phone)
Website:	http://www.aoa.gov/

Program:	Medicaid
Federal Funding:	\$86.6 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$6.5 million (based on 30% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments)
Funding Agency:	Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Insular areas have the following two options for benefits: (a) 6.2% increase in the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentages (FMAP) plus 15% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments; OR (b) 30% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments.
Contact Information:	Medicare Service Center: 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227) Medicare Service Center TTY: 877-486-2048 Report Medicare Fraud & Abuse: 800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477)
Website:	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp

Program:	National Health Service Corps
Federal Funding:	\$300 million
Funding Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Competitive grants, scholarships, and loan repayment. Funds will be used for training primary healthcare providers including doctors, dentists, and nurses as well as helping pay medical school expenses for students who agree to practice in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps.
Contact Information:	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone)
Website:	http://www.hrsa.gov/

Program:	Ryan White Title II Formula Grants Program
Federal Funding:	\$1,209,487

CNMI Funding:	\$ 45,287
Funding Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	This grant used for developing and/or enhancing access to comprehensive variety of care which includes primary medical care, HIV-related medications; mental health treatment; substance abuse treatment; oral health; and case management services, home health care; nutritional, and rehabilitation services that assist low-income and families living with HIV. These funds are also used to ensure access to antiretroviral and other drug therapies, including prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections as well as combination antiretroviral therapies.
Contact Information:	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone)
Website:	http://hab.hrsa.gov/law/0709.htm

Program:	Immunization Grant Program
Federal Funding:	\$300 million
CNMI Funding:	\$337,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	The Section 317 program provides funding for immunization operations and infrastructure necessary to implement a comprehensive immunization program at the federal, state, and local levels. The funding will be used to purchase vaccines as well as to deliver vaccines and strengthen vaccination programs.
Contact Information:	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone)
Website:	www.hhs.gov

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Program:	Community Development Block Grants
Federal Funding:	\$1 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$1,374,719
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Under the Recovery Act, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/

Program:	Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Federal Funding:	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	Partners with local non-profit groups to build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455
Website:	**The funds for HOME Program were originally intended to be regular HOME funds appropriated through ARRA. Before the passage, the HOME funds were switched out of the bills in favor of \$2.25 billion of TCAP funds. TCAP funds have no HOME requirements and can only be used in LIHTC projects. Under the terms of the statute, only the 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico will receive TCAP allocations. **

Program:	Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Federal Funding:	\$2 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$364,162
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	Competitive Grants. Funds can be used by grantees to purchase and redevelop foreclosed homes, purchase and rehabilitate abandoned or foreclosed-upon homes, establish land banks, demolish blighted structures, and redevelop demolished or vacant properties as housing.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/recoveryact.cfm

Program:	Homelessness Prevention Program and Rapid Re-housing Program
Federal Funding:	\$1,492,500,000
CNMI Funding:	\$589,165
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	The Homelessness Prevention Fund will provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The funds under this program are intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds will provide for a variety of assistance, including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management.
Contact	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Information:	451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 Telephone: (202) 708-1112 TTY: (202) 708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/homeless-prevention.cfm

Program:	Project-Based Rental Assistance
Federal Funding:	\$2 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$104,208
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	The Section 8 Program was authorized by Congress in 1974 and developed by HUD to provide rental subsidies for eligible tenant families (including single persons) residing in newly constructed, rehabilitated and existing rental and cooperative apartment projects.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 Telephone: (202) 708-1112 TTY: (202) 708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/pbrassistance.cfm

TAX AND BENEFITS

Program:	Earned Income Tax Credit
Eligibility Amount:	Tax credit of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for married couples filing jointly
Description:	The EITC is a credit for certain people who work. You (and your spouse, if you are filing a joint return) and any qualifying children listed on schedule EIC need valid social security numbers. Find out if you are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC by answering some questions and providing basic income information. The program also assists you in determining your correct filing status, determining whether your child(ren) meets the tests for a qualifying child, and estimating the amount of credit you may receive.
Contact Information:	Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 12192 Covington, KY 41012-0192 1-800-829-1040
Website:	http://www.irs.gov/index.html

Program:	Social Security
Eligibility Amount:	\$250 would be paid to persons who receive Social Security and Veteran benefits.
Description:	A person is eligible for this allowance if he or she received Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Veterans benefits at any time during the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009. The payment will be made separately from other benefits provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA).
Contact Information:	Social Security Administration Office of Public Inquiries Windsor Park Building 6401 Security Blvd.

	Baltimore, MD 21235 1-800-772-1213
Website:	www.socialsecurity.gov

Program:	Higher Education Tax Credit
Eligibility Amount:	Up to \$2,500 of the cost of college tuition and other related expenses in 2009 and 2010.
Description:	Higher Education Tax Credit will allow you to claim a tuition deduction of up to \$4,000 of qualified education expenses paid during the year for yourself, your spouse, or you're dependent. You cannot claim this deduction if you're filing status is married filing separately or if another person can claim an exemption for you as a dependent on his or her tax return. The qualified expenses must be for higher education.
Contact Information:	Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 12192 Covington, KY 41012-0192 1-800-829-1040
Website:	http://www.irs.gov/index.html

GOVERNMENT SERVICES FUND

Program:	State Fiscal Stabilization Flex Funds
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
CNMI Funding:	\$4,006,915 (received to date)
Description:	Funds are allocated to support Public Safety and other Government services including costs related to monitoring sub grantees and complying with the ARRA reporting requirements. In addition, states may use these funds for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school and public or private college facilities. Allocation is based on “need” as determined by the Secretary of Education in consultation with the Secretary of Interior.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/guidance.pdf