



American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Healthcare Funding and Opportunity Resource Guide

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

The site includes information about Federal grant awards and contracts as well as formula grant allocations. Federal agencies will provide data on how they are using the money, and eventually, prime recipients of Federal funding will provide information on how they are using their Federal funds. On our end, we will use interactive graphics to illustrate where the money is going, as well as estimates of how many jobs are being created, and where they are located. And there will be search capability to make it easier for you to track the funds.

1. Summary of Existing HHS ARRA Program Plans

http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content%2Fagency-recovery-plan&agency_id=009

Broad Recovery Goals - HHS Recovery Act activities increase access to health care, protect those in greatest need, create jobs, expand educational opportunities, lay the groundwork for successful Health Reform, and provide immediate relief to states and local communities. HHS has been entrusted with carefully investing \$167 billion of taxpayer's funds for these purposes, and is committed to making every dollar count.

- [Aging Services Programs, Recovery Act – Congregate Nutrition Services Recovery Plan](#)
- [Aging Services Programs, Recovery Act – Home Delivered Nutrition Services Recovery Plan](#)
- [Aging Services Programs, Recovery Act – Nutrition Services for Native Americans Recovery Plan](#)
- [CDC: Infectious Diseases Recovery Plan](#)
- [Child Care and Development Fund Recovery Plan](#)
- [Childhood Immunization Program Recovery Plan](#)
- [Community Health Centers – Capital Recovery Plan](#)
- [Community Health Centers –](#)
- [Services Recovery Plan](#)
- [Community Services Block Grant Recovery Plan](#)
- [Early Head Start Recovery Plan](#)
- [Evidence-Based Clinical and Community-Based Prevention and Wellness Strategies Recovery Plan](#)
- [FMAP Increase Implementation Recovery Plan](#)
- [Foster Care Recovery Plan](#)
- [Head Start Recovery Plan](#)
- [Health Information Technology Recovery Plan](#)
- [Health Professions Programs Recovery Plan](#)
- [Health Professions Training Programs – National Health Service](#)

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[Corps Recovery Plan](#)

- [IHS Equipment Recovery Plan](#)
- [IHS Health Care Facilities Construction Recovery Plan](#)
- [IHS Health Information Technology Recovery Plan](#)
- [IHS Maintenance & Improvement Recovery Plan](#)
- [IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Recovery Plan](#)
- [Information Technology Security Recovery Plan](#)
- [Medicaid – Temporary Increased FMAP Recovery Plan](#)
- [Medicaid Extension Transitional Medical Assistance Recovery Plan](#)
- [Medicaid Increased DSH Allotments Recovery Plan](#)
- [Medicaid Qualified Individual Program Recovery Plan](#)
- [National Institutes of Health – Buildings and Facilities Recovery Plan](#)
- [National Institutes of Health – Extramural Research Programs Recovery Plan](#)
- [National Institutes of Health – Shared Instrumentation Recovery](#)

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- [National Institutes of Health: Extramural Research Facilities Construction Recovery Plan](#)
- [Office of Child Support Enforcement Recovery Plan](#)
- [Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology Recovery Plan](#)
- [Protections for Indians under Medicaid and CHIP Recovery Plan](#)
- [Recovery Act – Comparative Effectiveness Research – AHRQ Recovery Plan](#)
- [Recovery Act – Comparative Effectiveness Research – NIH Recovery Plan](#)
- [Recovery Act – Comparative Effectiveness Research – Office of the Secretary Recovery Plan](#)
- [Strengthening Communities Fund Recovery Plan](#)
- [TANF Emergency Contingency Fund Recovery Plan](#)
- [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\) Recovery Plan](#)

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2. Summary of HHS Activity To-Date

http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/agency-summary&agency_code=75

Financial and activity report document the major actions taken to-date, major planned actions, and detailed worksheets documenting spend by State and Program.

National Institute of Health (NIH)

<http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/>

The recent ARRA legislation provides an unprecedented level of funding (\$8.2 billion in extramural funding) to the NIH to help stimulate the US economy through the support and advancement of scientific research. While NIH Institutes and Centers have broad flexibility to invest in many types of grant programs, they will follow the spirit of the ARRA by funding projects that will stimulate the economy, create or retain jobs, and have the potential for making scientific progress in 2 years. We expect to:

- Select recently peer reviewed highly meritorious research grant applications (R01s and others), that can be accomplished in 2 years or less.
- Fund new research applications.
- Accelerate the tempo of ongoing science through targeted supplements to current grants.
- Support new types of activities such as the NIH Challenge Grant program that meet the goals of the ARRA.
- Use other funding mechanisms as appropriate.

The ARRA also provides \$1 billion to the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) to support extramural construction, repairs, and alterations in support of all NIH funded research institutions and \$300 million for shared instrumentation and other capital equipment to support all NIH activities

Health & Human Services (HHS) Grants and Contracts

<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/grantscontracts/index.html>

HHS is structuring its grants to result in meaningful and measurable outcomes and promote the goals of the Recovery Act. The evaluation criteria for awards will include those that will have an impact on the measurement and likelihood of achieving these outcomes, including, jobs creation and preservation.

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HHS may consider obligating funds provided under the Recovery Act on an existing grant, including, but not limited to, a continuation or renewal of that grant. Grants and Cooperative Agreements will spell out the assignment of agency roles and responsibilities to fulfill the unique requirements of the Recovery Act.

1. HHS Grants Forecast

<https://extranet.acf.hhs.gov/hhsgrantsforecast/>

The Department of Health and Human Services' Grants Forecast is a database of planned grant opportunities proposed by its agencies. Each Forecast record contains actual or estimated dates and funding levels for grants that the agency intends to award during the fiscal year. Forecast opportunities are subject to change based on enactment of congressional appropriations.

When funding is available and an agency is ready to accept applications, the agency will issue an official notice, known as a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), which will be available on Grants.gov. The FOA provides guidance on how to receive an application kit and instructions on how to apply.

2. HHS Tracking Accountability in Government Grants System (TAGGS)

<http://taggs.hhs.gov/>

The Tracking Accountability in Government Grants System (TAGGS) is an extensive tool developed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Grants. The TAGGS database is a central repository for grants awarded by the twelve HHS Operating Divisions (OPDIVs). TAGGS tracks obligated grant funds at the transaction level.

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)

<http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&mode=2&cached=true&objID=1200>

ONC is organizationally located within the Office of the Secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). ONC is the principal Federal entity charged with coordination of nationwide efforts related to the implementation and use of electronic health information exchange. The position was established on April 27, 2004, through Executive Order (EO) 13335, Incentives for the Use of Health Information Technology and Establishing the Position of the National Health Information Technology Coordinator, which directed the National Coordinator "to provide leadership for the development and nationwide implementation of an interoperable health information technology infrastructure to improve the quality and efficiency of health care."

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1. HealthIT.hhs.gov Information Related to the Economic Recovery Act of 2009

http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_10741_869068_0_0_18/HITREC_Federal%20Register%20Notice%202009-05-28.pdf

A Federal Register Notice and Request for Comments has been published announcing the draft description of the program for establishing regional extension centers to assist providers seeking to adopt and become meaningful users of health information technology, as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5)(ARRA). The notice includes information and addresses needed to submit comments on this draft program

2. ARRA Healthcare Grants Primer

http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_10741_871104_0_0_18/2009%2005%2029%20ARRA%20HIT%20Grants%20Primer%20v5%20FINAL.pdf

To help potential applicants and other interested parties better understand the federal grants process, ONC has prepared a "Getting Started" Grants Primer. This document highlights the key steps needed to find and apply for grants.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>

The CMS provides healthcare insurance and programs for qualified individuals. The site is a comprehensive resource for regulations, policy, programs, and research associated with healthcare delivery.

1. CMS ARRA Documentation and Support

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Recovery/>

CMS maintains a web site dedicated to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The site includes information about Medicare and Medicaid incentives for EHRs and important links to the Department of Health and Human Services. Documents such as the following are posted on the site

- A CMS fact sheet and questions/answers pertaining to the incentive programs
- Link to press release pertaining to the process of defining meaningful use (Comments are due June 26, 2009.)
- Resources on Health IT and privacy and security

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Grant and Funding Sources

The following resources provide an overview of some of the sites that can be used to identify healthcare industry grants and funding. The resources listed below are not limited to funding provided by the ARRA. They include private as well as public sources that can be called upon to obtain monies for expansion of healthcare technology, services, and research in pursuit of improving the quality of care, reducing cost, and enhancing healthcare delivery.

1. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Grants

<http://www.gold.ahrq.gov/> The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Grants On-Line Database (GOLD) is a searchable database of grants funded by AHRQ. In addition, you can search a database of research conducted by AHRQ staff (choose "Advanced Search").

2. Administration for Children and Families, HHS (ACF)

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/index.html> Funding opportunities for federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities.

3. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

<http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/> AHRQ supports a broad base of scientific research to promote improvements in clinical and health system practices, including the prevention of diseases and other health conditions.

4. Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

<http://www.aamc.org/members/cdc/start.htm> The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) has been honored to partner with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in a Cooperative Agreement that facilitates a wide range of activities to improve and increase collaborations between the academic medicine and public health.

5. Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH)

<http://fridayletter.asph.org/> New funding opportunities are listed each week in the "Funding Opportunities" section of the Friday Letter.

<http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=500> Funding opportunities relevant to both students and faculty of member schools.

<http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=752> Opportunities for graduate students and early career public health professionals.

6. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/> The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to reduce inequities and improve lives around the world. Grant programs include the Global Development Program to reduce hunger and poverty in the developing world, the Global

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Health Program to encourage the development of lifesaving medical advances, and the United States Program to reduce inequities by improving access to educational and other opportunities.

7. Center for Health and Health Care in Schools (CHHCS)

<http://www.healthinschools.org/News%20Room/Grant%20Alerts.aspx> Funding opportunities to assist in promoting the health of children through school-connected programs.

8. Center for Public Health Systems and Services Research (CPHSSR) U.S.

<http://www.publichealthsystems.org/cphssr/1409/1411/25365> Awards for projects involving public health systems and services research (PHSSR).

9. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<http://www.cdc-cafunding.org/> Funding opportunities from CDC that are available to members of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), and the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR). AAMC, ASPH and APTR each have a cooperative agreement with CDC that supports extramural projects including research and non-research activities. Members of their respective associations are eligible to participate in the cooperative agreement funding cycle.

<http://www.cdc.gov/about/business/funding.htm> CDC Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs), application forms, and information on CDC's grants process.

10. Community of Science Inc.

<http://fundingopps.cos.com/> Database of research funding opportunities.

11. Fogarty International Center, NIH (FIC)

http://www.fic.nih.gov/funding/directory_fellowships.htm A comprehensive compilation of international funding opportunities in biomedical and behavioral research published by the Fogarty International Center, part of the National Institutes of Health.

12. Foundation Center

<http://foundationcenter.org/> The Center provides information for grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public.

13. General Services Administration (GSA) U.S.

<http://www.cfda.gov/> Government-wide compendium of all federal programs, projects, services, and activities that provide assistance or benefits to the American public. Users can contact the office that administers a program for application instructions.

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14. Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund

<http://www.sewellfund.org/> Funding for medical and health care librarians and information specialists. The fund focuses in two major areas, learning partnerships with health science organizations and stipends to attend national professional meetings.

15. Grants.gov

<http://grants.gov/> Searchable information from all Federal grant-making agencies.

16. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

<http://www.hrsa.gov/hillburton/compliance.htm> Administers the Health Care and Other Facilities grant program that provides construction assistance to health facilities across the nation. The Division also manages the Hill-Burton program to assure that obligated health facilities provide free or reduced cost medical services to those persons who are uninsured and underinsured and meet eligibility criteria

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/> Education-related financial assistance.

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webexternal/fundingOpp.asp> Provides a searchable database of all Health Resources and Services Administration grant opportunities by key program area e.g., health professions training and services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/> Grants aimed at expanding access to, coordinating, restraining cost of, and improving the quality of essential health care in rural areas.

<http://www.hrsa.gov/stateplanning/> The State Planning Grants Program provides one-year grants to States to develop plans for providing access to affordable health insurance coverage to all their citizens.

17. National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

<http://www.naccho.org/topics/funding/> NACCHO works with The Foundation Center to identify public health-related funding resources at the national and state levels from private foundations.

18. National Institute of Health Grants Office

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm> NIH funds grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts that support the advancement of fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems to meet the NIH mission of extending healthy life and reducing the burdens of illness and disability. While NIH awards many grants specifically for research, they also provide grant opportunities that support research-related activities, including: construction, training, career development, conferences, and resource grants.

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19. National Library of Medicine (NLM) U.S.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/ep/extramural.html> Links to NLM grant programs, recent awards, deadlines and forms

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/ep/GrantResearch.html> Support for rigorous scientific research in biomedical informatics and bioinformatics.

<http://www.sis.nlm.nih.gov/outreach/outreachfunding.html> Funding opportunities on AIDS Community Information Outreach and other funding opportunities from the National Library of Medicine.

20. Pfizer Inc.

<http://www.promisingminds.com/> Grant and award programs which provide financial support for fellows, scholars, and host institutions in a wide range of therapeutic areas, health literacy topics, and public health issues.

21. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

<http://www.commongroundprogram.org/> Common Ground: Transforming Public Health Information Systems is a three-year, \$15 million national initiative program that will help state and local public health agencies better respond to health threats by improving their use of information systems. RWJF has awarded Common Ground grants—15 grants for up to \$30,000 and 16 grants for up to \$600,000—to 31 public health agencies throughout the country.

<http://www.rwjf.org/grants/> The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provides grants for projects that advance their mission to improve the health and health care of all Americans.

<http://investigatorawards.org/> Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research supports researchers whose crosscutting and innovative ideas promise to contribute meaningfully to improving health and health care policy. The program provides one of the few funding opportunities in the United States for investigator-initiated projects that are broad in scope, innovative in approach, and have national policy relevance.

<http://www.lifp.org/> Local Initiative Funding Partners (LIFP) is a partnership program between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and local grantmakers that supports creative, collaborative, community-based projects to improve health and health care for vulnerable populations.

22. Rural Information Center, National Agricultural Library (RIC)

<http://www.lifp.org/> Links to funding opportunities compiled by the National Agricultural Library.

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23. The Commonwealth Fund

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Grants-and-Programs.aspx> The Fund supports independent research on health and social issues and makes grants to improve health care practice and policy. We are dedicated to helping people become more informed about their health care and improving care for vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, low-income families, minorities, and the uninsured.

24. Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/fy2009.aspx> Grants that focus on building resilience and facilitating recovery for people with or at risk for mental or substance use disorders.

25. W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) U.S.

<http://www.wkkf.org/default.aspx?tabid=107&CID=-1&CatID=-1&NID=149&Status=Active&LanguageID=0> The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.