



## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Summary of Child Care and Early Education Funding

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**Child Care Block Grants** \*estimates provided by Center for Law and Social Policy\*

**Total ARRA Funding:** \$2 billion (of that \$255 million is targeted for Quality Expansion and \$93.6 million is targeted to Infants and Toddlers)

**Vermont ARRA Estimate:** \$2.82 million (of that \$233,405 is targeted for Quality Expansion and \$135,172 is targeted to Infants and Toddlers)

**Vermont FY08 Funding:** \$2.5 million

**Important Information:** The ARRA specifies that these funds should be used to supplement, not supplant, state funding spent on child care assistance for low-income families.

**FY09 Funding:** The omnibus appropriations bill passed the Senate on March 10 and is being sent to the President for his signature. It includes a total of \$2.1 billion (\$65 million more than FY08).

**Head Start/Early Head Start** \*no state estimates available, yet, from HHS\*

**Total Funding:** \$2.1 billion

**Vermont ARRA Estimate:** not available yet

**Vermont FY08 Funding:** \$13.59 million (excludes funding for technical assistance, research, development and evaluation, and program support).

**Important Information:** \$1 billion will be distributed through the regular Head Start formula. The remaining \$1.1 billion is to be directed toward the expansion of Early Head Start programs. Of the \$1.1 billion for Early Head Start, up to 10% may be spent on training and technical assistance activities for Early Head Start programs and up to 3% may be spent on monitoring activities for such programs. The ARRA does not provide direction on how the Early Head Start expansion funding is to be allocated to grantees by the Department of Health and Human Services.

**FY09 Funding:** The omnibus appropriations bill passed the Senate on March 10 and is being sent to the President for his signature. It includes a total of \$7.1 billion (\$234 million more than FY08).

**IDEA (Part B Preschool)** \*estimates provided by U.S. Department of Education\*

**Total Funding:** \$400 million

**Vermont ARRA Estimate:** \$916,299

**Vermont FY08 Funding:** \$845,111

**Important Information:** 50% of Part B Preschool grants will be awarded to State Education Agencies by the end of March 2009. The other 50% will be awarded by October 1, 2009. These awards will be in addition to the regular FY09 Part B Grants to States and Preschool Grants awards that will be made on July 1 (Grants to States and Preschool Grants) and Oct. 1, 2009 (Grants to States only). Together, these grant awards will constitute a state's total FY 2009 Part B Grants to States and Preschool Grants allocations.

**FY09 Funding:** The omnibus appropriations bill passed the Senate on March 10 and is being sent to the President for his signature. It includes a total of \$374 million (same as FY08).

**IDEA (Part C)** \*estimates provided by U.S. Department of Education\*

**Total Funding:** \$500 million

**Vermont ARRA Estimate:** \$2.139 million

**Vermont FY08 Funding:** \$2.135 million

**Important Information:** 50% of Part C grants will be awarded by the end of March 2009. The remaining 50% will be awarded by October 1, 2009.

**FY09 Funding:** The omnibus appropriations bill passed the Senate on March 10 and is being sent to the President for his signature. It includes a total of \$439 million (\$3.7 million more than FY08).

**State Fiscal Stabilization Fund** \*estimates provided by U.S. Department of Education\*

**Summary:**

- The governor has to apply for these funds. Eighty-one percent of the state's allocation (\$77.1 million in Vermont) needs to restore elementary, secondary and post-secondary education funding, (any program authorized under ESEA and IDEA is eligible) **and, as applicable, early childhood education programs and services** in FY2009, FY2010 and FY2011 to the greater of the FY2008 or FY2009 level, and, if applicable, to allow increases in FY2010 and FY2011. It's unclear if the state will be required to maintain this funding after FY2011. The U.S. Department of Education is currently analyzing that issue.
- Eighteen percent of the state's allocation (\$17.1 million in Vermont) must be used for "public safety and other government services," which can include elementary and secondary education and the modernization, renovation and repair of public school and institutes of higher education facilities.
- To receive a State Fiscal Stabilization Fund grant, the governor must submit an application giving the following 5 assurances:
  1. Maintenance of Effort: The state must support fund levels for education provided in FY2006 for FY2009, FY2010 and FY2011.
  2. Equity in Teacher Distribution: The state must provide equitable distribution of teachers between high- and low-poverty schools.
  3. Improve Collection of Data: The state must establish a longitudinal data system.
  4. Standards and Assessments: The state must enhance the quality of state assessments to measure student achievement.
  5. Support Struggling Schools: The state must comply with requirements related to schools identified in need of improvement.

**Total Funding:** \$53.6 billion

**Vermont ARRA Estimate:** \$94.3 million (\$77.1 million for education; \$17.1 million for government services, education may be included)

**Vermont's FY08 Funding:** n/a

**Other Important Information:** Questions? Please contact: [State.Fiscal.Fund@ed.gov](mailto:State.Fiscal.Fund@ed.gov)

## **Important Websites**

### **Center for Law and Social Policy**

State Estimates

[http://clasp.org/publications/aara\\_childcarestatealloc.pdf](http://clasp.org/publications/aara_childcarestatealloc.pdf)

### **U.S. Department of Education**

State Estimates

<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Recovery Website

[https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi\\_subscribe.html?code=USHHS&custom\\_id=1301](https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi_subscribe.html?code=USHHS&custom_id=1301)

### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

Recovery Website

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

### **General Information on ARRA**

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

### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Conference Report**

[http://www.conferencereport.gpoaccess.gov/\(X\(1\)S\(f3t14frjudhrlw45wzw1hkz3\)\)/DefaultN.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1](http://www.conferencereport.gpoaccess.gov/(X(1)S(f3t14frjudhrlw45wzw1hkz3))/DefaultN.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)