



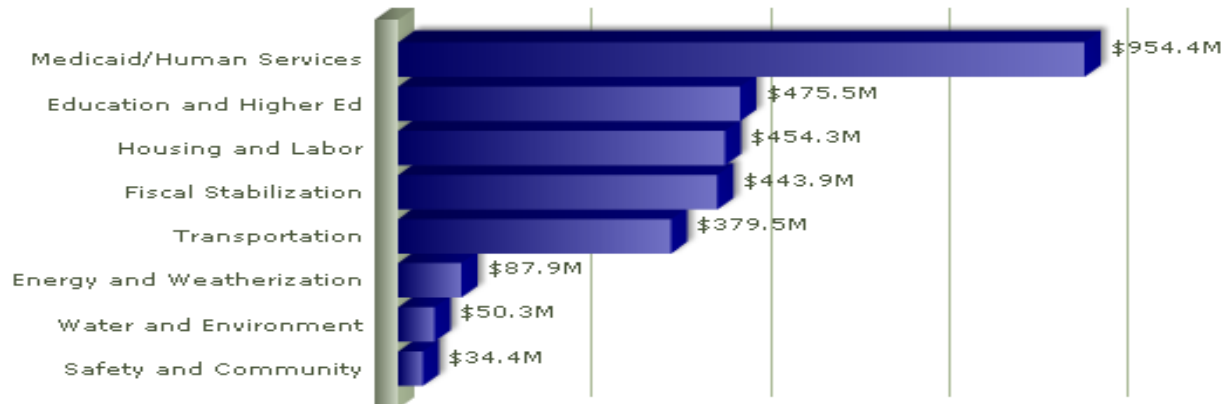
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## AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)

### Overview

On March 5, 2009, Governor Beebe certified that the State of Arkansas would accept funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the purpose of creating jobs and promoting economic growth. The majority of the funds received through the Recovery Act will be available for 27 months. Fifteen different state agencies are now involved in managing over fifty different programs under the Recovery Act. It is estimated that Arkansas will receive over \$3.1 billion dollars over the life of ARRA.

### State distribution of ARRA funds



\*Subject to federal agency allocation

### Agency Snapshot

#### Arkansas Highway and Transportation

**Amount Awarded: \$379 million**

Through the Arkansas Highway and Transportation department, Arkansas has been awarded \$251 million for highways and bridges and \$28 million for transit capital grants. The goal of this funding is to improve highway and safety mobility.

## **Arkansas Natural Resource Commission**

**Amount Awarded: \$49 million**

The State of Arkansas has been awarded funds to provide assistance to water, wastewater, and non-point source projects which will proceed quickly to construction. These projects will create jobs and further the objectives of the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act.

## **Department of Human Services**

**Amount Awarded (solely for weatherization): \$48.1 million**

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) enables low-income Arkansans who are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. Weatherization assistance includes replacing broken windows, caulking and weather stripping doors and windows, insulating ceilings and repairing and cleaning heating systems.

## **Arkansas Department of Energy**

**Amount Awarded: \$49 million**

The Arkansas Department of Energy received \$39.4 million for the State Energy Program (SEP) and \$9.6 million for distribution to small cities and counties through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants program (EECBG). The SEP program will provide grants for a variety of projects focusing on residential, commercial and governmental energy efficient construction and retrofits. The EECBG program will establish a regrant program for small cities and counties in Arkansas to reduce fossil fuel emissions and promote energy efficiency and energy conservation. The population thresholds for eligibility are 35,000 for cities and 200,000 for counties.

## **Arkansas Economic Development Commission**

**Amount Awarded: \$5 million**

In addition to the regular funding received each year, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission received an additional \$5 million in Community Development Block Grants. These funds will be distributed to eligible cities and counties for public infrastructure and construction projects that primarily benefit low-to-moderate income families and promote economic development. Potential projects are selected from PDD referrals and other partners.

## **Arkansas Department of Higher Education**

**Amount Awarded: \$42.5 million**

Through the Government General Service Funds, institutions of higher education received \$42.5 million to use for renovation, energy-efficiency upgrades and expansion of higher-education facilities. All of the public four-year and two-year institutions received funding along with four private institutions.