

American Reinvestment & Recovery Act:

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ARRA Education Funding in Pennsylvania

**Status Report to
Pennsylvania ARRA
Oversight Commission
December 3, 2009**

Summary of ARRA Education Funding to Pennsylvania

ARRA Funding Stream	Amount allocated to PA
State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Phase I: \$1.04 billion/Phase II: \$514 million	\$1.56 billion
ARRA Title I	\$398 million
ARRA Title I, School Improvement	\$121 million
ARRA IDEA School Age and Preschool	\$427 million
ARRA IDEA Pre-school Early Intervention	\$14 million
ARRA Title IID	\$25 million
ARRA Food Service Equipment	\$2.8 million
ARRA Education of the Homeless	\$1.8 million
School Construction Bonds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified Zone Academy Bonds • Qualified School Construction Bonds 	\$62.7 m for '08 and '09 \$316 million for 2009 (Phila gets separate \$147 million alloc)

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

\$1.56 billion (total Phase I and Phase II) to help stabilize education budgets and minimize cuts in exchange for state's commitment to advance essential education reforms

How SFSF funds were allocated in PA's 2009-10 education budget	Amount
Increase in Basic Education Fund for K-12 schools over 2008-09 level	\$300 million
Restoration of reduction in state funding in Basic Education Fund from 2008-09 level	\$355 million
Restoration of reduction in state funding to public institutions of higher education (IHE) for FY 2008-09	\$ 63 million
Restoration of reduction in state funding to public IHEs for FY 2009-10	\$ 93 million

ARRA IDEA Funds – School Age and Preschool

\$427 million to provide education services to children with disabilities Allocations to LEAs based on federal formula

- As of November 2009, \$69.77 million has been disbursed

ARRA IDEA Funds – Preschool Early Intervention

\$14 million to provide early intervention services to three and four year old children with developmental delays

ARRA Title I Funds

\$398 million in additional funding to provide educational services to economically disadvantaged children

- As of November 2009, \$384 million has been distributed to 558 LEAs

ARRA Title I, School Improvement Funds

\$121 million to be awarded competitively (aligned to Race to the Top application) to provide funds for districts to implement significant reforms to transform chronically low-performing schools.

- Final guidance not yet released
- State must identify bottom 5% of Title I schools
- Districts must agree to select one of four prescribed turnaround models:
 - Turnaround
 - Re-start
 - Closure
 - Transformation

ARRA Title II D Funds

\$25 million to promote education through technology

- PDE is finalizing plans to distribute money to eligible entities.
- Funding is to be 100% competitive to school districts and focus on expanding the reach of Classrooms for the Future type program.

ARRA Food Service Equipment Grants

\$2.8 million to expand student access to nutritious meals and promote energy efficiency in schools

- 133 schools in nearly 40 districts received funding
- 222 pieces of equipment were purchased:
 - nearly 100 pieces of cooking equipment
 - more than 60 refrigerators and/or freezers
 - 20 dishwashers
 - more than 40 serving lines, salad bars and cabinets

ARRA Funds for Education of the Homeless

\$1.8 million to provide additional funding to support education of homeless children

Region	Homeless Education Award
Allegheny IU	\$290,547
ARIN IU	\$103,097
Berks IU	\$262,430
Bucks IU	\$339,284
Lincoln IU	\$136,838
Luzerne IU	\$41,239
Midwestern IU	\$76,854
Philadelphia SD	\$624,208

Qualified Zone Academy Bonds

\$62.7 million for 2008 and 2009 in zero interest bonds to eligible school districts for school renovations, repair and other educational activities

Qualified School Construction Bonds

\$316 million in 2009 in zero interest bonds to school districts for the construction or renovation of school facilities

QZAB (existing program)

- Eligible districts are those with low income populations
- Funds may be used for renovation or repair, equipment and technology, challenging curricula and training quality teachers
- Match required from business partner or private entity

QSCB

- Pennsylvania has determined that eligible districts will be low income, high tax effort
- Funds may be used for construction or renovation of school facilities

ARRA Section 1512 Reporting

- PDE collected Section 1512 data under the guidance of Governor's Office of Administration
- USDE released additional guidance for education reporting
- For quarter ending Sept. 30, 2009, PDE collected data from over 700 sub-recipients on following funding streams:
 - ARRA Title I
 - ARRA IDEA
 - Education for the Homeless Grants
 - School Lunch Equipment Grants
- Next reporting for quarter ending Dec. 31, 2009

ARRA Competitive Grants

ARRA Competitive Grant	Total Amount Available Nationally	Application Due Date
Race to the Top	\$4.35 billion	Phase I - January 19, 2010 Phase 2 – June 2010
Race to the Top: Nat'l Assessments	\$350 million	Guidance not yet released
State Longitudinal Data System	\$250 million	November 19, 2009, extended to Dec. 4
Teacher Quality Enhancement Partnership	\$100 million	July 23, 2009 (Pa did not receive a grant in first round)
Teacher Incentive Fund	\$200 million	Guidance not yet released
Investing in Innovation	\$600 million	Final guidance not yet released

Race to the Top

Total amount to be distributed by federal government: \$4.35 billion

Purpose: in the largest ever federal competitive investment in school reform, the goal is to challenge states to create comprehensive strategies for addressing the four central areas of reform that will drive school improvement.

- awards to states “that have demonstrated success in raising student achievement and have the best plans to accelerate their reforms in the future.”
- Focus is on four core education reform areas (same as SFSF):
 - **Standards and assessments** that prepare students for college and workplace success
 - **Data systems** that measure student success and inform instruction
 - Creating and supporting **effective teachers and principals** and ensuring equitable distribution
 - **Turning around lowest achieving schools.**
- Pennsylvania likely eligible for \$200 million to \$400 million (based on population)
- VERY COMPETITIVE – Only 10 to 12 awards expected in Phase I.

Race to the Top National Assessments

Purpose: to support a consortium of states in the development of a next generation of assessments

- USDE has set aside \$350 million of Race to the Top funds for the development of national assessments.
- USDE now engaged in collecting expert and public input on how to proceed
- PA will be submitting testimony on its Keystone Reforms and end of course exams by due date of December 2

Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS)

Total amount to be distributed by federal government: \$250 million

Purpose: to award funds to states through a competitive process to design, develop, and implement statewide Pre-k to post secondary longitudinal data systems to efficiently and accurately manage, analyze, disaggregate and use individual student data.

- Adds \$250 million in ARRA funding to existing FY 2009 appropriation of \$65 million
- SLDS system must include 12 elements of America COMPETES Act
- Pa has already received two SLDS grants to help build Pa's PIMS system (Pa Information Management System)
- ARRA grant would provide funds to expand individual student information down to Pre-k and up through post secondary
- State applications due November 19, 2009, extended to Dec. 4

Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF)

Total amount to be distributed by federal government: \$200 million

Purpose: to provide additional funds to existing program to support performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools, primarily through grants to school districts and consortia of school districts.

- Adds \$200 million in ARRA funding to existing FY 2009 appropriation of \$97 million
- Eligible entities are state, LEAs or partnership of state, LEAs and non profit organizations.
- Guidance not yet available.

Investing in Innovation Fund (i3)

Total amount to be distributed by federal government: \$650 million

Purpose: to provide competitive grants to support efforts to bring to scale educational practices with significant evidence of success in improving student achievement.

- Eligible entities include LEAs, partnerships between nonprofit organizations and an individual LEA, or consortium of LEAs
- Eligible entities apply directly to US Department of Education
- Proposed priorities were published in the Federal Register October 9, 2009; final regulations not yet released.

Teacher Quality Enhancement Partnerships

Total amount to be distributed by federal government: \$100 million

Purpose: funds to partnerships to improve the quality of new teachers working in high need LEAs.

- Eligible entity is partnership that must include IHE(s) and high need LEA(s)
- Grants are to support the creation of successful and high quality teacher preparation or residency programs Application due date was in July 2009.
- Pa submitted a state level application with IHE and LEA partners but was not funded in the first round of awards.

ARRA Education Funding Next Steps

- December 4 – submission of SLDS application
- December, January – continued distribution of ARRA funding: Title I, IDEA, SFSF, Title IID
- January 5 – Section 1512 reporting for quarter ending December 31, 2009
- January 11, 2010 – Submission of SFSF Phase II application
- January 19, 2010 – Submission of Race to the Top application

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