



Implementing the American
Recovery and Reinvestment Act ...
The Oregon Way

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act



- An ambitious \$787 billion national economic recovery initiative over the next 3 years
 - Designed to jumpstart our economy
 - Create or save millions of jobs
 - Put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century

What the ARRA Is



- Provides direct assistance & benefits to individual Oregonians through existing programs, tax incentives, etc.
- Provides *some* assistance to state governments to fill state budget deficits.
- Provides additional state funding through a number of existing state administered programs.
- Provides direct funding opportunities for local communities and cities.

What the ARRA Is Not



- Does not directly provide seed or venture capital grant opportunities for entrepreneurs or start up businesses.
- Does not generally include discretionary dollars for the Governor to allocate to projects.
- Does not fill the budget deficit that Oregon is facing and will not prevent all cuts to services.
- Does not allocate all money to states in a one-time payment. Funding opportunities are staggered throughout a 3 year period.
- Does not include one deadline for applications for all programs. Each funding program will have specific deadlines.

Recovery Act Opportunities



- How the distribution of federal Recovery Act funds works:
 - ARRA outlines more than 100 programs that will receive funds. Most are existing programs at the federal, state or local level.
http://www.oregon.gov/recovery/arra_funding_sources.shtml
 - Each program has eligibility requirements established by federal or state law or rules. The recovery act will have additional guidance and eligibility criteria.
 - Applicants apply to the federal government, the state of Oregon or the designated local organizations, depending on what the legislation directs.

Recovery Act Opportunities



- 4 different types of funding opportunities
 - Direct benefits to individuals
 - Program funds distributed to the state of Oregon
 - Opportunities for vendors/contractors
 - Competitive program funds to be distributed by the federal government

Opportunities for Individuals



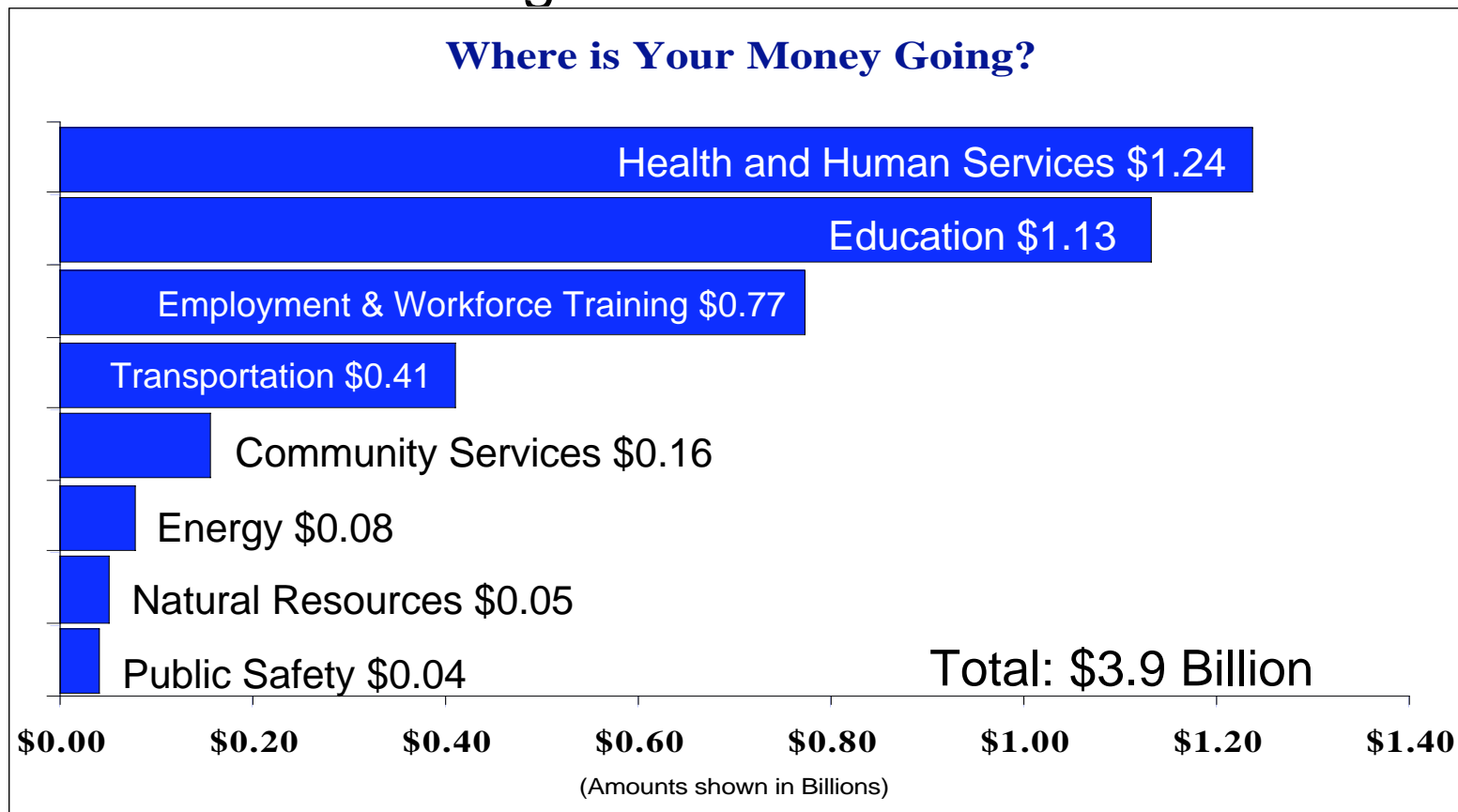
- Federal recovery act funds benefiting individuals will be distributed through established channels.
- There is no need for individuals to submit a proposal to the state for individual benefits.
- Examples include:
 - Unemployment benefits
 - Food stamps
 - Medical assistance
 - For more information:

http://oregon.gov/recovery/qa_individuals.shtml

State Opportunities



- The \$3.9 billion in “formula grants” are dollars that *will* come to Oregon for:



Opportunities for Vendors



- Given the increase in funding to state agencies and programs, there will be increased opportunities for vendors to do business with the state of Oregon.
- Most state agencies post their procurement opportunities on the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN).
- To register or search a list of available opportunities visit the ORPIN website:
<http://orpin.oregon.gov>

Competitive Opportunities



- There are \$37 billion in national “competitive grants” that *could* come to Oregon.
 - Broad range of programs, potential recipients, timelines, and available details
 - Advantage will go to states that are strategic in their approach
 - Governor Kulongoski launched the Oregon Way Advisory Group to position Oregon to take advantage of the competitive opportunities contained in the Recovery Act.

The Oregon Way Advisory Group



- Charged with identifying signature projects across the state that will showcase Oregon's green expertise to the nation, helping to bring long-term job growth.
 - Providing expert advice to state agencies, local governments, and others seeking competitive federal stimulus dollars
 - Ensuring maximization of *The Oregon Way* criteria in economic recovery efforts statewide
 - Raising the profile of Oregon's public and private sector capacity for implementing sustainability
 - Enhancing transparency and accountability of federal stimulus spending in Oregon

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The Oregon Way Process

The Oregon Way Criteria



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- Executive Order 09-06 established 6 priorities for economic recovery efforts in Oregon:
 - Job Creation
 - Local Sourcing
 - Workforce Development
 - Energy Impact
 - Integration
 - Applied Innovation

Oregon Way Process



- The Advisory group will only be considering signature projects that meet the Oregon Way criteria and guidelines:
 - Public-private collaboration and state agency involvement
 - Includes both immediate and long term job opportunities
 - The potential to attract significant Recovery Act funds to Oregon
 - Promotes Oregon's sustainability, renewable energy, carbon reduction, energy efficiency, and green development goals.

The Oregon Way Process



- Not all projects that are submitted for consideration to the Oregon Way will be presented to the Advisory Group.
 - Only those projects that most closely meet the guidelines and criteria and for which a likely competitive grant funding source is available will be brought forward
- Please do not let the Oregon Way process impede regular progress for a project
 - Projects do not have to go through the Oregon Way process in order to apply for federal competitive funds.

Oregon's Strategy for Implementing ARRA



- Economic Recovery Executive Team
- *The Oregon Way* Criteria
- Oregon Way Advisory Group
- Transparency & Accountability Measures

Economic Recovery Executive Team



- Dedicated “war room” of experienced managers to coordinate and track “ARRA” implementation in Oregon
 - Report directly to Governor’s Office, but in regular direct contact with state agencies, local governments, and project managers throughout the state
 - Staff support for Oregon Way Advisory Group
 - Ombudspersons for project sponsors, vendors, legislators, etc.

Transparency & Accountability Measures



- Oregon taxpayers must know how every dollar is spent and the results it produces.
 - Economic Recovery Executive Team established in the Governor's Office
 - Comprehensive statewide stimulus tracking database, employing innovative GIS technology (ORSTATS)
 - Designed to help state agencies, counties, cities, and organizations track and report back to federal agencies.
 - Oregon economic recovery website:
<http://www.oregon.gov/recovery>