

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

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Alabama	The Department of Economic and Community Affairs will work with the state's 12 regional planning commissions, cities, towns and Economic Development Authorities to make sure funds are distributed appropriately. In January, the director of the DECA requested that the state Association of Regional Councils contact local governments to compile a list of "ready to go" infrastructure projects statewide.
Arizona	Gov. Brewer directed the formation of an office w/in the budget office to handle the stimulus money. This office will be headed by Jim Apperson and will be the focal point for identifying AZ response making sure shovel-ready projects are identified, getting education money ASAP and then checking to make sure the state stays within the law and complies with the reporting requirements, etc. The office is not officially created—in process.
Arkansas	In the process of developing the state's internal and external processes as it relates to the ARRA.
California	Assemblyman Manuel Perez will lead the Stimulus, Economic Recovery and Jobs Task Force. The task force will work with local governments, business, health, education and other groups over the next three months to find ways to make sure the funds benefit Californians. The task force will coordinate with potential recipients of the funds to draft a "24-month blueprint" to ensure that every possible dollar is received. The task force will produce a draft plan, hold hearings around the state working with Assembly committees, and produce its final plan by May 15.
Connecticut	The state has not appointed a "czar," but the governor has been in contact with the state's federal delegation. Gov. Rell formed broad-based working groups of legislators, agency heads, municipal leaders and business to determine a final prioritized list of shovel-ready projects. Gov. Rell has sent invitations to participate in the working group to the four legislative caucuses, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the Conference of Small Towns and the Connecticut Construction and Industry Association. She also asked the state Departments of Transportation, Economic and Community Development, Public Works and Labor to participate, as well as the Office of Policy and Management and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness. A representative from the governor's office will join the panel as well as two designees from the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission.
Florida	Governor has convened work group with budget directors and agency heads that will be impacted by stimulus package. Work groups have met. The governor's office will take the lead.
Hawaii	Barry Fukunaga, the governor's chief of staff, has been put in charge of coordinating the stimulus fund dispersal. The governor has formed a committee to decide where the money will go and Fukunaga heads the committee. The committee will include representatives from various departments. The House speaker's office indicated that the House Finance Committee would take the lead within the legislative body.
Idaho	At this point, no specific state agency/person is coordinating response to the stimulus, according to the governor's office. The House speaker's office indicated that the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will probably take the lead.
Illinois	At this point, there is no central coordinator for the stimulus funds.
Indiana	Mitchell Roob, secretary of commerce and CEO of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, will be coordinating the efforts.

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Iowa	The governor's office is coordinating a series of working groups representing state agencies that will oversee a range of programs that may benefit from this legislation, such as transportation, education, human services, etc. The groups will analyze the final legislation to assure the funds are maximized and distributed in a timely manner. The governor and lieutenant governor will work closely with the legislative leadership on the FY10 budget to make sure funds are utilized properly.
Kansas	Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson is serving as chairman of the newly formed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Advisory Group. The group consists of various cabinet officials and, to ensure the legislature is involved, the governor has asked four legislative leaders to each appoint one member to the group. The goals of the group are to communicate with Congress during the deliberation process, advise the governor on implementation of the ARRA, provide transparency and accountability for funds and report to the legislature, government officials and the public about expenditures. The state has created a Web site, www.governor.ks.gov/recovery , to help Kansans get involved by learning what jobs are being created, etc.
Kentucky	The governor has appointed an interagency task force led by the Executive Cabinet secretary and the task force is working through stimulus issues now. They hope to have the task force report back next week.
Louisiana	Unclear as to who will guide the spending in this state.
Maine	The commissioner of the Department of Administration & Financial Services is the lead person on the stimulus implementation. The state has working groups within cabinet-level agencies to plan for meeting the various reporting requirements and project determinations. They have established a Web site to provide updates and will eventually post transparency and accountability methodology. According to the governor's deputy chief of staff, David Farmer, "Our goal will be to have every dollar coming in tracked as it comes in and goes out all the way down to the local level or contractor level that it goes out to. We are setting up mirror accounts in our financial system so that any new federal stimulus dollars are not co-mingled with existing federal funding or other funds so that it can be segregated and tracked more easily with a focus on accountability and transparency." A special committee on energy has talked about energy-related stimulus spending. "Much of the spending from our understanding is through formula. It's not discretionary. We've been working directly with leadership and the primary (legislative) committee that we've been briefing is the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee." All of Maine's committees are joint and have members of both the House and Senate on them. They have also been doing regular updates with other committees and committee chairs.
Maryland	The state will use existing staff, resources and agencies to address the federal funds resulting from ARRA. The state's StateStat program has already been engaged to provide the tools for tracking and monitoring expenditures, much of which is required in the bill language. The governor has asked all of his cabinet officials to determine the most efficient means of utilizing the funds that fall within their respective jurisdictions in a way that rebuilds the state's economic infrastructure, stabilizes the economy and creates jobs for Marylanders.
Massachusetts	In December, the governor established several Project Delivery Task Forces led by the lieutenant governor and members of the cabinet. Task forces are responsible for reviewing and developing projects that are shovel-ready, the final reports are available at www.mass.gov/recovery . This central Web site will allow for openness and transparency. Jeffrey Simon, director of infrastructure investment, will lead the economic recovery infrastructure program.
Michigan	At this point, it remains unclear who will be responsible for overseeing how the stimulus dollars are spent.
Minnesota	The governor appointed Tom Hanson as the federal stimulus coordinator for the state. Hanson is currently the commissioner of management and budget. His role will be to identify the most efficient use of stimulus funds and ensure accountability measures are in place and working correctly.
Mississippi	According to an AP article, the governor's office is examining how the stimulus will benefit the state. The governor's staff is discussing the package, which includes job estimates, before he will comment.
Missouri	The governor recently formed the Missouri Economic Stimulus Coordination Council within the executive branch, and the council recently held its first conference call.

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Montana	The governor-appointed task force has developed a list of shovel-ready projects, but at this point the list has not been prioritized; that will happen once details of the federal plan are better understood.
Nevada	The governor and legislative leadership have been in contact with the state's federal delegation. The governor's budget office is currently reviewing the bill and upon the bill's signing, the administration will work to immediately present to the legislature a supplement to the budget.
New Hampshire	Executive Order 209-1 established the Office of Economic Stimulus. The office has the power and responsibility to assist the governor and agencies in the management and expenditure of funds under ARRA. OES coordinates with agencies to make sure conditions are met, supports efforts to obtain and administer state grants, and issues requests for proposals. The governor appoints the director, who will report directly to the governor. State employees are temporarily being assigned to the office. All state departments and agencies cooperate/coordinate with the director.
New Jersey	The state is in the process of reviewing the details of the bill and the governor has said officials wouldn't make any determinations until they know more about what they will be receiving.
New Mexico	The governor has proposed calling a special session to deal with budget issues as a result of stimulus money. The governor has been in discussions with legislative leaders regarding next year's budget and the stimulus money.
New York	Gov. Paterson created the State Economic Recovery & Reinvestment Cabinet. It will be composed of state agency heads and senior members of the governor's staff and will work closely with local governments. Timothy J. Gilchrist, senior adviser for infrastructure and transportation, leads the cabinet.
North Carolina	Governor created the temporary Office of Economic Recovery & Investment to coordinate and track the state's handling of stimulus money and other state economic recovery initiatives. The office will be aided by staff in the governor's office and designated representatives from various state agencies responsible for the administration and distribution of the funds. It will be headed by Dempsey Benton; the office will track all the money, maximize the state's use of funds, identify the fast way to move the money into the economy, establish transparency and a clear communications network, report to the General Assembly regularly and measure the state's progress of the recovery effort.
North Dakota	To date organizational changes have been few. The state has appointed a stimulus coordinator who is working on a contract basis to gather information from various sources including NGA, WGA, NASBO, Congressional offices, and national organizations that are affiliated with the Governor's Cabinet agencies. Much of this information has been gathered and organized by the Office of Management and Budget staff to date. This has been an effective approach because of their responsibilities and contacts with state agencies through whom much of the ARRA 2009 funds will flow.
Ohio	The state has set up an online portal— recovery.ohio.gov .
Oklahoma	The secretary of state will be coordinating the stimulus effort.
Oregon	Exec. Order 09-06 created the Oregon Way Advisory Group. The group was established to advise and assist those seeking competitive stimulus grants by developing grant proposals. Proposals for projects done the Oregon way. The governor appoints members of the group from both the public and private sectors. The group's goal is to look for projects with immediately ready jobs, use Oregon companies, green development, innovative approaches to technology, and have the potential to attract additional funding through block grants, etc. Agency directors must report on what programs they think should get money within 60 days of president signing.
Pennsylvania	The governor has said that the stimulus plan will dovetail with his Rebuild Pennsylvania program. The governor's proposed spending plan for FY10 was partly based on projections of what the state would receive in stimulus money.
Rhode Island	Executive Order 09-04 created Office of Economic Recovery & Reinvestment within the governor's office. The office is responsible for administering funds and complying with ARRA. It also establishes processes for identifying and tracking projects and the requirements provided by ARRA. The office will present recommendations to governor, who will then certify and approve the infrastructure/improvement projects related to ARRA. The office will work with the Department of Administration to make sure funds are tracked and accounted for. Encourages all executive branch agencies, cities and localities to cooperate and provide support to the office.

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South Carolina	The governor is still debating whether to take the stimulus money, however, state Department of Transportation officials are meeting to put together ideas on how to spend the money.
South Dakota	The state has made no final decision, but most likely its budget and finance office in consultation with affected cabinet officers and the governor will make decisions about the stimulus—the same way the state budgeting system works.
Tennessee	Bredesen administration officials say they are still working to compile a list of potential non-road projects that may be covered by the stimulus money. State Finance Commissioner Dave Goetz has asked the State Building Commission and officials with the state's two public university systems to begin working on a list of top priority projects. The legislature has also passed a resolution to delay the state budget until as late as March 31.
Texas	The governor and his staff are still reviewing the stimulus package and what it will mean for Texas. Gov. Perry has met with staff and state agency leaders to discuss.
Utah	It seems as though a special session of the legislature will be called to handle stimulus issues. Currently the governor and the legislature are at odds. The governor wants to use the money in this year's budget, but the legislature doesn't want to count on that.
Vermont	The governor has created the Vermont Federal Recovery Office within the Agency of Administration. The office will serve as the single point of contact and coordinate recovery projects within the state. The office will be directed by Jim Bush.
Virginia	The state launched a Web site in February— <i>stimulus.virginia.org</i> . This site allows localities and citizens to weigh in on how they think the money should be distributed. The site serves as a central repository for proposals and people can review what others have already proposed. After identifying projects that will fall under ARRA, the state will handle them as they would their normal state budgeting process. In some cases, information will be sent directly to other localities or government entities.
Washington	The governor brought back a former state employee, Dick Thompson, to coordinate the stimulus. Thompson served as Gov. Gary Locke's budget director. He hears all the requests/suggestions and works for the governor pro bono. The budget office is trying to track all the requests.
West Virginia	The state's Department of Revenue has been coordinating agency requests/shovel-ready lists, and Lara Ramsburg, the governor's director of policy, is working with the state's congressional delegation to determine the final breakdown of the bill itself and its impact on West Virginia.
Wisconsin	Through Executive Order 274, the Office of Recovery and Reinvestment was created. The office is responsible for administering and complying with the ARRA and other stimulus related legislation. The governor and secretary of the Department of Administration designate who serves in the office.
Wyoming	The governor has assembled a team of representatives from roughly 20 state agencies, including State Lands director (chair) and the governor's chief of staff. The team meets twice a week.
District of Columbia	The D.C. Council held an oversight roundtable meeting Feb. 11 to discuss the stimulus. The Council was told that in the mayor's administration, the director of Housing and Community Development would manage new housing spending, the director of the Department of the Environment would manage alternative energy spending and the director of the Department of Transportation would manage infrastructure spending.
Northern Mariana Islands	The governor has appointed the commerce secretary as the point person to apply for the money the territory wants to receive. The secretary has asked department heads to identify "shovel-ready" projects. They cannot afford to create a commission or hire a specialist to oversee the stimulus money.
Virgin Islands	Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls traveled to D.C. to participate in a meeting with U.S. Transportation Secretary, White House officials and other state secretaries. The governor also traveled to D.C. to meet with congressional leaders

Source: This information was gathered through phone and e-mail conversations with state government offices, as well as through information found in governors' executive orders, press releases and various news sources.

Note: Data not yet available for Alaska, Colo., Del., Ga., Neb., Amer. Samoa, Guam and P.R.