



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Economic Stimulus

Florida Fast Facts American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. This legislation will pay for needed transportation improvements in Florida while providing jobs and other economic benefits. This Fact Sheet provides estimates of Florida's anticipated funding and related information.

Estimated Transportation Funding for Florida

Airport Improvements	\$70 million
Highways and Bridges.....	\$1.347 billion
<i>Statewide flexible funding</i>	<i>[\$902.3 million]</i>
<i>Areas over 200,000 population</i>	<i>[\$292.6 million]</i>
<i>Areas under 200,000 population</i>	<i>[\$94.6 million]</i>
<i>Areas under 5,000 population</i>	<i>[\$16.7 million]</i>
<i>Transportation enhancements</i>	<i>[\$40.4 million]</i>
Transit – Urban systems	\$290 million
Transit – Rural transit systems.....	\$20 million
Transit – Fixed guideway systems	\$5.4 million

Other Transportation Funding for Which Florida May Apply

Supplemental Discretionary Grants.....	\$1.5 billion
High Speed Rail Corridors and Passenger Rail	\$8 billion

Project Selection/Federal Requirements

For information on the factors to be considered in project selection and federal requirements, please see "Key Transportation Provisions Related to Project Selection" on the FDOT Web page identified at the bottom of this page under "For More Information"

Vendor Qualification and Certification Information

Construction/Maintenance:	http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/
Professional Services:	http://www.dot.state.fl.us/procurement/
Disadvantaged Business Enterprises:	http://www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice/
Minority Business Enterprises:	http://dms.myflorida.com/other_programs/office_of_supplier_diversity_osd

For More Information

The Florida Department of Transportation will post updates to this report and other information at: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economicstimulus>

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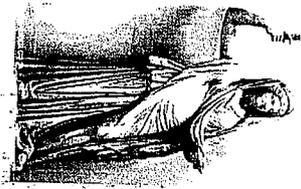
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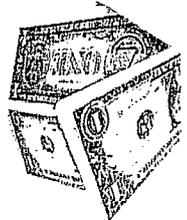
Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA)

- Includes \$541 million total allocation to Florida for Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- \$450 million in direct funding from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to 48 "entitlement" communities
- \$91 million to state government, of which \$88 million will go to local governments



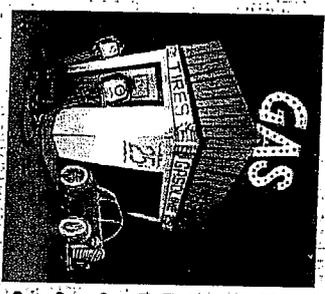
Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

On July 30, 2008, former President Bush signed into Law the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 to address the severe housing crisis. Title III of the Act appropriates \$3.92 billion of grant funds under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program for states and local govern-



ments to purchase and redevelop abandoned or foreclosed properties. It also directed the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to target funding to areas with the greatest needs based on the extent of foreclosures, subprime mortgages and mortgage delinquencies and defaults. The Federal Notice, which was released on September 30, provides information regarding method of allocation, program requirements, application procedures, and waivers granted.

- A total of \$88 million will be allocated to the areas of greatest need in the State of Florida.
- Two separate Neighborhood Stabilization Program allocations: the Regular Neighborhood Stabilization Program Allocation and the Supplemental Low-Income Allocation for rental housing.



Fueling the Economic Engine

Many businesses will benefit from these dollars in your community, creating jobs and additional work:

- Home Inspectors
- Appraisers
- Realtors
- Real Estate Attorneys
- Building Supplies Stores
- Mortgage Brokers
- Home Builders
- Tradesmen (plumbers, carpenters, masons, painters, roofers, landscapers, electricians, HVAC, etc.)
- Appliance Stores
- Flooring Companies/Installers
- Title Companies
- Remediation Companies
- Financial Institutions
- Local Government Staff (clerks, inspectors, etc.)

How Do I Get Involved?

Contact your local government community development department/agency for information on how you and your business can get involved. This initiative creates new opportunities for small- and minority-owned businesses to participate in helping to rebuild Florida.

State Funded:

Alachua County 352-337-6285

Bay County 850-872-7230

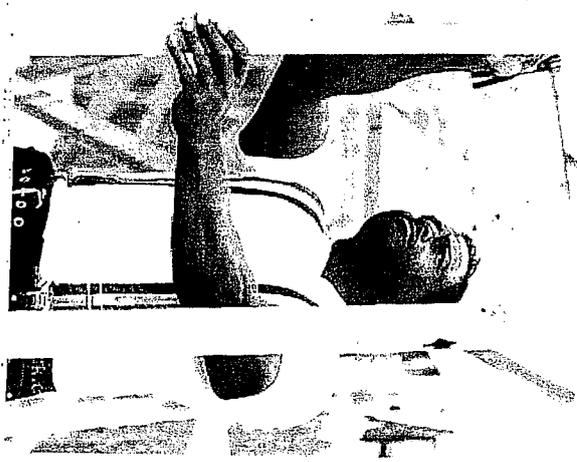
Bradenton 941-932-9408

Charlotte County 941-505-4889

Citrus County 352-527-5381

Clay County 904-541-5831

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LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, through a network of local governments and nonprofit agencies, assists low-income households in meeting the costs of home heating and cooling. The majority of the funds are used for utility payment assistance. This is a federally funded program administered by the

2007-2008 PROSPECTIVE

- Over 73,000 households assisted.
- 78 percent of households served had incomes below the federal poverty level.
- 33 percent of households served included an elderly person.
- 26 percent of households served included a disabled person.
- 26 percent of households served included a child under 5 years of age.

2007-2008 FEDERAL FUNDS

\$30.4 Million received from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

For the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, the household income may not be more than 150 percent of the federal poverty level. If the household's income is greater than this amount, the applicant may still be eligible because some types of income are not counted. Applicants must apply for assistance with the local Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program provider in the county in which they live. Applicants seeking assistance must provide proof of household income, as well as proof (for example, a utility bill or lease agreement) that they are responsible for paying all or part of their household energy costs.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

The program has three categories of assistance: home energy assistance, crisis assistance, and weather related or supply-shortage emergency assistance. Each category has unique requirements and may cover:

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

- Utility Bill Payment

CRISIS AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

- Utility Bill Payment
- Utility Deposits
- Fees for Restoring Power
- Repair or replacement of heating and cooling equipment

WHERE TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

To receive home energy assistance, you must apply to the agency serving the county in which you live. A list of the agencies is on the Department of Community Affairs' website at:

www.FloridaCommunityDevelopment.org/liheap

You may also call the Department of Community Affairs at 850-488-7541.

Number of People in Household	Maximum Annual Household Income
1	\$16,245
2	\$21,855
3	\$27,465
4	\$33,075
5	\$38,685
6	\$44,295
7	\$49,905
8	\$55,515
For each additional member of the household add \$5,610	



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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Community Services Block Grant Program, working through a network of local governments and non-profit agencies, helps low-income Floridians improve their lives. This is a federally funded program administered by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Development.

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- Low-income residents become more self-sufficient.
- Low-income residents, especially those in vulnerable populations, achieve their potential through stronger family and other supportive services.
- The conditions in which low-income residents live are improved.
- Low-income residents own a stake in their communities.
- Partnerships are achieved among supporters and providers of services to low-income residents.
- Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

For the Community Services Block Grant program, the household's income may not be more than 125 percent above the federal poverty level. If the household's income is greater than this amount, the applicant may still be eligible since some types of income are not counted. Applicants must apply for assistance with the local Community Services Block Grant provider in the county in which they live, and must provide proof of household income.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

The program provides a wide variety of services designed at the local level to meet specific community needs. These include:

- Assistance to help low-income residents attain the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Immediate life necessities such as food, shelter, medicine, etc.

2007-2008 STATE WIDE PERSPECTIVE

- 162,000 households assisted.
- 80 percent of households receiving services reported incomes below the federal poverty level

2007-2008 FEDERAL FUNDING

\$18.9 million received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

WHERE TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

To receive assistance, you must apply to the Community Services Block Grant agency servicing the county in which you live. A list of the agencies is on the Department of Community Affairs' website at:

www.FloridaCommunityDevelopment.org/csbg

You may also call the Department of Community Affairs at 850-488-7541

2009-2010 Household Income Guidelines	
Number of People in Household	Maximum Annual Household Income
1	\$13,538
2	\$18,213
3	\$22,888
4	\$27,563
5	\$32,238
6	\$36,913
7	\$41,588
8	\$46,263
For each additional member of the household add \$4,675	



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WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Weatherization Assistance Program annually provides grant funds to community action agencies, local governments, Indian tribes and non-profit agencies to provide specific program services for low-income families of Florida. These entities provide program services throughout the state.

MISSION: The mission of the program is to reduce the monthly energy burden on low-income households by improving the energy efficiency of the home.

FUNDING: The program is funded each year by the U.S. Department of Energy and receives supplemental funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The extent of services to be provided depends on available fund-

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: For the Weatherization Assistance Program, the total household income may not be more than 200 percent of the national poverty level. Preference is given to owner-occupied homes, elderly (60 years-plus) or physically disabled residents, families with children under 12 and households with a high energy burden (repeated high utility bills).

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

- Address air infiltration with weather stripping, caulking, thresholds, minor repairs to walls, ceilings and floors, and window and door replacement
- Install attic and floor insulation (floors in northern climates only)
- Install attic ventilation
- Apply solar reflective coating to manufactured homes
- Install Solar Screens
- Repair or replace inefficient heating and cooling units
- Repair or replace water heaters

WEATHERIZATION FACTS

- Low-Income families pay an average of 18 percent of their annual income for energy, compared with 5 percent for other households
- The average energy expenditure in low-income households is \$1,871 annually
- As estimated by the U.S. Department of Energy, these services save the weatherization customers an average of \$413 annually and return an average of \$2.72 in energy and non-energy related benefits for every dollar invested

2009-2010 Household Income Guidelines	
Number of People in Household	Maximum Annual Household Income
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100
5	\$51,580
6	\$59,060
7	\$66,540
8	\$74,020
For each additional member of the household add \$7,480	

WHERE TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

To find out where to apply for assistance in your county, you may visit the Department of Community Affairs website at:

www.FloridaCommunityDevelopment.org/WAP

Click on the "Community Assistance Local Programs and Contact List." From the list, choose the county un which you live. The contact agency providing assistance through these programs is indicated by "WAP-WAP/LIHEAP."

You may also contact the Community Assistance Section at:

Department of Community Affairs
Division of Housing and Community Development
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Medicaid Highlights

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Medicaid Impact

The largest portion of the stimulus dollars comes to Florida through the Medicaid program in the form of an increased federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP). The federal share of each Medicaid dollar we pay increases from 55.4% to 67.64% retroactive to October 1, 2008. This means that Florida will receive approximately \$5 billion from the Federal Stimulus package over the 27 months of the recovery period, October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010. This does not translate to an increase in the overall Medicaid budget. This increase in federal funding will free up state money that would have been needed to fund the Medicaid program, which may now be used by the Legislature to fund other areas of the state budget.

Types of Medicaid Providers

Many licensed health care professionals and regulated health care entities, who meet specific enrollment criteria, can deliver services to Medicaid beneficiaries and be reimbursed for such services by the Florida Medicaid program. The following providers receive fee for service payments: Physicians/Nurses, Dentists, Pharmacies, Laboratories, DME Suppliers, Home Health Agencies, and Dialysis Centers. The following providers receive cost based payments: Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled, Rural Health Clinics, County Health Departments, Hospices, and Federally Qualified Health Centers. There are a series of managed care provider types: Health Maintenance Organizations, Prepaid Mental Health Plans, Provider Service Networks, Minority Physician Networks, Prepaid Dental Health Plans.

Medicaid Provider Enrollment

Health care professionals who wish to enroll as Medicaid providers may do so by completing the Medicaid provider enrollment process. The following web link provides access to Medicaid provider enrollment details:

http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider_Enrollment/tabId/50/Default.aspx

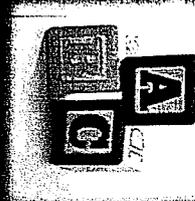
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Early Learning Services

Chapter 411 (School Readiness)
Chapter 6002, Part V (Voluntary Prekindergarten)
Florida Statutes

Florida welcomes nearly 600 newborns every day and its home to more than one million children under the age of five. Of these, approximately 600,000 attend some type of early learning program. Quality early learning options are a high priority because children are counting on us to make sure they have every advantage and opportunity available for success in school and life.



AWI's Office of Early Learning (OEL) works to support families and ensure children have quality care and early learning opportunities. The office has a network of community child care resources, early learning coalitions and referral service providers in every county in Florida. OEL's support services and programs available to children and families:

- Child Care Resource and Referral helps parents identify and select quality early learning programs that best meet their children's needs.
- School Readiness is a financial assistance program for working families who are income eligible.
- Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is a publicly funded education program for four-year-old children.

For more information on Early Learning Services, please visit www.floridajobs.org or call 1-866-357-3239.

Key Indicators: Program Year 2005/06

256,836 Children served in School Readiness
105,896 Children served in the VPK Program
219,039 Resource and Referral Services provided

Unemployment Compensation Services

Chapter 443, Florida Statutes

Unemployment insurance provides temporary wage replacement benefits to qualified individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own. It is an important safety net, not only for unemployed workers and their families, but also communities and local economies adversely impacted by economic downturns. Unemployment insurance also covers persons leaving federal, military or civil services. The Agency also processes Disaster Unemployment Insurance following a disaster declaration from the President.



Unemployment benefits are based on prior earnings and the benefit amounts are established by the Florida Legislature.

- Currently, the maximum benefit amount is \$275 per week for a maximum of 26 weeks. The benefits are paid from the state-funded unemployment trust fund generated by employer taxes.
- Florida's over 480,000 covered employers fund the unemployment insurance program through their wage reports and state unemployment insurance taxes. The Florida Department of Revenue administers the Unemployment Compensation Tax program under contract with AWI.

For more information on Unemployment Compensation Services, please visit www.fluidnow.com or call 1-800-204-2418.

Key Indicators: Program Year 2005/06

560,559 Claims Filed
\$793.9 Million Benefits paid
\$1.16 Billion Taxes collected

Workforce Services

Chapter 445, Florida Statutes

Jobseekers and employers alike turn to Florida's workforce system for staffing, career and training assistance. Among the many free services provided on-line at www.employflorida.com and through Florida's 24 Regional Workforce Boards and their One-Stop Career Centers are:



Job Seekers

Career Counseling
Job Placement
Job Readiness Assessment
Job Search Assistance
Job Training
Labor Market Information

Employers

Applicant Screening
Employee Recruitment
Labor Market Information
Tax Credits
Other Business Services

- AWI's Office of Workforce Services is responsible for providing One-Stop Program Support services (workforce program information, guidance and technical assistance) to the Regional Workforce Boards and their One-Stop Career Centers.
- The Agency also provides critical Labor Market Information to policymakers, economic development professionals, businesses and the public.

For more information on Workforce Services, please visit www.floridajobs.org or call 1-866-352-2345.

Key Indicators: Program Year 2005/06

45,235 Businesses Served
341,825 Workers Employed

WORKFORCE INNOVATION

Driven by the needs of Florida businesses, the Agency for Workforce Innovation partners with a dynamic statewide system to offer high quality, comprehensive early learning, unemployment and workforce services. Together through these programs and partnerships, AWI prepares Floridians of all ages today for the jobs of tomorrow.

• Early Learning Services

AWI's Office of Early Learning is responsible for implementation of the state's Child Care Resource and Referral, School Readiness, and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs. Florida's VPK program includes high reading and writing standards, strict accountability, appropriate curricula, substantial instruction periods, manageable class sizes and qualified instructors. In its second year of operation, Florida's VPK program is the second-largest prekindergarten program in the nation.

• Unemployment Compensation Services

Through the unemployment insurance program, AWI provides temporary wage replacement benefits to Floridians who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. Unemployed workers can use the Employ Florida Marketplace to find their next job or career field.

• Workforce Services

AWI is the Governor's agency for disbursement of federal workforce funds. Florida's workforce system ensures that Florida's businesses can hire the well-trained workers they need. Through these programs Floridians have the opportunity to upgrade their skills and obtain jobs that allow them to become economically self-sufficient and competitive in a knowledge-based economy.

AWI Budget

AWI is funded primarily with federal funds and has a total annual operating budget of approximately \$1.5 billion. Seventy percent of the total budget is appropriated to Early Learning programs. Twenty-five percent is allocated to Workforce programs; the remaining five percent is allocated to the Unemployment Compensation program.



For More Information:

Agency for Workforce Innovation
www.floridajobs.org

Employ Florida
www.employflorida.com

1-866-352-2345

TTY/TTDD 1-800-955-8771

www.floridajobs.org



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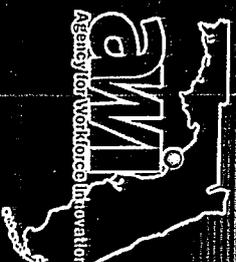
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