



Department of Labor – Helping to Meet the Needs of Working Families in Arizona



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (The Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Department of Labor is investing **\$64.6 million** to help meet the needs of workers in **Arizona** through both Recovery Act and regular appropriations.

Department of Labor investments in Arizona include:

- **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act** includes **\$60.6 million** for Arizona. This includes:
 - **\$17.8 million** for Workforce Investment Act youth activities, including summer youth employment,
 - **\$0.5 million** for a YouthBuild grant awarded in Guadalupe,
 - **\$7.6 million** for Workforce Investment Act adult activities,
 - **\$17.4 million** for Workforce Investment Act dislocated worker activities,
 - **\$10.7 million** for administrative support for unemployment compensation, and
 - **\$7.0 million** for Wagner-Peyser Act services.
- **Trade Adjustment Assistance** – The Department has released an additional **\$2.7 million** to the state of Arizona to assist trade-impacted workers. Combined with the original fiscal year 2009 allocations, Arizona now has nearly \$4.5 million in TAA funding available. Through Trade Adjustment Assistance, workers can receive job training, income support, job search support, health insurance assistance, and wage supplements (in the case of certain reemployed trade-affected workers who are 50 years of age and older).
- **Re-employment and Eligibility Assessment** – **\$391,701** for state of Arizona to implement or enhance the Re-employment and Eligibility Assessment Initiative for unemployment insurance recipients. Funds will allow one-stop career centers in Arizona to conduct in-person assessments with individuals receiving unemployment compensation and allow for a more focused job search.
- **Veterans** – **\$500,000** for the County of Pima to provide veterans with job training to help them succeed in civilian careers. Emphasis is placed on training veterans in clean energy jobs and will help veterans from targeted groups overcome employment barriers and ease their transition.

Select Future Funding Opportunities

- On June 24, 2009, Secretary Solis announced five Recovery Act-funded grant competitions, totaling **\$500 million**, for projects that prepare workers for careers in the energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors. Four of the competitions will fund worker training through various national, state and community outlets. The fifth competition, for State Labor Market Information Improvement Grants, will fund state workforce agencies that will develop labor market information and the labor exchange infrastructure to direct individuals to careers in green industries. The grant solicitations can be found at http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.
- On July 21, 2009, Secretary Solis announced a Recovery Act-funded grant competition totaling **\$220 million** for projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care and other high growth industries. The grant solicitation can be found at http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.
- **\$150.1 million** in new funding if Arizona fully enacts the UI modernization incentives that the Recovery Act provides, benefiting the 274,000 workers statewide who are unemployed and looking for work.

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