



# The Department of Education

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# American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

Education Programs

# Formula Funds

- Title I - \$70,605,242
  - ½ Targeted Grants
  - ½ Incentive Grants
- IDEA Part B - \$67,119,396
- IDEA Part B Pre-school - \$2,391,080
- Education Technology (Title II-D) - \$4,278,616

# Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies – NEVADA Preliminary Estimates

<u>District</u>	<u>Estimated Title I Allocations Under ARRA*</u>
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	733,334
CHURCHILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	296,884
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	60,245,755
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	253,447
ELKO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	442,286
ESMERALDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	5,817
EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	10,803
HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	194,032
LANDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	48,196
LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	45,156
LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	573,164
MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	84,490
NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	568,178
PERSHING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	67,724
STOREY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	14,542
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	6,441,620
WHITE PINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	81,435
PART D SUBPART 2	498,376

# Fiscal Stabilization Funds

- \$396,582,797
  - \$324,404,728 for Education (81.8%)
  - \$72,178,069 for Other Government Services (18.2%)
- Reporting
  - Use and distribution of funds
  - Number of jobs created or saved
  - Tax increases averted
  - Progress reducing inequities in distribution of highly qualified teachers
  - Tuition and fee increases in Higher Ed and action taken to limit increases
  - Extent Higher Ed maintained, increased or decreased in-state enrollment, including those receiving need based assistance
  - Description of modernization and renovation projects, including award amount and project costs

# Assurances

- Maintenance of Effort for K-12 and Higher Ed
- Equity in Teacher Distribution between high and low poverty schools
- Improving collection and use of data – longitudinal data system
- Standards & Assessments
  - Enhance quality of academic assessments
  - Development of assessments for students with disabilities and limited English proficiency
  - Improve academic and achievement standards
- Supporting struggling schools

# Competitive Funds

- Teacher Incentive Funds - \$4,350,000,000
  - “Race to the Top”
  - Technical Assistance in areas of Stabilization assurances - \$43,500,000
  - Grants to states to drive substantial gains in student achievement by supporting states making dramatic progress on the four objectives relating to the Stabilization assurances - \$4,306,500,000
  - 2 Rounds of grants – Fall 2009 & Spring 2010

# Competitive Funds

- Innovation Funds - \$650,000,000
  - “Invest in what works and Innovation”
  - Must significantly close achievement gaps between groups of students
  - Exceed measurable objectives for 2 or more consecutive years or demonstrate success in increasing student achievement for all groups of students
  - Make significant improvements in other areas:
    - Graduation Rate
    - Increase in recruitment of high quality teachers
  - Demonstrate established private sector partnerships and matching funds

# Reporting Requirements

- LEAs receiving Title I funds:
  - Must file by December 1, 2009 with the Department a school by school listing of per pupil educational expenditures from State and local sources during the 2008-2009 academic year
- Department:
  - Must compile information above and report to the Secretary of Education by March 31, 2010

# National School Lunch Program

- \$100 million in grants to school food authorities (SFA) for equipment assistance
- Allocated based on State Administrative Expense funds received
- Used for Grants to SFAs - competitive basis with priority to schools with no less than 50% free and reduced lunch eligibility
- Allocations and guidance still forthcoming

# Qualified School Construction Bonds

- \$11 Billion for 2009 and 2010 calendar years
- 100% of proceeds used for construction, rehabilitation or repair of a public school facility or acquisition of land on which to build such a facility
  - Issued by the jurisdiction where school is located
  - Designated by the issuer as being part of this program
- Can carryover unused allocations to 2010 calendar year

# Qualified School Construction Bonds

- 40% to “largest school districts” – Clark County School District
  - 100 LEAs with the largest number of children 5 to 17 living below the poverty level
  - 1 of not more than 25 schools not included above determined by the Secretary to be in particular need of assistance
  - State can reallocate if unused
- Balance distributed by Title I allocation
  - State allocation reduced by the allocation to the largest school districts in the state

# QZAB

- Extends Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program to 2009 and 2010
  - 27 month life
  - Allows qualified schools to borrow at low interest rates for renovation and rehabilitation projects and equipment purchases (including PCs) but not for construction
  - School must have more than 35% of student body on free and/or reduced lunch program
  - Must create a Zone Academy program to:
    - Enhance curriculum
    - Increase Graduation rates
    - Improve employment opportunities
    - Prepare students for workplace or higher education
  - Partners with the private sector

# QZAB

- Bonds must be sold to a qualified lender as defined by law – Insurance companies, banks, other corporations actively engaged in lending
  - Lender receives tax credit in lieu of interest payments from the school (determined by the IRS)
- Increases allocation from \$400,000,000 to \$1,400,000,000
  - NV received allocation of \$2,669,000 from the \$400 million
  - If same formula, would receive \$9,341,500

# Questions?