

ACCESSING FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS FOR YOUTH SERVING ORGANIZATIONS

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Overview of Stimulus Legislation

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- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (H.R. 1) was signed into law February 17, 2009
- A total \$789.5B in spending and tax cuts
 - ▣ \$463B in program and services (i.e., transportation and infrastructure, health care, education, housing and energy)
 - ▣ \$326B in tax breaks and tax provisions
- Goals
 - ▣ Preserve and create jobs;
 - ▣ Jumpstart the economy;
 - ▣ Transform the US economy for the 21st century through investments in energy efficiency and science .
- www.Recovery.gov

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Federal Funding 101

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- Formula and Block Grants – Funds are distributed from the Federal Government to State, municipality, or current grantee according to established formulas.
 - ▣ To access these funds, contact the government agency or grantee that is administering the funds.
- Competitive Grants – Federal government issues Request for Proposals (RFPs) for eligible entities to apply for funds.
 - ▣ To access these funds, go to www.grants.gov to register your organization and submit a proposal.

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Indiana Projected Allocations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Medicaid: \$1.4B □ Education: \$1.3B □ Roads and Bridges: \$650M □ Nutrition: \$400M □ Weatherization: \$100M □ Water Quality: \$100M □ Housing: \$100M | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Public Transit: \$80M □ Energy: \$70M □ Employment Services: \$70M □ Child Care: \$40M □ Justice: \$40M <p>www.INvestin.in.gov</p> |
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Stimulus Funding Opportunities

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- Education
- Early Education
- Workforce Development
- Mentoring
- Community Development
- Capacity Building

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Education, State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

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- Projected Indiana Funds: \$823.7M for education; \$183.3M to the Governor for education, public safety and other government services.
- Program Purpose: Restore education budget for K-12 and Higher Education; Any remaining funds would be distributed to local LEAs.
- How to Apply: The state must submit an application to the Department of Education to receive first 67% of funds.
- Contact: Indiana Department of Education and Governor's Office

www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/stabilization-fund.html
www.doe.in.gov/stimulus/

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Education, Incentive Competitive Grants

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- Projected Federal Funds: – \$5B Competitive Grant
- Race to the Top Fund – \$4.35B Competitive Grant to drive significant improvement in student achievement through:
 1. Raising standards
 2. Establishing better data systems for tracking student achievement;
 3. Improving teacher effectiveness; and
 4. Supporting effective interventions for the lowest-performing schools.
- Invest in What Works and Innovation Fund – \$650M in competitive grants to LEAs or nonprofit organizations that have made significant gains in closing achievement gaps to serve as models for best practices.
- How to Apply – Dept. of Ed plans to issue guidance and a RFP. Plans to make grant awards in two rounds: late Fall 2009 and Summer 2010.

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Education, Title I Funds

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- Projected Indiana Funds: \$168M for LEAs (formula is based on percentage of low-income students)
- Program Purpose: Provide financial assistance to schools with high percentages of low-income students to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.
- How to Apply: States will receive first 50% of funds by end of March and are encouraged to award funds to LEAs ASAP. Contact your local LEA.
- Indiana Government Agency: Indiana Department of Education and LEAs.

www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index.html

Education, IDEA, Part B and C

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- Projected Indiana Funds: \$262.7M Part B (\$9.2M is for preschool); \$8.5M Part C Infants and Families
- Program Purpose: Children with disabilities have access to a free appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living. .
- How to Apply: States will receive first 50% of funds by end of March and are encouraged to award funds to LEAs ASAP. Contact your local LEA.
- Government Agency: Indiana Department of Education and LEAs

www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/idea.html

Other Federal Education Funds

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- America COMPETES Act – \$400M Competitive Grant to improve America's standing in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and address disparities in achievement;
- Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants – \$540M Formula Grant to states to support a wide range of services designed to help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.
- Education for Homeless Youth – \$70M Formula Grant to states to provide services to homeless children and youths and their families.
- Note: 50% of the Formula Funds plan to be allocated by the end of March. Guidance has not been released on America COMPETES Act.

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Early Childhood Education

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- Head Start: \$27.6M Formula Grant to expand availability of Head Start programs.
- Early Head Start: \$1.1B Competitive Grant to expand availability of infant and toddler programs and improve quality.
- How to Apply: HHS has not released guidance yet on applying for these funds. Monitor www.grants.gov.
- Contact: Office of Head Start at HHS
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>
- <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/2679.htm>

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Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

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- Projected Indiana Funds: \$37.1M for child care services; \$3.5M to improve quality and availability of child care; \$2M to improve quality and availability for infants and toddlers
- Program Purpose: Provide child care subsidies for low-income families and children under the age of 13 and enhance the quality of child care for all children.
- Indiana Government Agency: Melanie Brizzi, Bureau of Child Care Administrator, FSSA
www.in.gov/fssa/2552.htm
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/

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Youth Workforce Development

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- Projected Indiana Funds: \$23.9M for youth activities
- Program Purpose: Provide job training and employment to unemployed or underemployed youth 16-24 yrs old with a special emphasis on summer employment.
- Note: Governor Daniels announced the development of the Young Hoosiers Conservation Corps to provide jobs to 2,000 young adults and at-risk youth at over 100 Indiana State Parks and DNR properties.
- How to Apply: Applications are being accepted online. In addition, contact your local Workforce Investment Board for more information on available funds at :
- <http://www.in.gov/yhcc/index.htm>
<http://www.servicelocator.org/wibcontacts/>

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YouthBuild

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- Available Federal Funds: \$50M Competitive Grant
- Program Purpose: Provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24 while constructing or rehabilitating housing for low-income families in their own neighborhoods. Currently, three programs in Indiana (Gary, Evansville and Indy).
- How to Apply: Dept. of Labor has not released guidance yet. Applications will be available at www.grants.gov.
www.youthbuild.org
www.doleta.gov/youth_services/

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Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative

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- Available Federal Funds: \$225M Competitive Grant through DoJ Byrne Memorial Grant
- Program Purpose: Support local organizations that develop, implement, or expand local mentoring programs leading to measurable, positive outcomes for at-risk youth.
- How to Apply: DOJ has posted the application on their internal Grants Management System (GMS). Applications are due April 20th.
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/ARRALocalYouthMentoring.pdf>.

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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- Projected Indiana Funds: \$18.5M Formula Grant (75% of the funds have already been allocated)
- Program Purpose: Flexible funds that allow local governments to rehabilitate affordable housing and help stabilize communities and create jobs locally.
- How to Apply: Contact your local Community Development Corporation that receives CDBG funds.
- Indiana Government Agencies: Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority and Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs

www.in.gov/ihcda/2529.htm

www.hud.gov/recovery/index.cfm

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Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

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- Available Federal Funds: \$1B available immediately upon enactment of legislation; Indiana – Unknown Yet (IN received \$9.5M in FY 08)
- Program Purpose: Provides services and activities addressing employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition, emergency services and/or health.
- How to Apply: Contact your local Community Action Agency.
- Indiana Government Agency: Chuck Templin, CSBG Administrator with Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/

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Compassion Capital Fund

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- Available Federal Funds: \$50M Competitive Grant
- Services: Grants to local faith based and community based organizations to expand capacity to serve low-income communities. Special program: Communities Empowering Youth (CEY) program.
- How to Apply: HHS has not released guidance yet. RFP will be posted at www.grants.gov.
- Government Agency: Federal Office of Community Service under ACF, HHS.

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ccf/

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AmeriCorps State and VISTA

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- Available Federal Funds: \$201M Competitive Grant
- Program Purpose: Opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups.
- How to Apply: Contact Indiana Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (AmeriCorps State) or Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps VISTA)
<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2347.htm>
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/>

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So What?

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- How does this apply to my organization?

Recommendations for Providers

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1. Be Strategic and Prioritize – The Stimulus bill provides numerous funding opportunities for afterschool providers. Carefully match your program's goals with the various funding opportunities to determine a good fit.
2. Develop Your Story – Gather data from your program, specifically positive outcomes for your clients that highlight the impact and value your organization provides to the community.
3. Develop Relationships – Connect and collaborate with local school systems and government, workforce investment boards, and community-based and faith-based organizations.
4. Prepare – Create an electronic grants account to apply for Federal funding at www.grants.gov.
5. Alignment to Stimulus Goals – Develop program proposals that align to the goals and objectives in the stimulus bill as well as the specific federal program.
6. Seek Professional Assistance – Consider hiring a professional consultant to provide assistance, strategy and support your organization's capacity to leverage these funds.

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- Questions or Comments

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