

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Workforce Programs

State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations

Total: \$400 million

Total Wyoming: \$2,140,154 (\$1,337,506 for Reemployment Services and \$802,558 for other services)

Details: 62.5% of funds shall be used for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment and training opportunities that will facilitate their reentry to employment. Funds shall be allotted by existing formula as provided in the Wagner-Peyser Act. Funds shall be available for obligation on the date of enactment and shall remain available through September 30, 2010. The Secretary of Labor shall establish planning and reporting procedures necessary to provide oversight of funds used for reemployment services. Wyoming Department of Workforce Services internal policy changes will be minimal for this program. No funds are transferred to the state until spent.

For more information on this program visit
<http://wyomingworkforce.org/es/wia.aspx>.

Training and Employment Services

Total: \$3.95 billion

State Formula Grants

- Adult: \$500 million
- Youth: \$1.2 billion
- Dislocated Worker: \$1.25 billion

Secretary of Labor Discretionary Grants

- Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve: \$200 million
- YouthBuild Activities: \$50 million
- Competitive Grants for Worker Training and Placement in High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors: \$750 million

Total Wyoming: \$4,736,222

- Adult: \$1,234,406
- Youth: \$2,918,025
- Dislocate Worker: \$583,791
- Wyoming will compete for Secretary of Labor discretionary grants.

Details:

State Formula Grants

- Adult: Formula grant for adult employment and training activities, including supportive services and needs related payments. Priority use of these funds shall be services to recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals for intensive services and training services.

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- **Youth:** Formula grant for youth activities, including summer employment for youth. No portion of such funds shall be reserved for youth opportunity grants. Funds are specifically targeted to create summer employment opportunities for youth. Work readiness is an appropriate measure for youth activities. Year-round youth activities are also envisioned and the age of eligibility for youth services provided with the additional funds is extended through age 24 to allow local programs to reach young adults who have become disconnected from both education and the labor market.
- **Dislocated Worker:** The Secretary of Labor is encouraged to provide guidance on how States can establish policies that ensure that supportive services and needs related payments that may be necessary for an individual's participation in job training are a part of the dislocated worker service strategy.

Secretary of Labor Discretionary Grants

- **Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve:** These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.
- **YouthBuild Activities:** These funds will allow for expanded services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing. Additionally, language allows that funds may be used to serve individuals who have dropped out of high school and re-enrolled in an alternative school, if that reenrollment is part of a sequential service strategy.
- **Competitive Grants for Worker Training and Placement in High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors:** Funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy, including (I) the energy-efficient building, construction, and retrofits industries; (II) the renewable electric power industry; (III) the energy efficient and advanced drive train vehicle industry; (IV) the bio fuels industry; (V) the deconstruction and material use industries; (VI) the energy efficiency assessment industry serving the residential, commercial, or industrial sectors; and (VII) manufactures that produce sustainable products using environmentally sustainable processes and materials. Priority consideration for the balance of funds shall be given to projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector.

Funds shall be available for obligation on the date of enactment and shall remain available through June 30, 2010. Date of Federal obligation is March 19, 2009. These funds shall be allotted to States within 30 days of enactment. The Wyoming Workforce Development Council may award a contract to an institution of higher education or other eligible training provider if the local board determines that it would facilitate the training of multiple individuals in high-demand occupations, if such contract does not limit customer choice. Wyoming Department of Workforce Services internal policy changes will be minimal for this program. Funds must be expended by June 30, 2011. No funds are transferred to the state until spent.

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Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Total: \$120 million

Total Wyoming: \$126,306 to Department of Workforce Services and approximately \$447 thousand to Experience Works.

Details: Funds shall be available for obligation on the date of enactment and shall remain available through June 30, 2010. These funds shall be allotted to States within 30 days of enactment to current grantees in proportion to their allotment in Program Year 2008 to support employment opportunities for unemployed low income seniors. Currently there are two grantees in Wyoming; the Department of Workforce Services and Experience Works. Wyoming Department of Workforce Services internal policy changes will be minimal for this program. No funds are transferred to the state.

For more information on this program visit <http://wyomingworkforce.org/scsep/> or <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>.

Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research

Total: \$540 million

Total Wyoming: Approximately \$2,046,083

- Vocational Rehabilitation Services: \$1,800,000
- Independent Living Centers: \$242,913
- Services for Older Individuals who are Blind: \$3,170

Details: State vocational rehabilitation services to serve people with disabilities. State grants for independent living, centers for independent living, and services for older individuals who are blind. Funds shall be available for obligation on the date of enactment and shall remain available through September 30, 2010. These funds shall be allotted to States within 30 days of enactment. The Federal share of the costs of vocational rehabilitation services shall be 100 percent. Wyoming Department of Workforce Services internal policy changes will be minimal for this program. No funds are transferred to the state until spent.

For more information on this program visit <http://wyomingworkforce.org/vr/>.

*Temporary figure. May be adjusted as more information becomes available.

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Social Security Administration

Total: \$500 million

Total Wyoming: Approximately \$23,598,500

Details: Beneficiaries of Social Security Disability Insurance (Title II), recipients of Supplemental Security Income (Title XVI), recipients of social security retirement, recipients of Veteran's retirement, and recipients of Railroad retirement will receive a payment of \$250. Payments will be paid directly to beneficiaries. If an individual is receiving both Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income they will only receive one (1) payment. In Wyoming we estimate that there are 5,486 Supplemental Security Income recipients and 88,548 social security beneficiaries. To qualify for this stimulus payment an individual must have received benefits during the months of October, November and December of 2008. Payments are scheduled to be sent in late May of 2009. These payments may be staggered.

Office of Job Corps

Total: \$250 million

Total Wyoming: \$0, although attempts are being made to secure funds to support the building of the child care portion of the Wind River Job Corps Center.

Details: Additional funds to the Office of Job Corps for construction, rehabilitation and acquisition of Job Corps Centers. Funds shall be available upon the date of enactment and remain available for obligation through June 30, 2010.

Trade Adjustment Assistance

Total: \$819 million

Total Wyoming: \$0