

PART I: RECOVERY PLAN

Please discuss your department or entity's overall strategy for use of Recovery Act funds.

This strategy should align with Hawaii's priorities for use of ARRA funds:

1. Save or create jobs and promote economic recovery;
2. Use ARRA funds to stabilize the State's fiscal situation;
3. Spend ARRA funds wisely;
4. Use ARRA funds to improve Hawaii's economic competitiveness;
5. Secure the maximum amount of ARRA resources available to Hawai'i;
6. Apply federal accountability and transparency requirements;
7. Fulfill federal reporting requirements.

The Recovery Act funds under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is being utilized to provide employment and training activities and services including job training opportunities to low income individuals and laid off individuals to support their entry/reentry into the job market. and high quality work experience to low income youth in an expanded summer work program designed to provide work readiness.

The Recovery Act funds under the Senior Community Service Employment Act (SCSEP) provide subsidized, part-time community service work-based training for low-income persons age 55 or older and who have poor employment prospects. It is the intent that these community service experiences serve as a bridge to other employment positions not supported by Federal funds.

Under the Reemployment Services Grant, Recovery Act funds provide individuals who are receiving unemployment compensation staff-assisted, more intensive employment-related services. Under the Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser Grant, ARRA funds are used to provide individuals with a wide range of employment related services including assistance in preparing resumes, referrals to jobs, provision of labor market information and referrals to training as appropriate.

The use of Recovery Act funds is coordinated with formula funds for these programs to expand services without duplicating efforts. The same accountability requirements for the federal formula-funded programs apply to Recovery funds with additional requirements, including increased reports, that are specific to ARRA.

Quarterly financial and monthly participant reports for activities utilizing Recovery Act funds under each program are submitted to the federal Department of Labor. In addition, data on Recovery-funded activities are submitted through the 1512 reports. The 1512 reports contain information on funds awarded, funds expended, and jobs created or sustained with Recovery funds. As with other federal funds, ARRA funds are subject to federal monitoring and auditing.

Overall purposes of the ARRA administered by the Office of Community Services is to: stimulate the economy in an expeditious manner (while spending the monies effectively and wisely); create and retain jobs; promote and enhance job creation, preservation and economic recovery; assist

those most impacted by the recession; provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health; invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; stabilize State and local government budgets; avoid reductions in essential services and minimize counterproductive State and local tax increases The Office of Community Services administer three recovery grants – the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-income Persons, the Community Service Block Grant, and The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Community Service Block Grant

This is a block grant so the goal is to create as many jobs as possible in order to reduce poverty and help people become more self-sufficient. Stimulating, creating and sustaining economic growth and employment opportunities is the goal of the CSBG program under ARRA. Providing education and employment training is also the goal of the CSBG program. Emergency and stabilization services will also be the goal of this program besides obtaining employment for low-income individuals.

The program will create green jobs such as solar water heater installers, commercial driver's licenses, nursing assistants, all jobs relating to low-income and special needs populations (i.e. youth with disabilities, individuals lacking skills and needing job placement support), apprenticeship programs (variety), hotel jobs, food services, all vocational skills type jobs, OJT thru community partnerships leading to permanent positions, various clerical and administrative positions within the four Community Action Agencies, farm workers, cleaning maintenance specialist, housing placement coordinators, job creation directors and chore services aides. A variety of jobs dealing with children such cultural arts and languages programs as well as drop-out prevention programs. There will also be a variety of jobs having to do with child care and food service program for children.

The program is projected to create or retain 419 jobs and to assist 7,983 low-income persons each program year.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The goal of the program is to use ARRA funds administered through the U.S. Department of Energy to contract for the installation of energy devices and energy conservation education. Installation services include home Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) fixtures and solar water heater systems for the following categories: (1) single family and multi-family residences, (2) elderly persons' residences, (3) handicapped persons' residences, and (4) renter's residences. 255 homes will receive CFL retrofits and 417 eligible homes will have solar water heater system installed. 672 homes will be audited for energy use. 672 homes statewide will receive energy conservation education and reduce their energy costs. At a minimal, 61 jobs will be created and 57 persons will retain their jobs.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

The funds are used to help pay for TEFAP's operating and administrative expenses. The TEFAP ARRA administrative funds were used to pay for normal TEFAP administrative costs. Any remaining TEFAP ARRA administrative funds will be obligated by September 30, 2009 to reimburse the food banks and community action agencies for some of the TEFAP expenses they have incurred since March 1, 2009. OCS sent a letter to the food banks and community action agencies on April 6, 2009, instructing them to report all unreimbursed TEFAP related costs incurred by their agency. These costs are eligible for reimbursement from the balance, if any, of

TEFAP ARRA administrative funds. The balance of funds will be determined after all State Level Costs and State Paid EFO Costs have been obligated.

The State Energy Sector Partnership (“SESP”) Grant is intended to augment Hawaii’s State Energy Plan and Recovery Act projects by providing job training to Hawaii’s incumbent and dislocated workers. The state must have the ability to ensure that as new technologies and occupations are created due to the shift to renewable energy and energy efficiency, that there is an adequate workforce capable to of providing the needed labor.

The funds are timely given that Hawaii regular formula fund allocation for this fiscal year is a little over \$6 million dollars. This limits Hawaii’s ability to provide job training to the broader population.

- 1. When fully implemented, the recovery act will help create 3 temporary exempt positions**
- 2. Not Applicable**
- 3. As structured, with the creation of networks and strategic partners as part of the grant, it is felt that this structure will ensure ARRA funds are spent wisely by all partners.**
- 4. The LMI Grant will help improve Hawaii’s economy by improving the Labor Market Information System. This improvement, which will include cutting-edge green job opportunity information, will assist Hawaii to transform its economy to be more green-focused and high-tech driven.**
- 5. It is the mission of the entire department to apply for every available opportunity to obtain the maximum amount of ARRA resources available.**
- 6. Through the mandated reporting of ARRA 1512 reports to the federal government**
- 7. See No. 6**

PART III: ACCOUNTABILITY

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B. Transparency and Communication

Please describe how your department or entity is making Recovery Act information available to the public.

The Website that will give information on the LMI grant is currently under construction.

Alternatively, two websites: www.hiwi.org & www.hawaii.gov/labor are currently being used in the interim to provide information on the LMI grant.

The Website that will give information on the SESP grant is www.hawaii.gov/labor/wdc. Additionally, information will also be provided through local print and television media, as well as through e-newsletters the WDC currently distributes to stakeholders.

Information on the ARRA funds under WIA, SCSEP and Wagner-Peyser is presented at the Workforce Development Council quarterly meetings.

Please post presentations that you have made to the public here.

NONE APPLICABLE FOR THIS REPORT