

PART I: RECOVERY PLAN

The DLIR strategy is aligned 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.

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.

PART III: ACCOUNTABILITY

A. ARRA Recovery Team

Position/Function:	Contact Information:	
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	Email:	
ARRA Coordinator (Back-Up)	Name:	
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Administrative Service Officer or Chief Financial Officer	Name:	
	Phone No.:	
	Email:	
	Phone No.:	
	Email:	
Individual Responsible for Managing Award	Name:	
	Phone No.:	
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Individual Responsible for Managing Award	Name:	
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B. Transparency and Communication

