



State of Nevada

A REPORT TO OUR CITIZENS ON THE RECOVERY ACT

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Jobs Funded

During the period January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010, 4,194 jobs were funded by the Recovery Act. State stabilization funding accounted for 3,060 jobs, 1,516 in the Department of Corrections and 1,544 in the Nevada System of Higher Education. In addition Education accounted for 429, and Transportation accounted for 133. As Transportation and other departments commence work on more projects during the summer months, additional jobs will be funded. In accordance with the guidance from the federal government, 520 work-hours paid for with Recovery Act dollars during those three months equals one job funded.

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law on February 17, 2009. The Recovery Act authorized spending up to \$787 billion to aid in the rebound of the nation's economy.

The main goals of the Recovery Act are: to create and save jobs; to spur economic activity and invest in long-term economic growth; and to foster new levels of accountability and transparency in government spending.

The Recovery Act targets three ways to achieve those goals. Money is distributed through contracts and grants, loans and loan guarantees, and through tax policies.

Nevada's total granted amount of Recovery Act funds to date is \$2.07 billion. Figure 1 shows how much of that amount has already been received and spent by the State government between Feb. 17, 2009, the date the Act was authorized, and March 31, 2010.

Although many new projects have gotten underway, the State continues to spend 87% of the money on State Stabilization (education), medical assistance, and aid to the unemployed. These areas needed immediate attention to maintain education services and to maintain subsistence levels for the state's most needy citizens before the business of growth for our economy could begin.

FIGURE 1

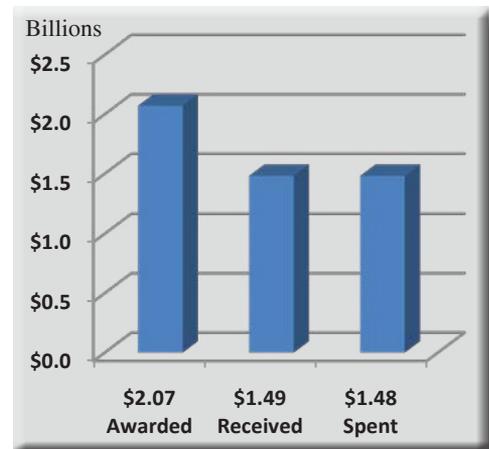
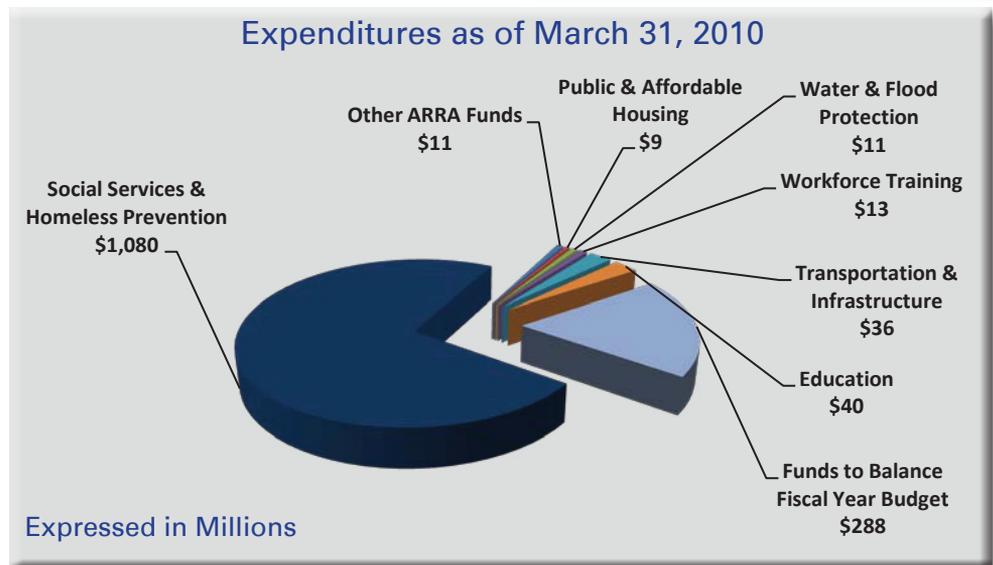


FIGURE 2





ARRA Funding for Public Safety

The Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, was awarded \$13,801,023 to fund a variety of much needed public safety projects to enhance efficiencies in law enforcement. The Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association identified and voted unanimously to fund the following two projects, as they will benefit law enforcement and the public they serve statewide:

- The Department allocated \$6,263,038 for the creation of a multi-jurisdictional Statewide Public Safety System. This system will allow critical information to be shared by law enforcement agencies throughout the state by accessing the Records Management System (RMS), Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), and Jail Records. RMS would allow State agencies, and the FBI, to share details of incidents where an arrest was made and an investigation opened. Fusion center(s) can evaluate this central data within a larger framework than single agencies. The System will enhance the ability to interdict criminal activity prior to its occurrence. CAD will allow cross-agency exchange of real-time events such as pursuits, which may cross city and county jurisdictions. There is also the potential for faster and more accurate calls for assistance & back-up. For example, if Storey County wanted back-up for a situ-

ation, they could access CAD and see whether NHP or Lyon County had the closest available unit, then contact that agency electronically.

- The Department allocated \$1,415,000 in Recovery Act funding to create a web-based Standard Nevada Law Enforcement Policy Manual based upon existing Nevada statutes and regulations. The Department, in conjunction with the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Division and the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association, created a 20 person working group representing all law enforcement agencies. This workgroup worked via a contract with Lexipol, LLC to create uniform policies & procedures for criminal justice agencies in the State of Nevada. This manual will be available for 67 law enforcement agencies to use and adapt. This funding will create efficiencies for law enforcement by allowing County Sheriffs, City & Tribal Police Agencies and State Law Enforcement/Public Safety Divisions to work together, creating a safer environment for them and the citizens they protect.
- The remaining \$7.6 million is allocated to administration and the various law enforcement offices throughout the state to fund much need staffing and programs specific to their locations.

"Thanks to ARRA funding we were able to establish a regional multi county unit attacking gangs without regard to county borders. The regional concept allowed our gang unit to arrest one of our notorious gang members in a matter of hours. Without ARRA we would not have been able to do that."

—Kenny Furlong
Carson City Sheriff

Tri County Sheriff Gang Unit

A Recovery Act award of \$350,000 to advance the activities of the Tri County Sheriff Gang Unit was made to the Carson City Sheriff's Office. Each of the counties of Carson City, Douglas and Lyon added a Deputy Sheriff with the money. These 3 deputies and a civilian support staff member in Carson City are part of the regional gang unit, which is responsible for enforcement activities, enhanced training of other officers, community education, and prevention events. The grant also provides for advanced intelligence-sharing with other law enforcement agencies in many Western states. The grant award was made through the Nevada Office of Criminal Justice Assistance.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE RECOVERY ACT, SEE RECOVERY.GOV OR NV.GOV/Recovery/

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