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### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act information

 On Feb. 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(ARRA\)](#). The recovery package provides a total of \$789.5 billion in spending and tax cuts over two years. North Carolina counties will benefit directly from [increased federal participation in Medicaid funding](#) from Oct. 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

Many federal agencies have additional funds for existing grant programs that counties may be eligible to apply for. Counties are urged to register with [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) in order to keep abreast of these funding opportunities as they become available. In addition, counties are advised to register with [FedConnect](#) and create an account to receive a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number in order to apply for discretionary federal grant funds. The Department of State Treasurer [released a memo](#) with instructions on how to apply for a DUNS number.

This Web page will be updated regularly as the Association learns of grant opportunities for county governments. Links to federal agencies in charge of implementing the various components of the ARRA are provided on the [White House's recovery page](#). Please bookmark this page and check the links regularly for updated information and opportunities.

- [eCivis shares 10 winning tactics for writing grants](#) **NEW!**
- [USGBC Top 10 ways to use ARRA funds for green building](#) (PDF) **NEW!**

### State Energy Office to conduct training sessions on preparing strategic energy plans

The Utility Savings Initiative team with the State Energy Office will be conducting eight training sessions on Strategic Energy Plan preparation. We have adapted our basic plan format to accommodate ARRA funding requirements.

- Click [here](#) for more information
- [State Energy Office announces draft plan for state EECBG funds](#) **W!**
- [Energy Office announces plan to use ARRA funds](#)
- [EECBG program announces funding opportunity for formula grants](#)

### Grants available for fire department construction

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced its ARRA Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants (CFDA 97-115). The program will award more than \$200 million in grants to fund the construction and modification of fire stations. The grants under this program will be awarded directly to fire departments on a competitive basis. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. ET, July 10, 2009.

- Click [here](#) for the guidance and application kit (PDF) **NEW!**

## State Energy Office to conduct training sessions on preparing strategic energy plans; releases proposed plan to spend EECGB monies

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- Click [here](#) for more information

## Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program deadline pushed back to June 17

The Bureau of Justice Assistance announced that it has extended the application deadline for local governments that can receive funds from the [Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Formula Program](#) to June 17. The original deadline was May 18. Fifty-nine counties are eligible to receive direct grants, and 27 counties are eligible for joint grants with municipalities in their county.

The program provides federal funds to state and local jurisdictions, which can be used to support all components of the criminal justice system. For more information, contact BJA toll free at 1-866-268-0079, or via e-mail at [JAGRecovery@usdoj.gov](mailto:JAGRecovery@usdoj.gov).

# Electronic newsletters





# Economic Development Opportunities for Counties

- School Construction
- Broadband





# Build America Bonds

- Two new financing options for capital needs
- Federal government subsidizes the interest rate
- Designed to stimulate bond market
- No referendum required





# Build America Bonds

- Stevens Point, Wis.
- New Jersey Turnpike Authority
- University of Virginia





# Qualified School Construction Bonds

- Interest free loan – used for construction, rehabilitation or repair or acquisition of land
- \$11B for 2009 and 2010
- 40% dedicated to Large Local Education Agencies
- N.C. share - \$187,167,000 (95 counties)
- Mecklenburg, Cumberland, Guilford, Forsyth and Wake have individual allocations – total app. \$88 million
  - Must be issued by Dec. 31, 2008 or are forfeited
- Must be spent within three years





# Broadband Access

- \$7.2 Billion available
- \$4.7 million through National Telecommunications and Information Administration – urban and rural
- \$2.5 billion through USDA's Rural Utility Service
- Stiff competition
- Develop a municipal broadband program





# Broadband Opportunities Technology Program

- Administered by NTIA
- \$250 million available for innovative programs that encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service
- At least \$200 million will be available to upgrade technology and capacity at public computing centers, including community colleges and public libraries
- Stiff competition
- First NOFA early this summer; first round of funding in fall
- Two more rounds of funding in 2010





# Rural Utilities Service Program

- Administered by USDA
- \$2.5 billion available
- Received more than 7,000 public comments
- Stiff competition
- First NOFA early this summer; first round of funding in fall
- Two more rounds of funding in 2010
- Funds can be used for:
  - Construction
  - Improvement
  - Acquisition of facilities





# RUS Program

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