



Senator Sherrod Brown

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act *An Investment in Ohio Workers*

What does the economic recovery package mean for Ohio?

- Creates or saves 133,000 jobs in Ohio.
- Provides **critical tax cuts** for an estimated 4.5 million middle class Ohioans through the Making Work Pay Tax Credit and relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax for 884,000 Ohioans.
- **Saves money, reduces energy consumption, and creates jobs** through energy efficiency programs.
- Invests \$68 million in targeted communities hard hit by job loss and high unemployment by **retraining dislocated workers** and helping communities build regional industry clusters.
- Improves education throughout the state by **investing in local school districts and public colleges and universities.**

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN **FEDERAL COMPETITIVE GRANTS** AND **STATE FUNDING** IN THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PACKAGE?

- **Federal agencies will be accepting proposals for Federal Competitive Grants beginning in March.** See below for information on how to apply. Program and agency information on energy funding is listed on the reverse of this page. For additional information, visit Senator Brown's website at www.brown.senate.gov or the President's webpage www.recovery.gov.
- Much of the state funding will be distributed via noncompetitive formula grants. The State of Ohio will be distributing this formula funding at its discretion and is accepting project proposals at www.recovery.ohio.gov.

How to Apply for Federal Competitive Grants

The economic recovery package will help to rebuild our economy and put Americans back to work through targeted investment and competitive grants for key programs in vital economic areas.

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for competitive grants will be available beginning in **March 2009**. In order to apply for a federal competitive grant, you must complete the www.grants.gov registration process.

Please register early so you are prepared to apply for grants as soon as they are available. Additional information about grants will be listed at www.brown.senate.gov as soon as RFPs are available.

How to sign up for Federal Competitive Grants

1. Go to www.grants.gov and complete the online registration.
2. Visit www.brown.senate.gov for important updates.
3. Senator Brown's office will hold Federal Assistance Workshops to help you apply. For more details, please visit www.brown.senate.gov/ohio/constituent_services/workshops/

What does the economic recovery package mean for **WORKFORCE TRAINING** in Ohio?

In March, Senator Brown announced that **Ohio will receive more than \$153 million in funds for job training and employment services** from the economic recovery package. These funds have been awarded to the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS), which will in turn allocate the funds through a formula to labor exchange and one-stop centers. These funds will be used to provide employment and training services and to help dislocated workers in communities facing massive job loss and economic distress. Funds include:

- **\$15 million** for general employment and training services to provide increased training to individuals for high-demand occupations and will facilitate partnerships between workforce investment boards and institutions of higher education.
- **\$23.4 million** for adult employment services to provide targeted, supportive services to meet the training and employment needs of public assistance recipients and other low-income individuals.
- **\$56 million** in funds for youth employment services while also targeting young adults (up to age 24) who have become disconnected from both education and the job market.
- **\$58.5 million** for dislocated worker services to workers who have lost their jobs and are unlikely to return to similar jobs in the future.

See the other side for more information on funding opportunities for these and other workforce training programs

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For more information about the economic recovery package, visit www.brown.senate.gov

Ohio Workforce Training Programs

The economic recovery package is an unprecedented federal investment to stimulate all sectors of the economy, protect the most vulnerable, create jobs for hardworking Americans, and modernize the country's infrastructure.

In Ohio, more than 133,000 jobs will be saved or created through this investment.

One of the top priorities of the economic recovery package is to support communities facing massive job loss and economic distress through job placement assistance and quality workforce training to prepare Ohio workers for 21st century jobs. For more information on the federal investment in workforce training, please visit:

US Department of Labor recovery site: www.dol.gov/recovery

Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services: www.jfs.ohio.gov

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs

Worker Training and Placement in High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors Competitive Grants program for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. Part of the funding is to be used for research, labor exchange, and job training projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable industry industries. In awarding remaining funds, priority shall be given to projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector.

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) at the Department of Labor will be administering a Green Jobs initiative to "support on-the-ground apprenticeship and job training programs to meet growing demand for green construction professionals skilled in energy efficiency and renewable energy installations.

For more information: <http://www.doleta.gov/>

Adult Employment and Training Activities Provides quality employment and training services to assist eligible individuals in finding and qualifying for meaningful employment, and to help employers find the skilled workers they need to compete and succeed in business.

For more information: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm

Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities Assists workers who have been laid off or have been notified that they will be terminated or laid off.

For more information: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm

National Emergency Grants for Work Dislocation ** An additional \$200,000,000 (nationally) is provided for National Emergency Grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.

For more information: <http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/definition.cfm>

Youth Activities, including summer jobs for youth Prepares youth for the 21st century workforce, the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Investment, Division of Youth Services coordinates youth workforce development investments.

For more information: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/

YouthBuild Activities Provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24 while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing for low-income or homeless families in their own neighborhoods. Youth split their time between the construction site and the classroom, where they earn their GED or high school diploma, learn to be community leaders, and prepare for college and other postsecondary training opportunities.

For more information: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

All TAA programs are reauthorized through Dec. 31, 2010 and expands TAA to trade-affected services sector workers and workers affected by offshoring or outsourcing to all countries, including China or India.

For more information: <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/taa/WhoWeServe.cfm>

Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Enhancement of employment opportunities for older Americans and the promotion of older workers as a solution for businesses seeking a trained, qualified, and reliable workforce.

For more information: <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>

Employment Service Grants to States

The One Stop delivery system provides universal access to an integrated array of labor exchange services so that workers, job seekers and businesses can find the services they need in one stop and frequently under one roof in easy-to-find locations.

For more information: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner_Peyser.cfm

Work Opportunity Tax Credit

Employers may be eligible for a tax credit when they hire members of targeted groups. The new group is unemployed veterans and disconnected youth who begin work in 2009 and 2010. The credit applies to individuals who begin work for the employer after December 31, 2008

For more information: <http://www.doleta.gov/business/incentives/optax/>

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For more information about Department of Labor programs: www.dol.gov/recovery