



Victories for Rivers within the Economic Recovery Package

The need for an ambitious, large scale economic recovery plan presented our nation with an unprecedented opportunity to make wise investments in our continuing health, safety, and prosperity. American Rivers staff members and partners nationwide worked for months advocating for innovative, effective, and economically beneficial water investments in the recovery plan. Thanks in part to these efforts; many of these policies were included in the final version of the Act, which passed the House of Representatives on the afternoon of Friday, February 13th.

The attached chart outlines the many programs and policies within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 which are relevant to clean water, water efficiency, river protection, and river restoration, including the following American Rivers priorities:

- \$4 billion in funding for the EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund, including a 20% set-aside (\$800 million) for green infrastructure projects
- \$2 billion in funding for the EPA's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, including a 20% set-aside (\$400 million) for water efficiency projects.
- \$830 million in critically needed funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including funding for habitat restoration

Analysis of Programs Funded in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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EPA – State and Tribal Assistance Grants – Clean Water State Revolving Fund	<p>\$4 Billion for capitalization grants for CWSRF, not subject to state matching requirements or Federal cost share limitations.</p> <p>50% of the funding is for additional subsidization/negative interest loans (essentially grants).</p> <p>To the extent that there are sufficient eligible project applications, 20% of the total funding (\$800 million) “shall be for projects to address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities”</p>	<p>Contact your state financial / CWSRF assistance staff: epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/contacts.htm</p> <p>CWSRF State Contacts: epa.gov/OWM/cwfinance/cwsrf/cwnims/pdf/agency2.pdf</p>	Allocated to the states by the Environmental Protection Agency
EPA – State and Tribal Assistance Grants – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	<p>\$2 Billion for capitalization grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, not subject to state matching requirements.</p> <p>50% of the funding is for additional subsidization/negative interest loans (essentially grants).</p> <p>To the extent that there are sufficient eligible project applications, 20% of the total funding, (\$400 million) “shall be for projects to address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities”</p>	<p>Factsheet on funding water efficiency through DWSRF: http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf/pdfs/fact_dw_srf_water_efficiency03-09-02.pdf</p> <p>DWSRF State Contacts: epa.gov/ogwdw/dwsrf/nims/dwagency2.pdf</p>	Allocated to the states by the Environmental Protection Agency
NOAA – Operations, Research, and Facilities	<p>\$230 million for Operations, Research and Facilities, “to address the backlog of research, restoration, navigation, conservation and management activities.”</p>	<p>Exact amount for habitat restoration is yet to be determined.</p> <p>Check http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/ for updates and announcements.</p>	NOAA <u>will</u> disburse restoration funding through a 30-day competitive direct solicitation. This Federal Funding Opportunity will be announced as soon as possible.
NOAA – Procurement, Acquisition and Construction	<p>\$600 million for Procurement, Acquisition and Construction</p>		

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General Services Administration – Federal construction and renovation	\$5.55 Billion for construction, repair, and alteration of federal buildings and properties, of which \$4.5 billion is “to convert GSA facilities to High-Performance Green buildings” – buildings that reduce energy, water, and material resource use, reduce negative impacts on the environment (including water pollution), and reduce environmental and energy impacts.	Money goes into the Federal Buildings fund. Text of law creating that fund can be found here: http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode40/usc_sec_40_00000592--00-.html	
Interior – Bureau of Reclamation – Water and Related Resources	\$1 billion for “Water and Related Resources”, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$126 Million for water reclamation and reuse projects ▪ \$60M for rural water projects ▪ \$50M for the California Bay-Delta Restoration Act 	USBR Water website: http://www.usbr.gov/main/water/	
USDA – NRCS – Watershed Rehabilitation Program	\$50 Million	NRCS within USDA - http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wsrehab/	
USDA – NRCS – Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations	\$290 Million, \$145 Million of which is for purchasing and restoring floodplain easements.	NRCS within USDA - http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wsrehab/	No more than \$30 million of floodplain purchase money can be used in any one state
USDA – Forest Service – Capital Improvement and Maintenance	\$650 Million for Capital Improvement and Maintenance, including “watershed restoration and ecosystem enhancement projects”		
Agriculture – Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account	\$1.38 billion for rural water, waste water, and waste disposal programs.	http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/programs.htm	
Interior – BLM – Management of Lands and Resources	\$125 Million for activities including “maintenance, rehabilitation, and restoration of facilities, property, trails, and lands and for remediation of abandoned mines and wells”		

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Interior – BLM – Construction	\$180 Million for “construction, reconstruction, decommissioning and repair of roads, bridges, trails, property, and facilities and for energy efficient retrofits of existing facilities”		
Interior – FWS – Construction	\$115 Million for “construction, reconstruction, and repair of roads, bridges, property and facilities and for energy efficient retrofits of existing facilities”		
Interior – NPS – Construction	\$589 million for NPS “repair and restoration of roads; construction of facilities, including energy efficient retrofits of existing facilities; equipment replacement; preservation and repair of historical resources within NPS; cleanup of abandoned mine sites; and other critical infrastructure projects”		
Qualified Energy Conservation Bond Program	\$2.4 billion in qualified energy conservation bonds to finance energy efficiency and conservation measures including water saving or stormwater reducing retrofits.	Contact the Office of the Associate Chief Counsel of the IRS, (202) 622-3980	Allocated proportionally by population.