



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Federal Quarterly Report Summary Period Ending September 30, 2009

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has assumed the responsibility of reporting pursuant to the requirements in Section 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). In order to provide an unprecedented level of transparency required by ARRA, the CSDE has developed a summary of the first Federal Quarterly Report for the period ending September 30, 2009.

Overview

The following ARRA grants were reported:

- State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) -- Education State Grants and Government Services
- Title I, Part A -- Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)
- Title II, Part D -- Enhancing Education Through Technology
- IDEA Part B, Grants to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities
- IDEA Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities
- Education for Homeless Children and Youth
- National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance

Fast Facts for ARRA grants reported:

ARRA Grant Name	Award Amount Received by CSDE	Amount Disbursed to Subrecipients	Estimated Total Number of Grants to be Awarded	Grants Awarded as of 9/30/09	Total Number Jobs Created/Retained as of 9/30/09
ARRA Stabilization - Gov Services	\$98,620,828	\$0	158	158	1583.92
ARRA Stabilization - Ed Grants	\$296,978,743	\$0	158	158	2771.16
ARRA Title I Grants to LEAs	\$70,714,174	\$3,565,509	103	86	252
ARRA Educational Technology	\$4,614,065	\$0	Not Available	0	0
ARRA IDEA Part B State Grants	\$132,971,468	\$15,536,851	155	153	653.71
ARRA IDEA Part B Preschool	\$5,089,013	\$481,938	146	146	35.87
ARRA Homeless Children & Youth	\$336,688	\$54,949	15	15	1.2
ARRA NSLP Equipment Assistance	\$785,878	\$521,894	55	55	0
Total:	\$610,110,857	\$20,161,141	790	771	5297.86

Notes: For the ARRA Title I Grants to LEAs, the LEA applications are still in the review and approval process within CSDE. This is why not all subrecipients are reflected as reporting in this period. In addition, for the ARRA IDEA Part B State Grants, the two missing LEAs have requested and obtained a filing extension by CSDE.

Within the Federal Quarterly Report, in some cases it appears that the amount of the expenditure exceeds the amount received. This is the case with both prime recipient and subrecipient reporting. This discrepancy is due to temporary financing and cash management practices. Payments to subrecipients are made via an electronic cash management system where each subrecipient must enter their expenditures to date and their anticipated cash needs for the following month. These payments are made at the end of each month. In some cases, subrecipients use local funding to fund current expenditures and request their drawdown in arrears in order to comply with cash management rules regarding having excess cash on hand. As the prime recipient, we are required to request funds via Letter of Credit four days after a check is cut so that the funds are moved from the federal to state bank account on the fifth day. Since our payments to subrecipients were made at the end of September, we did not receive the funds until October.

Summary by Grant

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF)

As of the close of the quarter ending September 30, 2009, the ARRA provided \$395,599,571 to Connecticut under the SFSF program (\$296,978,743 Education Grants and \$98,620,828 Government Services). Pending the approval of the State biennial budget and the implementing language, CSDE had not drawn down any of these funds from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE).

No Local Education Agency (LEA) received any SFSF payments by the end of the first reporting period; however, it was the expectation of CSDE that jobs retained and created would be predicated upon full receipt of these funds. The two strands of SFSF in total equal approximately 14.26 percent of the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant (9.19 percent from the Education State Grants and 5.07 percent from Government Services). For the purposes of the first quarter, boards of education were directed to assess what the impact would have been had their approved budget reflected a 14.26 percent reduction to the ECS grant.

With that said, the total jobs created or retained with these two strands of SFSF were 4,355.08. Approximately 87.5 percent of these total jobs created or retained were for teachers, instructors, or department heads. The remaining jobs created/retained were for staff in the following areas: central administration, paraprofessionals, clerical support, guidance counselors, school nurse/health services, custodial, technical/computer specialists, library/media, food services, athletics/coaches, class advisors, and outside consultants and vendors.

Title I, Part A -- Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies

As of the close of the quarter ending September 30, 2009, the ARRA provided \$70,714,174 to Connecticut under the Title I Part A funds to improve teaching and learning for students most at risk of failing to meet State academic achievement standards. CSDE has drawn down \$2,232,582 of these funds from the USDE.

The total amount disbursed to subrecipients in this quarter was \$3,565,509. With the amount distributed, 252 jobs were created or retained. Approximately 68 percent of these total jobs created or retained were for teachers, instructors, or department heads. Approximately 14 percent were for paraprofessionals. The remaining jobs created/retained were for staff in the following areas: central

administration, clerical support, guidance counselors, school nurse/health services, technical/computer specialists, athletics/coaches, and/or outside consultants and vendors.

Title II, Part D -- Enhancing Education Through Technology

As of the close of the quarter ending September 30, 2009, the ARRA provided \$4,614,065 to Connecticut under the Title II, Part D -- Enhancing Education Through Technology grant to improve student academic achievement through the innovative use and the effective integration of new and emerging technology with teacher training, curriculum development, and successful research-based instructional methods in elementary and secondary schools. CSDE has not drawn down any of these funds from the USDE.

No LEA received any ARRA Title II, Part D payments by the end of the first reporting period. Therefore, no jobs were created or retained.

IDEA Part B, Grants to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities

As of the close of the quarter ending September 30, 2009, the ARRA provided \$132,971,468 to Connecticut under the ARRA IDEA Part B, Grants to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities in order to assist states in providing special education and related services to children with disabilities in accordance with Part B of the IDEA. CSDE has drawn down \$6,811,293 of these funds from the USDE.

The total amount disbursed to subrecipients in this quarter was \$15,536,851. With the amount distributed, 653.71 jobs were created and/or retained. Approximately 52 percent of these total jobs created or retained were for teachers, instructors, or department heads. Approximately 40 percent were for paraprofessionals. The remaining jobs created/retained were for staff in the following areas: central administration, clerical support, guidance counselors, school nurse/health services, technical/computer specialists, and/or outside consultants and vendors.

IDEA Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities

As of the close of the quarter ending September 30, 2009, the ARRA provided \$5,089,013 to Connecticut under the IDEA Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities in order to assist states to make available special education and related services for children with disabilities ages 3 through 5 years. CSDE has drawn down \$240,890 of these funds from the USDE.

The total amount disbursed to subrecipients in this quarter was \$481,938. With the amount distributed, 35.87 jobs were created and/or retained. Approximately 38 percent of these total jobs created or retained were for teachers, instructors, or department heads. Approximately 50 percent were for paraprofessionals. The remaining jobs created/retained were for staff in the following areas: clerical support, guidance counselors, school nurse/health services, and/or outside consultants and vendors.

Education for Homeless Children and Youth

As of the close of the quarter ending September 30, 2009, the ARRA provided \$336,688 to Connecticut under the Education for Homeless Children and Youth in order to ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a

public preschool education, as other children and youth. CSDE has drawn down \$10,074 of these funds from the USDE.

The total amount disbursed to subrecipients in this quarter was \$54,949. With the amount distributed, 1.2 jobs were created and/or retained in the areas of teachers, instructors, or department heads; central administration; and guidance counselors.

National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance

As of the close of the quarter ending September 30, 2009, the ARRA provided \$785,878 to Connecticut under the ARRA National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance grant for the purchase of food service equipment, with priority given to schools with at least 50 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-priced meal benefits. CSDE has drawn down \$408,459 of these funds from the USDE.

The total amount disbursed to subrecipients in this quarter was \$521,894. With the amount distributed, no jobs were reported as either created or retained, which is understandable given the nature of this grant.

Questions

For further questions pertaining to the first ARRA quarterly report submitted, please contact Jessica Andrews at 860-713-6582 or jessica.andrews@ct.gov.