

Connecticut Recovery Act Overview

October 2009



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Chronology

- President Obama signed Recovery Act in February 2009
- CT Assembles Recovery Act team
 - Mary Anne O'Neill (Accountability Officer)
 - Matt Fritz (Transparency Officer)
 - David O'Hearn (Project Oversight Officer)

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Chronology

- March-present: State agencies apply for formula-based/competitive grants
- July: Dave LeVasseur designated as Recovery Act Ombudsman to assist towns
- August: federal guidance issued on reporting requirements
- October: first Recovery Act reporting period

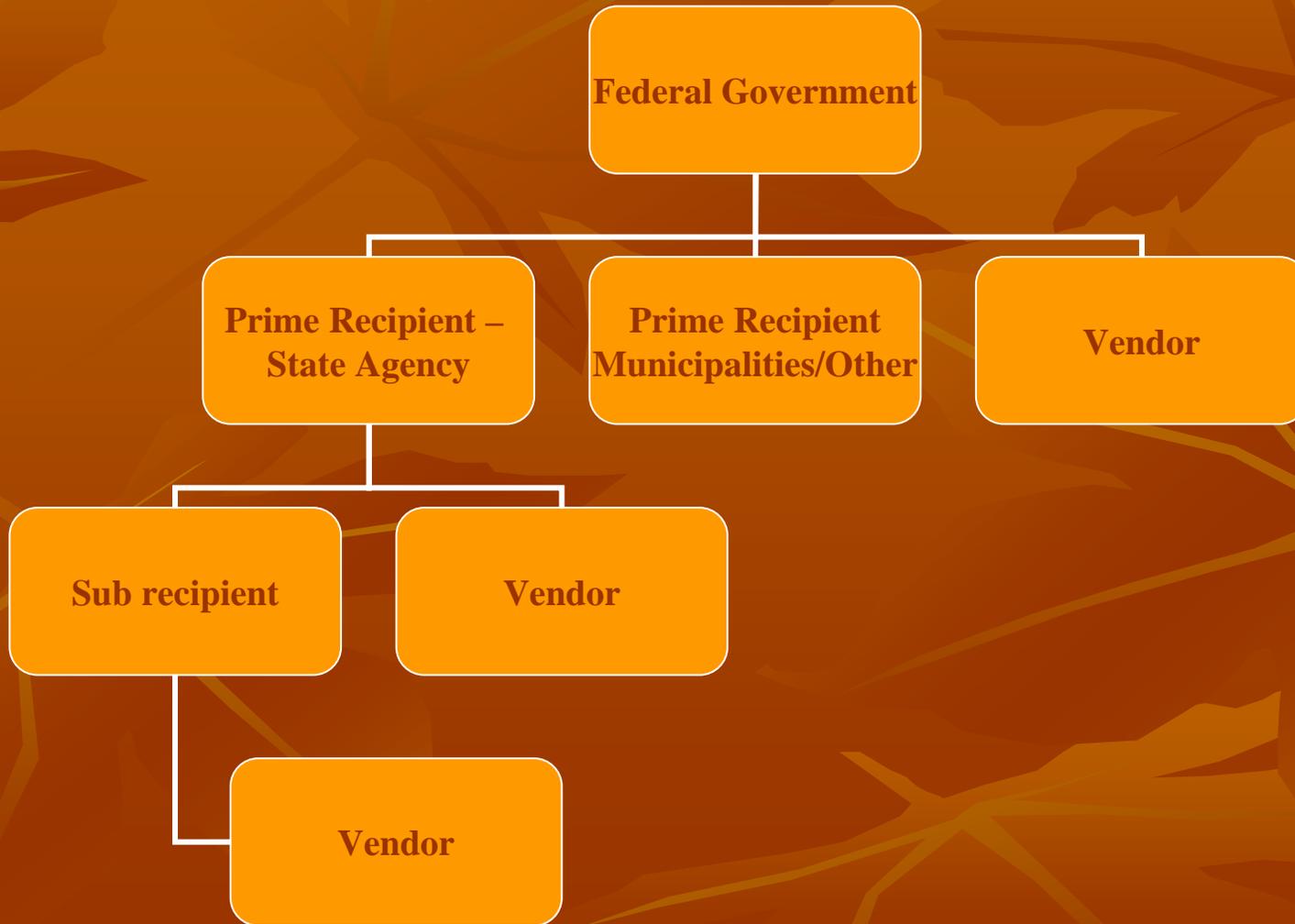
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Reporting Process

- Recovery Act requires recipients of stimulus funds (grants, loans and contracts) to report to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) quarterly
- Recipients of individual benefits (i.e., unemployment, food stamps, etc.) are not required to report
- First Quarterly OMB report: October 2009

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Reporting Process



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Reporting Process

- All reporting is electronic through www.federalreporting.gov
- Reporting Cycle:
 - October 1-10: direct recipients of stimulus grants, loans and contracts enter data/information on Recovery Act activities since receiving funds
 - October 11-20: recipients review data entered and correct errors
 - October 21-30: federal agencies review data



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Reporting Process

- Type of data/information reported on:
 - Award amount
 - Expenditures
 - Jobs created/retained
 - Programmatic metrics – cases, energy units, projects
 - Sub-recipients

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CT's Reporting Process

- CT utilized a decentralized approach – state agencies individually reported on their grant awards
- Agencies created data quality management plans
- Sub-recipients reported to state agencies – not directly
- Agencies have been honing reporting procedures since July with monthly reports

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CT's Reporting Process

- All CT state agencies met OMB deadline of October 10 for reporting
- Reporting status – only minor edits or corrections have been necessary during review period
- Federal agencies still working with state agencies to finalize reports by October 30
- Reporting nuances – job formula, education expenditures and job numbers

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What You Will See

- October 30: reporting data will be published on federal Recovery website www.recovery.gov



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Numbers and Stats

The numbers:

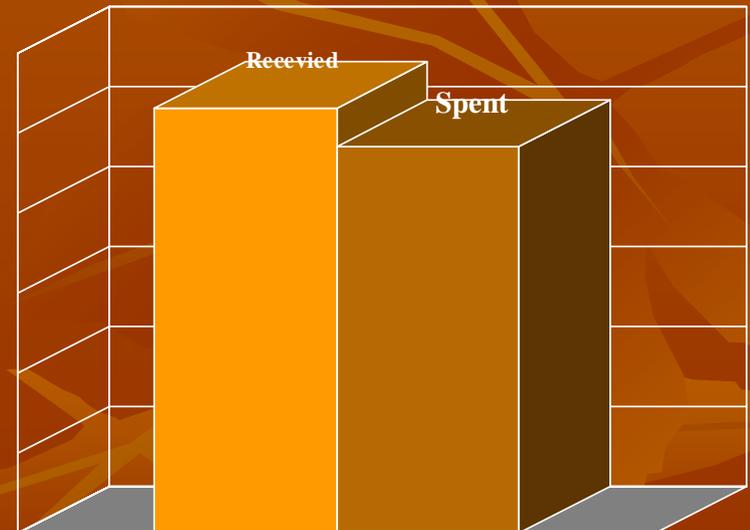
State Agencies have received: \$1,063,746,885 in Recovery Act grants

State Agencies have expended: \$968,059,189 in Recovery Act Funds

Expended totals include:

- \$498,058,407 FMAP
- \$374,784,910 in unemployment benefits distributed
- \$39,201,084 in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (formerly food stamps) distributed

(Note: all of this information pertains to Recovery Act funds received by state agencies – it does not reflect information for municipalities that received direct funding. Also, federal reporting is not required for “benefits” programs such as SNAP.)



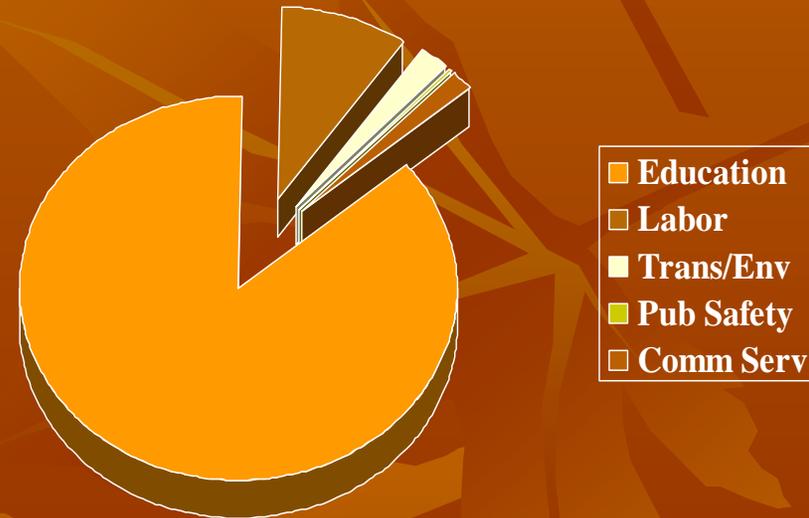
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Numbers and Stats

Jobs created and/or preserved as of 9/30/09 = 6110

Breakout

- Education =5,297
- Labor =575
- Transportation/Environment =135
- Public Safety =13
- Community Services =110



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Inside the Numbers

- Job numbers reflect “direct” jobs – does not include “indirect” benefits of job creation
- OMB job reporting formula:

Full-time equivalent = Cumulative Recovery Act Funded Hours Worked/Cumulative Hours in a Full-time Schedule

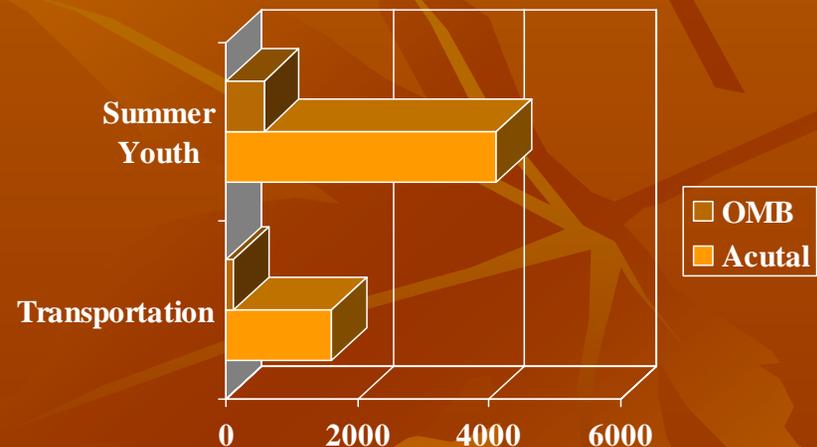
Period	3rd qtr	4th qtr	1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr
Full-Time Schedule	520	1040	1560	2080	2600	3120
Full Time Employee 1	520	1040	1560	2080	2600	3120
Full Time Employee 2	520	1040	1560	2080	2600	3120
Part Time Employee (half time)	260	520	780	1040	1300	1560
Temporary Employee (650 hrs.)	0	0	130	390	650	650
Total Hours Worked	1300	2600	4030	5590	7150	8450
Quarterly FTE	2.50	2.50	2.58	2.69	2.75	2.71

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Inside the Numbers

Pulling actual “jobs” out of the OMB formula:

- 1,600 workers currently collecting paychecks on transportation project sites = 110 FTEs based on OMB formula
- 4,100 summer youth participants collected paychecks = 575 FTEs based on OMB formula
- 24 workers gearing up to weatherize housing = 1.89 FTEs based on OMB formula



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Inside the Numbers

- Direct Impact to Connecticut Residents =
 - More than 750,000 Connecticut residents have benefited from Recovery Act programs
 - 552,000 K-12 students
 - 125,000 recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance benefits
 - 60,000 receiving unemployment benefits
 - 8,000 job seekers assisted
 - 5,200 individuals enhancing the learning environment
 - 4,000 individuals receiving WIC benefits
 - 2,600 people working on transportation projects
 - 2,100 children receiving rotavirus vaccine
 - 1,300 adults receiving job training

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Inside the Numbers

- Enhanced Learning Environment
 - 5,200 positions in our schools created/retained
 - \$610 million in education funding = \$1,105 per Connecticut K-12 student
 - \$610 million in education funding = \$3,675,366 per Connecticut school district

Note: These numbers represent averages based on \$610,110,857 in Recovery Act funding, to date, for education – 552,154 K-12 students and 166 school districts.

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Inside the Numbers

- Recovery Act activities underway
 - 8,000 more job seekers have been assisted this year compared to last year
 - Approximately 60,000 people have received increased monetary or extended duration unemployment benefits
 - 1,300 adults have been enrolled in training and/or other workforce development programs
 - \$880,000 in food commodities have been purchased by Foodshare and CT Food Bank
 - Child Care funding has prevented 12,000 jobs from being lost by families that receive child care certificates paid with stimulus funds
 - 344 individuals with varying disabilities have entered temporary or permanent paid positions through the Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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Inside the Numbers

- Recovery Act activities underway:
 - 54 cases have been opened by CT authorities investigating internet crimes against children
 - 12 officers have received internet crime training
 - 20 investigator positions funded on the state's narcotics task force
 - 3 full-time forensic examiner positions have been funded
 - 39 DNA case investigations completed

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Inside the Numbers

- Recovery Act activities underway:
 - 38 highway and bridge projects under contract = \$183,307,992
 - \$18,073,781 in outlays have been disbursed for transportation projects (compared to \$71,477 on July 1)
 - 77 grant awards have been awarded to UConn and UConn Health Center for research and study
 - \$24.5 million in low-income housing Tax Credits Assistance Program awards and \$49 million in low-income housing tax credit exchange funding have been authorized to construct more than 1,000 apartments - 2 projects are underway

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Inside the Numbers

- Recovery Act activities underway:
 - 4,000 new clients were provided vouchers for food through the WIC program
 - 2,143 doses of rotavirus vaccine were distributed to physicians to treat children
 - 4 safe drinking water projects are underway
 - MDC's large-scale clean water project is underway – employing 75 workers, to date
 - 58 DOT maintenance trucks have been retrofitted with diesel emissions reduction equipment (number includes trucks retrofitted prior to and since October 1)
 - 18 positions in museums, theaters, and galleries have been preserved

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Inside the Numbers

- Recovery Act activities underway:
 - More than 700 grants have been awarded to school districts to improve academic achievement and enhancing the learning environment
 - CT Clean Energy Fund created a new Solar Thermal program
 - 144 communities have received Justice Assistance Grants from OPM to enhance law enforcement activities

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What you will see

- October 28: Connecticut-specific information will be posted on the state's Recovery website – www.recovery.ct.gov



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Connecticut Recovery Act website. At the top left is the 'ct.gov State of Connecticut' logo. A search bar with a 'Go' button is on the top right. Below the search bar is a banner for 'CT RECOVERY' featuring the logo and a portrait of Governor M. Jodi Rell with the text 'M. Jodi Rell Governor of Connecticut'. A navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Latest News', 'Working Group', and 'Quick Links'. The main content area is titled 'CONNECTICUT RECOVERY INITIATIVE' and features four circular icons with corresponding text: 'Project Information' (construction site), 'Funding Opportunities' (hand holding a pen), 'Accountability' (group of people), and 'Agency/Local Recovery Sites' (state capitol building). Below this is a text block stating: 'Nearly 250 days have passed since the Recovery Act was signed into law. In that time, more than **\$2.32 billion** in Recovery Act funds have been committed to projects and initiatives throughout Connecticut.' A 'Highlights of the past week include:' section follows, mentioning 'Connecticut designated Recovery Zones to utilize Recovery Act bonding for private and public sector projects. More information and application'. On the right side, there is a box titled 'Other Resources & Links' with three bullet points: 'Funding Commitments', 'Breakdown of Funding', and 'Federal Stimulus site'.

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Winter “Forecast”

■ Activities to come:

- Weatherization hitting full-stride – more than 1,000 units will have received energy audits (660 to date) with 700 of these units weatherized by January
- 20 more JAG grants will be awarded
- 8 more full-time forensic examiners added in October (11- total)
- Fuel cell and Photovoltaic projects will be funded
- Geothermal program will be created
- 149 DOT maintenance trucks will be retrofitted to curb diesel emissions
- 2 additional highway projects resulting from lower bids – Route 8 and Route 2 – will be well underway
- 1,000 transportation jobs added in October
- Grants to municipalities for energy projects will be awarded
- Domestic violence shelters will receive funding to expand coverage

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Winter “Forecast”

- Activities to come:
 - New Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner pilot program will be funded
 - Homelessness prevention program will kick into high gear
 - Initiate study into healthcare associated infections – vaccine focus
 - Complete upgrade of immunization registry
 - Recovery Zone Bonding process underway
 - Broadband mapping will be initiated
 - Grant announcements/awards in the following areas:
 - Appliance rebate program
 - Health Information Exchange
 - Healthcare professionals – training/increase participation
 - Green Jobs – workforce development/career opportunities
 - Transportation projects – TIGER/High-speed rail
 - Broadband

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Challenges

- Challenges, to date:
 - Interpreting federal guidance
 - Davis-Bacon provisions
 - Reporting
- Challenges, to come:
 - Oversight
 - Reporting – adjusting to the federal changes
 - Municipal assistance
 - Weather – limits construction activities

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Overarching Themes

- CT is successfully competing for stimulus grants (i.e., TIGGER, WIC, Habitat, etc.)
- Reporting, lots: OMB, state reporting, agency reporting, Congressional reporting
- Accountability/Transparency – evolves constantly
- More funding to come – education, health information

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Areas to Improve

- Pace – need to increase expenditures and move forward implementation of programs
- Enhance funding tracking capabilities
- Refine reporting process
- Context and communication – enhance understanding of CT's activities