



United Way of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Nonprofit Stimulus Forum

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What to Expect...



This presentation includes:

- **The Basics**
 - What is the Stimulus and what does it mean for Pennsylvania?
 - How do I access these funds?
- **Education, Income & Health**
 - Who should I contact?
- **Resources**

What is the Stimulus and what does it mean for Pennsylvania?



- On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#).
- Pennsylvania expects to receive an estimated **\$16 billion** from the federal government.



PA Stimulus Oversight Commission



Ronald J. Naples
Chief, Accountability Office
Chairman of Governor's Working Group for Stimulus Accountability; former CEO of Quaker Chemical Corp.; former chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Sen. Michael Waugh
Caucus chairman, R-PA, 28th; Senate District; former managing partner of Waugh Construction Co.; former assistant fire chief with the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company

James Creedon
Chief Implementation Officer
Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of General Services; former senior vice president for business development, North America, with United Water

Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski
D - PA, 11th District; chairman of the House financial services subcommittee on capital markets, insurance and government sponsored enterprises; member of the committee on oversight and government reform.

Rep. Brian Ellis
R-PA, 11th Legislative District; member of appropriations, finance and tourism, and recreational development committees; member of House Republican policy committee's task force on budget and economic policy

Sen. Robert Mellow
Leader, D-PA, 22nd District; Democratic Caucus leader; longest serving member of the Pennsylvania Senate

Tony Ross
President and CEO of the United Way of Pennsylvania; former executive director at the Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Charles Battaglia
Security advisor for Sen. Arlen Specter; staff director of the Senate committee on veterans affairs; staff director of the Senate select committee on intelligence

Gene Barr
Vice president of government and public affairs at the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry; former government affairs associate director for BP America

J. Terry Kostoff
Former deputy state treasurer for fiscal operations; former deputy auditor general for audits; proxy for U.S. Senator Robert Casey

Rep. Jennifer Mann
D-PA, 132nd Legislative District; majority caucus secretary; chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council's State Legislative Advisory Board.

Direct Benefits to Pennsylvanians



✓ **Tax Rebates** – Over five million Pennsylvanians will take home more in their pay check due to the \$400 tax rebate provided for individuals earning under \$75,000 or the \$800 tax rebate for families with earnings under \$150,000.

✓ **Federal Tax Cut** – With the correction in the federal AMT calculation, over 970,000 Pennsylvania families will have more disposable income because they will pay less in federal taxes.

✓ **College Tax Credit** – An estimated 138,000 Pennsylvania families will get extra help from the American Opportunity Tax Credit to pay for college this fall.

✓ **Increased Unemployment Benefits** – For Pennsylvanians who have lost their jobs, as of March 10th, the checks they receive every other week for unemployment compensation will include an extra \$25 per, and for those who lost their jobs as of last September, if they are not working yet, unemployment compensation payments will be extended to 59 weeks.

Direct Benefits to Pennsylvanians (cont.)



✓ **COBRA** – for some of the unemployed—those that received health benefits on the job, the stimulus package will help them keep their health benefits. This benefit is limited to those who lost their jobs in the last six months. The federal government will rebate via refundable tax credits to the employer, 65% of the employees COBRA premium. The former employee is required to pay the balance of the COBRA premium.

✓ **Increased food stamp benefits** – Nearly 1.3 million Pennsylvania families receiving food stamps will have approximately \$32 more per month to spend on food – increasing sales in grocery stores across the state by a half billion dollars a year.

✓ **Medicaid** – Over two million Pennsylvanians can continue to get health care via the Medicaid program.

✓ **SCHIP** – With passage of the federal SCHIP bill in late January, new federal funds helped preserve Pennsylvania's Cover All Kids program, which continued to sign up children and offer health insurance to 186,000 children in the Commonwealth.

The \$16 Billion Dollar Nonprofit Question?



Show Us The Money?



How do Nonprofits Access Funding?



Stimulus Distribution



- Over 100 Spending Streams
- Thousands Of Recipients
- Federal, State and Local Government
- Other Entities



How Do I Access this Funding? Special Insight for Nonprofits



- Review your organization's past history of government funding.
- Complete an inventory or audit of your services.
- Assess opportunities by funding category, including the status of all review and approval processes.
- Timelines for applying for and getting stimulus funds vary by Department and Agency.

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- Establish an economic recovery working group to coordinate your community's efforts.
- Partner with federal, state or local agency with jurisdiction over the federal recovery funding program.
- Prioritize "ready to go" opportunities that do **not** require sustainable funding.
- Monitor the recovery websites (www.recovery.pa.gov), federal and state agency websites.

General Guidance



In deciding how to allocate Stimulus resources, organizations should fund expenditures that can be funded within two years and do not need to be sustained in the future.

Funding Rollout - Federal



Register in advance so you can get notice of funding opportunities:

- a. **For grants** (when the federal government issues a grant to an organization to perform certain functions): register at www.grants.gov
- b. **For direct contracts** (when the federal government hires a particular entity to do something): register at www.fbo.gov ["FBO" = Federal Business Opportunities"]
- c. **For either**: many agencies allow you to register directly with them for information. For instance, the Recovery site for the Department of Health & Human Services allows you to sign up to receive emails or RSS feeds; see the lower right sidebar at <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>.

Funding Rollout - Federal



• **Preference for Quick-Start Activities: Use it or Lose it!**

- **Prohibited Uses: No funds for zoos, aquariums, golf courses, stadiums, swimming pools or casinos.**
- **Federal prevailing wage rate policy applies.**
- **Buy America Provisions prevail but can be waived by federal agencies.**


Accountability



Governors, mayors, or others making funding decisions **must certify investments** have been fully vetted and are appropriate uses of tax payer dollars.

- Grantees **must submit quarterly reports** detailing the use of funds to the Granting Agency.
- Reports available on single **searchable website**, accessible by the public without cost, for each federal award of \$25,000 or more over the life of any sub-award.
- PA one of 16 states **General Accounting Office** is monitoring.
- Applicants and sub-recipients, other than individuals, are required to have a **Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number** **and** to maintain a current **Central Contractor Registration**.
- Whistleblowers **are protected**.

Funding Rollout - Local




Local

Area Agencies on Aging	Housing Authorities
Community Action Agencies	Metro planning organizations
County & Municipal Governments	School Boards
Community Health Centers	Rural planning organizations
Workforce Investment Boards	


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Funding Rollout - State




State of Pennsylvania

Will use its existing transparent processes for awarding grants and making funding decisions.



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Potential Nonprofit Funding Sources



•Arts	•Energy Efficiency
•Abandoned & Foreclosed homes	•Health IT
•Broadband	•Job Training
•Community Development Block Grant	•Prevention and Wellness
•Community Services Block Grant	•Senior Nutrition

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Funding Announcements & State Department Stimulus Contacts




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Announcements and all contacts located at <http://www.recovery.pa.gov>

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Regional Stimulus Forums



May 22 – Pittsburgh
May 27 – Harrisburg
May 29 – Beaver/Lawrence
June 3 – County Human Services Administrators
June 4 – Gettysburg
June 10 – Reading
June 19 – Lebanon
June 23 – Scranton

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Reflections From Regional Forums



- Lack Detailed Knowledge of Funding Opportunities
- Lack Capacity to Execute on Funding Opportunities
- Issues Around Announcements & Timing of Applications
- Need for Grassroots Outreach
- 18 – 24 month process
- Faith Based Groups
- Stimulus Initiative Is Bigger Than Any Single Organization

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Where to Turn: **Resources**



•**White House Recovery Website:**

<http://www.recovery.gov/>

•**Pennsylvania Recovery Website:**

<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/>

•**National Council of Nonprofits:**

<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/stimulus>

•**National Council of State Legislatures:**

<http://www.ncsl.org/statefed/2009economicstimulus.htm>

•**Full Text of Legislation:**

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:h.r.00001:>



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