



# *The County of El Dorado*

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## **Staff Report**

**DATE:** June 15, 2009

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Ronald Grassi, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

**SUBJECT:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (ARRA)

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## **Background:**

On February 17, 2009 President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (ARRA). The main objectives of the ARRA were to create and preserve jobs in the United States. Provide funds to expand the countries infrastructure. Encourage scientific development and energy efficiency. Provide assistance to the unemployed and help stabilize State and Local Government. The overall goal is to put America to work. The estimated total value of ARRA is \$787 Billion. Of this California, is expected to receive \$85 Billion in ARRA funds.

Of the estimated \$85 Billion earmarked for California \$30.2 Billion is in the form of tax relief, \$19.5 Billion to benefit health and human service programs, and \$11.8 Billion for education. \$5.2 Billion to support labor and workforce development; transportation funds to improve infrastructure amount to \$4.7 Billion and \$3 Billion is set aside for energy projects. Environmental management and water resources are expected to receive \$2.5 billion. \$2.4 Billion is set aside for science and technology, \$2.1 Billion for housing and \$.7 Billion for public safety. Exhibits A-K provides a detailed summary by program and information on the responsible federal agency and corresponding state agency.

Currently \$13.4 Billion has already been allocated to programs in California exhibit L provides specific details on the programs with the amount of the allocation. The funds allocated through ARRA are being disbursed through normal federal / state agency channels. Any funds that are not directly correlated with the function of a federal or state agency are still pending a distribution channel.

County departments have been closely watching there funding streams, however, on the one hand were the County may receive ARRA funds. The State of California may be taking funds away to solve there own budget deficits. Exhibit M provides and overview of projects and programs that County departments have been monitoring. This list may not have every program being tracked however; it should provide the Board with a baseline.

Exhibits A-I is a very comprehensive list of programs with available funding streams that may benefit El Dorado County. The requested action is to provide some direction based on the Boards goals and objectives as to which types of funds or programs should the County be pursuing.

**Request Board Direction:**

1. Exhibits A- I identify funds and programs in the following areas:

- A. Health and Human Services
- B. Labor
- C. Transportation
- D. Energy
- E. Water and Environment
- F. Science and Technology
- G. Housing
- H. Public Safety
- I. Other

Departments are encouraged to review the available ARRA funds and programs then report back to the Board on any new funding streams or programs they wish to pursue

2. Does the Board have any specific ARRA funding goals or objectives?