

FY 2008-09 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Summary: As Passed by the House
House Bill 4308 (H-2)



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	Executive*		House		Senate	
Budget Area	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
Education	\$24,533,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Energy, Labor & Econ Growth	193,156,000	0	193,156,000	0		
Military & Veterans Affairs	457,100	0	457,100	0		
Human Services	0	0	500,000	0		
TOTAL	\$218,146,100	\$0	\$194,113,100	\$0		

*Reflects remaining ARRA requests from SBO letter of 3/13/09 and new requests from SBO letters of 4/20/09 and 5/8/09.

OVERVIEW

As of May 18, 2009, supplemental requests from the State Budget Office (SBO) for funding from or related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) totaling \$218.1 million are pending before the Legislature. House Bill 4308 (H-2) contains appropriations for \$193.6 million of those requests. The bill also includes \$500,000 in new funding for food assistance outreach added by a House committee amendment.

Recommended boilerplate language applying to all funds in the bill would (1) automatically appropriate any additional federal funds awarded to Michigan through recalculation of formulas or under federal redistribution provisions, (2) allow unexpended funds to be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years (work project provisions), and (3) require subrecipients of the funds to comply with all federal requirements regarding certification, assurances, accountability, and transparency.

FY 2008-09 Appropriation Items:

EDUCATION

1. Education Technology Grants

Recognizes an additional \$24.5 million in federal Title II, Part D funds for education technology. The Governor recommends that 50% of the grants be distributed to districts based on existing eligibility criteria and that the other 50% be distributed on a competitive basis. (3/13/09 SBO letter) House Substitute does not include this item.

	<u>Executive</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Senate</u>
Gross	\$24,533,000	--	
Federal	24,533,000	--	

ENERGY, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

2. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

The ARRA allocates \$2.8 billion in direct grants to state and larger local governments, with Michigan's [Bureau of Energy Systems] share being \$19,599,600, at least 60% of which is to be subgranted to local units not eligible for direct EECBG grants. Funds are to be used for various energy efficiency projects within the state and local units that reduce energy and fossil fuel consumption. In addition to the \$2.8 million formula allocation, \$400.0 million is to be distributed by DOE on a competitive basis to states and local units. HB 4308 provides the department with sufficient spending authorization should it receive a competitive award. In addition to the state allocation, larger local units are to receive \$57.0 million in direct grants, which are not subject to appropriation. The state's application and energy efficiency strategy, setting forth how it will award subgrants (totaling at least \$11.8 million) is due to the DOE by May 26, 2009. Applications for local units receiving direct awards are due to the DOE by June 25, 2009. (3/13/09 SBO letter)

Gross	\$26,656,000	\$26,656,000
Federal	26,656,000	26,656,000

FY 2008-09 Appropriation Items:**3. State Energy Program**

The ARRA appropriates \$3.1 billion for state energy programs, with Michigan's share totaling \$82,035,000. SEP funds are to be expended for various energy efficiency programs that reduce energy and fossil fuel consumption. The department submitted its spending ARRA-SEP plan to the Department of Energy on May 12, 2009. Funds are to be expended for energy efficiency and renewable energy activities in state buildings (\$56.0 million), energy the development of efficiency and renewable energy systems in the private sector (\$23.2 million), the installation of five anemometers to collect information on wind speeds (\$610,000), and administration and oversight (\$2.3 million). (3/13/09 SBO letter)

	<u>Executive</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Senate</u>
Gross	\$82,100,000	\$82,100,000	
Federal	82,100,000	82,100,000	

4. Administrative Funding

The Recovery Act provides \$500 million to states for administration of state UI systems. Funds are distributed to states based on their share of federal taxable wages. Funds may be used by state UI agencies to administer the "modernization" provisions enacted into state law (see HB 4785 and HB 4786), improved outreach to individuals to may be eligible for UI benefits, improvement to the state UI operations (including responding to increased demand for services), and re-employment services to UI recipients. The SBO indicates that the UIA will utilize these funds for information technology improvements. (5/8/09 SBO letter)

Gross	\$14,900,000	\$14,900,000
Federal	14,900,000	14,900,000

5. UI Modernization Incentive Payment (One-Third)

The Recovery Act provides \$7.0 billion to states for enacting certain changes to the state UI laws that expand coverage. One-third of the funding is distributed for enacting an "alternate base period". (The base period is the one-year period used to determine if a claimant is monetarily eligible for UI benefits. It typically is the first 4 of the last 5 completed calendar quarters. The alternate base period, under the Michigan Employment Security Act (MCL 421.45) is the four most recent completed calendar, and is used to determine eligibility if a claimant has insufficient wages within the standard base period. The Recovery Act provides that funds can be used for the payment of benefits, or UI or employment administrative costs. The SBO indicates that the funds will be used for information technology upgrades and administrative costs to meet the increased demand for claims. (5/8/09 SBO letter)

Gross	\$69,500,000	\$69,500,000
Federal	69,500,000	69,500,000

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**6. Grand Rapids Veterans' Home**

Provides 65% federal funding for fire suppression sprinkler system improvements at the Grand Rapids Veterans' Home. This is a critical project and the department must meet all of the Federal requirements by June 15, 2009. The 35% state match will come from available Income and Assessment funds. (4/20/09 SBO letter)

Gross	\$457,100	\$457,100
Restricted	160,000	160,000
Federal	297,100	297,100

HUMAN SERVICES**7. Crisis Assistance - Food Assistance Outreach**

Appropriates \$300,000 in federal stimulus funding for food assistance administration. \$150,000 is for the Center for Civil Justice and \$150,000 is for Elder Law of Michigan to enhance current outreach efforts aimed at increasing participation of eligible low-income households in the federally-funded food assistance program.

Gross	--	\$300,000
Federal	--	300,000

8. Food Bank Funding - Food Assistance Outreach

Provides \$200,000 in federal stimulus funding for food assistance administration to the Food Bank Council of Michigan to assist Michigan food banks in collaborating with other anti-hunger partners in outreach efforts aimed at increasing the participation of eligible low-income families in the federally-funded food assistance program.

Gross	--	\$200,000
Federal	--	200,000

FY 2008-09 Boilerplate Items:

	<u>Executive</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Senate</u>
GENERAL			
1. Boilerplate Appropriation of Additional Funds Appropriates any additional funds awarded to Michigan through recalculation of formulas or under federal redistribution provisions; requires report to Legislature. (All three SBO letters)	Included	Sec. 203	
2. Carry-Forward Authority Provides for the carry-forward of unexpended funds into the succeeding fiscal year in conformance with Section 451a of the Management and Budget Act (work project provisions). (All three SBO letters)	Included	Sec. 204	
3. Federal Requirements Incorporated by Reference Requires subrecipients of funds appropriated to comply with all federal requirements regarding certification, assurances, accountability, and transparency. (All three SBO letters)	Included	Sec. 205	
ENERGY, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH			
4. Use of UI Modernization Funds (One-Third) Provides that the \$69.5 million received for the UI modernization incentive payment will be expended for technology improvements and administrative costs necessary to meet increased demand for UI services. (5/8/09 SBO letter)	Included	Sec. 401	
HUMAN SERVICES			
5. Crisis Prevention - Food Assistance Outreach Specifies that the \$300,000 appropriated for crisis assistance will be distributed to the Center for Civil Justice and Elder Law of Michigan to enhance current food assistance outreach efforts. Each organization will receive \$150,000.	--	Sec. 501	
6. Food Bank Funding - Food Assistance Outreach Specifies that the \$200,000 appropriated for crisis assistance will be distributed to the Food Bank Council of Michigan to assist food banks to collaborate with partners on food assistance outreach.	--	Sec. 502	