



Office of Recovery Act Coordination

Department of Health and Human Services

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Recovery Act:

Arkansas Highlights



Since the enactment of the Recovery Act in 2009, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has made **\$946.4 million in stimulus funds available in the State of Arkansas*** for Community Health Centers, universities and other institutions in the State to provide fiscal relief, improve and expand access to health care, provide child care and other social services for its most vulnerable citizens, establish the infrastructure for health information technology, and conduct scientific research.

This includes:

- **\$752.5 million** for the increased Federal share (FMAP) of State Medicaid costs.
- **\$34.1 million** for scientific research and research facilities, including:
 - **\$10.5 million** for construction at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences in Little Rock to provide space for cancer research.
- **\$25.1 million** for the Child Care and Development Fund to increase access to child care and to improve quality.
- **\$33.9 million** for health information technology (IT), including:
 - **\$8.4 million** to the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care to create a Regional Extension Center to help health care providers in Arkansas become meaningful users of electronic health records.
 - **\$7.9 million** to the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration to facilitate health information exchange.
- **\$21.7 million** for Early Head Start and Head Start programs to expand and improve quality.
- **\$14.4 million** for Community Health Center services, construction, renovation, equipment and health IT, including:
 - **\$3 million** for the White River Rural Health Center in Augusta.
 - **\$2.4 million** for St. Francis House Northwest Arkansas in Springdale.
- **\$13.7 million** for the Community Services Block Grant for community action agencies to reduce poverty and assist low-income residents in becoming self-sufficient.
- **\$12.8 million** for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), including **\$3.9 million** for subsidized employment programs.
- **\$1.9 million** to support 43 National Health Service Corps clinicians providing primary health care in Health Professional Shortage Areas.
- **\$1.7 million** for the Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative for State programs targeting obesity and tobacco, and **\$400,000** for chronic disease self-management programs for the elderly.
- **\$1.5 million** for immunization programs.
- **\$1.1 million** to help strengthen community nonprofit groups.
- **\$967,000** for meals and nutrition services for the elderly.

**The total funding in this document is based on the HHS Sept. 30, 2011, Financial and Activity Report (FAR) for the Recovery Act, available at the Department's website, <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/reports/index.html>, except for FMAP, which is based on the Oct. 21, 2011, FAR and FMAP obligations of \$119.8 million in Recovery Act funds extended by P.L. 111-226. The highlights are a selection of programs funded by the Recovery Act and do not add up to the total funding within the State. For more information about individual HHS programs and Recovery Act funding, see <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>.*