



Office of Recovery Act Coordination

Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources

Recovery Act:

Louisiana Highlights



Since the enactment of the Recovery Act in 2009, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has made **\$2.4 billion in stimulus funds available in the State of Louisiana*** 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:

- **\$1.9 billion** for the increased Federal share (FMAP) of State Medicaid costs.
- **\$99 million** for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- **\$83.3 million** for health information technology (IT), including:
 - **\$45.3 million** for Louisiana's Medicaid Electronic Health Record incentive program for implementation and payments to providers and hospitals.
 - **\$13.5 million** to the Louisiana Public Health Institute, New Orleans, to create a Beacon Community to serve as a pilot for the widespread use of health IT.
 - **\$10.6 million** to the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum to facilitate health information exchange.
- **\$53.3 million** for scientific research, equipment, and facilities, including:
 - **\$13.5 million** for Tulane University to remodel labs to create spaces that foster collaboration in medical science.
 - **\$2.8 million** to Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center for brain injury research.
- **\$42.7 million** for Early Head Start and Head Start programs to expand and improve quality.
- **\$40.1 million** for the Child Care and Development Fund to increase access to child care and improve quality.
- **\$25.4 million** for Community Health Center services, construction, renovation, equipment, and health IT, including:
 - **\$2.1 million** for Teche Action Board in Franklin for a new service site, increased demand, equipment, and health IT.
 - **\$1.7 million** for New Orleans' St. Thomas Community Health Center for a new service site, construction, equipment, and increased demand for services.
- **\$22.2 million** for the Community Services Block Grant for community action agencies to help low-income people become self-sufficient.
- **\$2.9 million** to support 65 National Health Service Corps clinicians providing primary health care in Health Professional Shortage Areas.
- **\$1.5 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.
- **\$1.3 million** for meals and nutrition services for the elderly.
- **\$842,000** for State efforts to fight healthcare-associated infections.

**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 \$413.7 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/>.*