



Office of Recovery Act Coordination

Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources

Recovery Act:

Rhode Island Highlights



Since the enactment of the Recovery Act in 2009, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has made **\$666.3 million in stimulus funds available in the State of Rhode Island*** 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:

- **\$526.1 million** for the increased Federal share (FMAP) of State Medicaid costs.
 - new service site, increased demand, construction, and equipment.
- **\$45.7 million** for scientific research and facilities.
 - **\$2.8 million** for construction of a behavior change research facility at the University of Rhode Island.
- **\$28.9 million** for health information technology (IT), including the following funding to the Rhode Island Quality Institute:
 - **\$15.9 million** to create a Beacon Community, a pilot project to promote the widespread use of health IT.
 - **\$6.4 million** to create a Regional Extension Center to provide health IT support services to doctors and other providers.
 - **\$5.3 million** to facilitate health information exchange.
- **\$12.9 million** for Community Health Center services, construction, renovation, equipment, and health IT, including:
 - **\$2 million** for Pawtucket's Blackstone Valley Community Health Care for increased demand, construction, equipment, and health IT.
 - **\$1.7 million** for Johnston's Tri-Town Economic Opportunity Committee for a
- **\$8.1 million** for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), including **\$4.8 million** for subsidized jobs programs.
- **\$6 million** for Early Head Start and Head Start programs to expand services and improve quality.
- **\$5.7 million** for the Community Services Block Grant for community action agencies to reduce poverty and help low-income people become more self-sufficient.
- **\$5.3 million** for the Child Care and Development Fund to increase access to child care and improve quality.
- **\$1.4 million** for immunization programs.
- **\$1 million** to help strengthen community nonprofit groups.
- **\$1 million** to support 21 National Health Service Corps clinicians providing primary health care in Health Professional Shortage Areas.
- **\$497,000** for meals and nutrition services for the elderly.
- **\$200,000** for community programs to help seniors better self-manage chronic diseases.

**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 \$71.9 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/>.*