



Stimulus 101

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Today's Presentation

- Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Advocacy Strategies and Tactics for Equitable Implementation
- Resources for Further Information

Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

\$787
billion

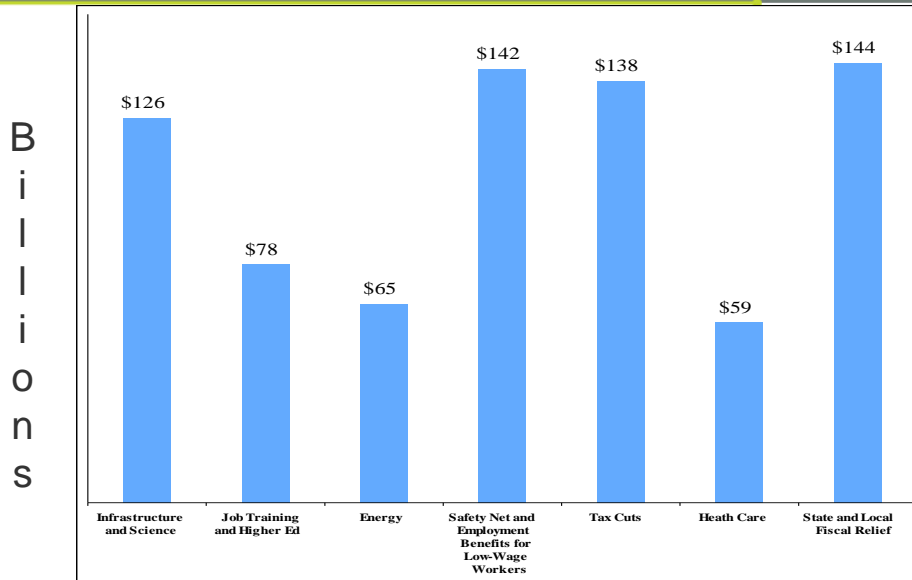


Florida

- **\$734 billion**
- **Florida Gross State Product (2007)**

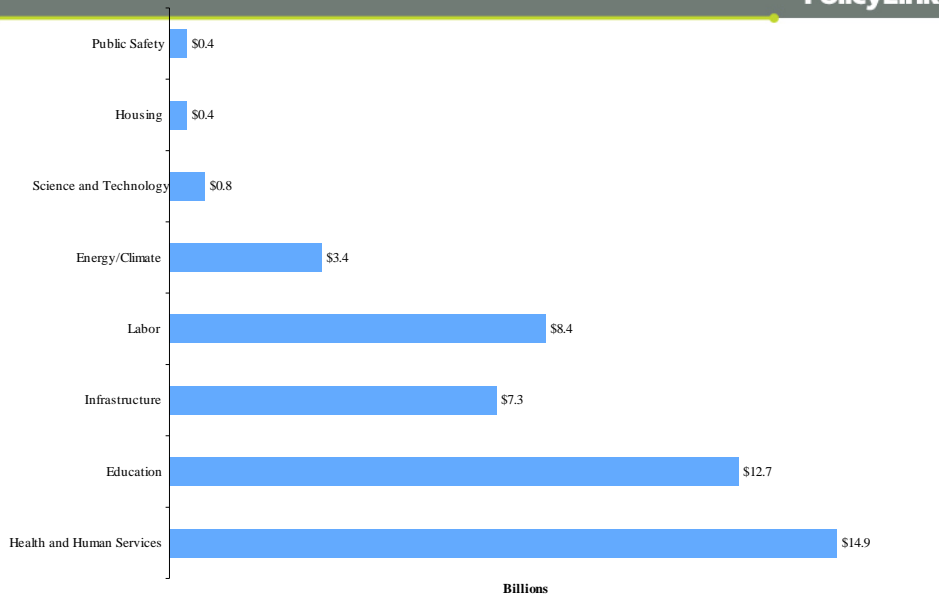


Categories of Spending



California's Share: \$48.3 billion

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Purposes and Principles

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(a) STATEMENT OF PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act include the following:

(1) To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.

(2) To assist those most impacted by the recession.

(3) To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health.

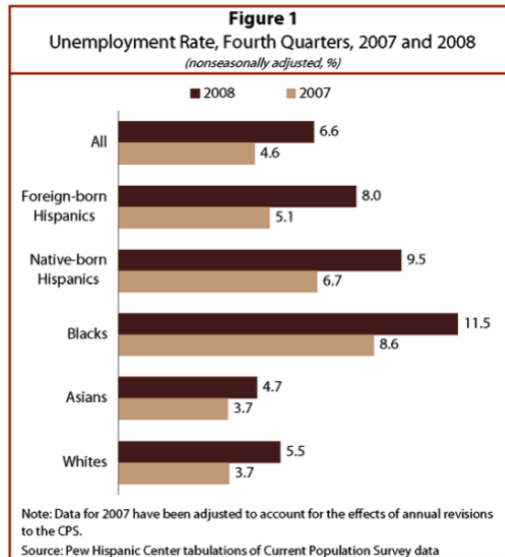
(4) To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.

(5) To stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive State and local tax increases.

(b) GENERAL PRINCIPLES CONCERNING USE OF FUNDS.—The President and the heads of Federal departments and agencies shall manage and expend the funds made available in this Act so as to achieve the purposes specified in subsection (a), including commencing expenditures and activities as quickly as possible consistent with prudent management.

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INVESTING IN PUBLIC SAFETY

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program*

ESTIMATED STATE VS. LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

On Friday, March 6, 2009, President Obama and Attorney General Holder announced the allocation of \$2 billion in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to control crime and improve the criminal justice system.

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* The JAG Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system

SOURCE: Department of Justice

Welcome to Recovery.gov

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression. With much at stake, the Act provides for unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability so that you will be able to know how, when, and where your tax dollars are being spent. Spearheaded by a new Recovery Board, this Act contains built-in measures to root out waste, inefficiency, and unnecessary spending. This website, Recovery.gov, will be the main vehicle to provide each and every citizen with the ability to monitor the progress of the recovery.

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Accountability and Transparency

This is your money. You have a right to know where it's going and how it's being spent. Learn what steps we're taking to ensure you can track our progress every step of the way.

Share your Recovery Story

Tell us how the Recovery Act is affecting you. What's working? What isn't? We want to hear from you.

State Progress and Resources

Curious about the recovery progress in your state? Learn more about statewide recovery efforts here.

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DOT Recovery-Related Plans and Reports

[State and other ARRA Funding Certifications](#)

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How to apply:

- [Grants.gov](#)
- [FBO.gov](#)

Secretary LaHood's Letter to the Nation's Governors on ARRA Certifications (2/27/2009) [HTML](#) | [PDF](#)

Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood requests action by the Nation's Governors to make certifications and other assurances that the funding made available under the Recovery Act will be spent for worthy infrastructure projects. Certification is necessary to permit the timely release of funds.

Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

Implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Transportation is a great enabler of economic growth, the lifeblood of commerce. It moves people to jobs and goods to the marketplace. Without strong transportation arteries, economies stagnate. We will use the transportation funding in the Act to deliver jobs and restore our nation's economy. We will emphasize sustainable investment and focus our policies on the people, businesses and communities who use the transportation systems. And, we will focus on the quality of our environment. We will invest in jobs to expand transit capacity and modernize transit systems. We will invest in jobs to allow Amtrak to add and modernize cars and engines and upgrade its tracks. We will invest in jobs to expand airport capacity and make safety improvements. We will invest in jobs to build and rehabilitate and make safer roads, highways, bridges and ports. And we will invest in jobs to launch high-speed rail in America.

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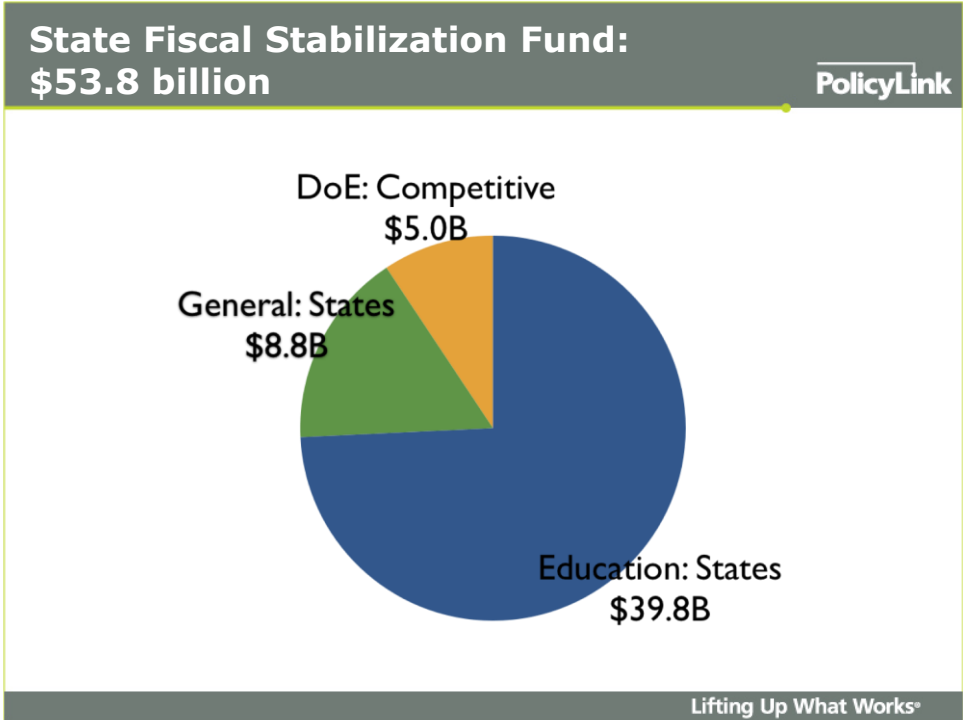
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E-mail the DOT Recovery and Reinvestment Helpdesk: TigerTeam@dot.gov

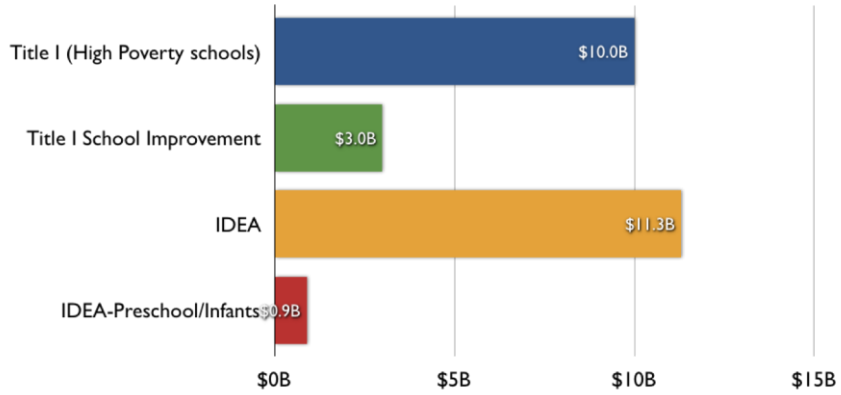
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 202-366-0747 (9AM-5PM Eastern Time, Monday-Friday)

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Additional Education Funds

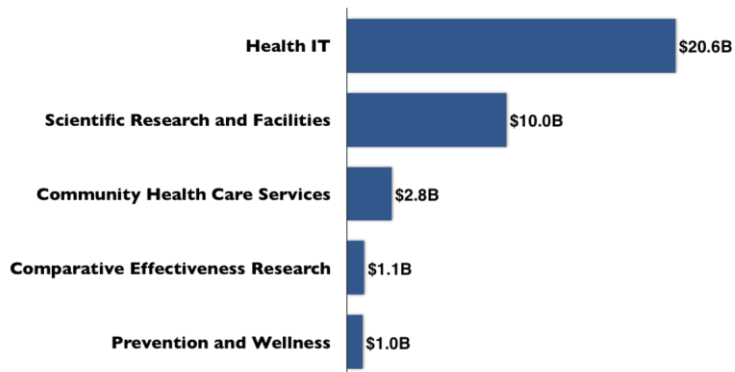
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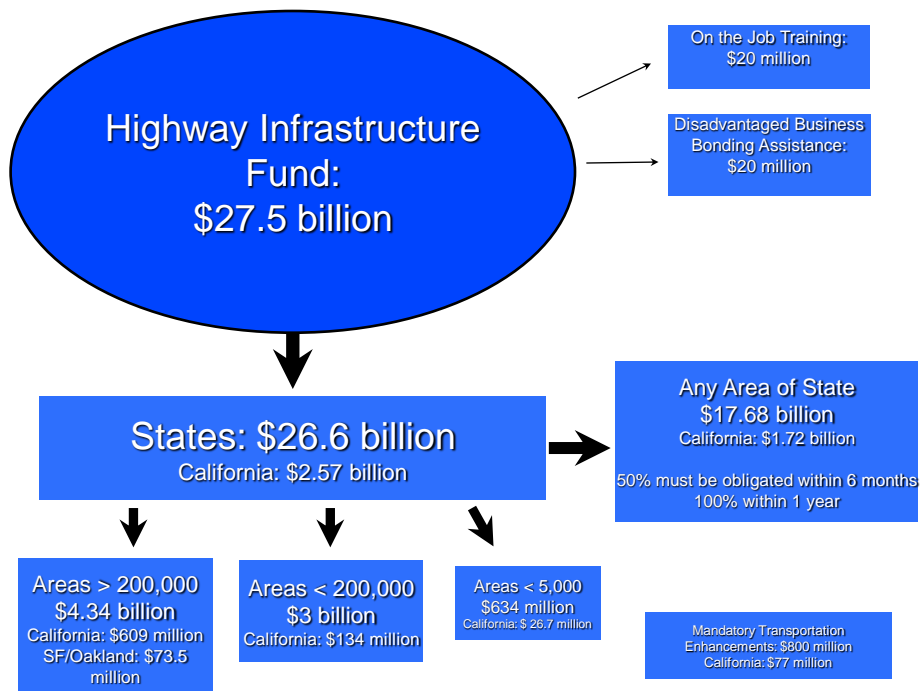
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Table 1:
Major Surface Transportation Programs Included in The Recovery Act

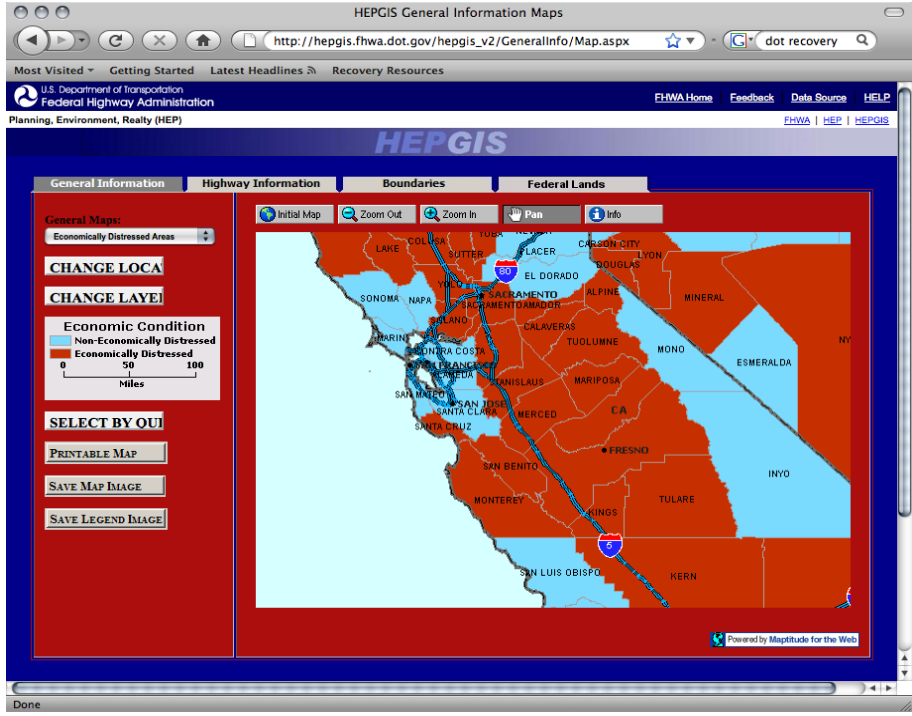
Program	Funding Amount	Type of Allocation*
Supplemental Discretionary Grants for National Surface Transportation System	\$1.5 billion	Individual grants to states, local governments, and transit agencies
Highway Infrastructure Investment Fund	\$27.5 billion	Formula to states
Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service	\$8 billion	Grants to states
Amtrak Capital Grants	\$1.3 billion	Grants to Amtrak
Public Transit Capital Assistance	\$6.9 billion	Formula to transit agencies and states
Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment	\$750 million	Formula to states and local governments
Capital Investment Grants for New Starts and Small Starts Fixed Guideway Projects	\$750 million	Grants to New and Small Starts projects



**High Unemployment
or
Lower Per Capita Income**

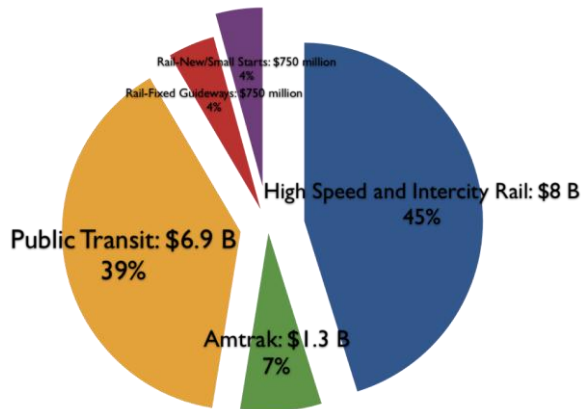
Includes but not limited to:

- **Counties**
- **Cities**
- **Regions**
- **Neighborhoods**
- **Census Block Groups**



\$17.7 Billion for Public Transit and Rail

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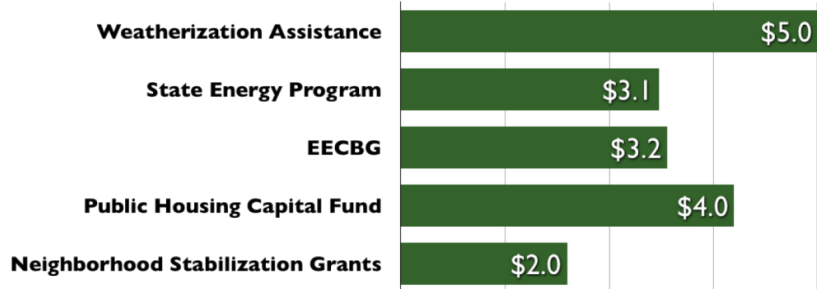


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Funding for Energy Efficiency

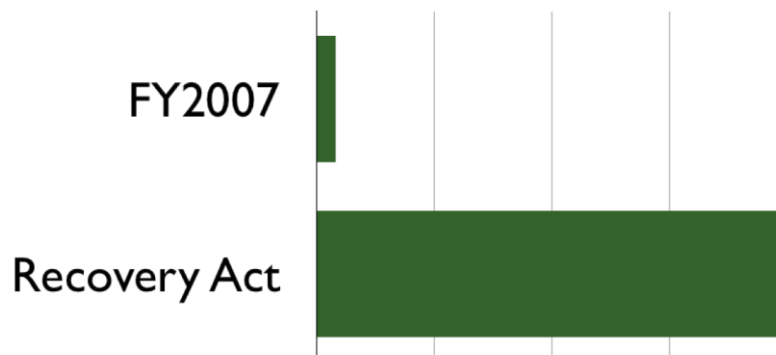
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Weatherization Assistance

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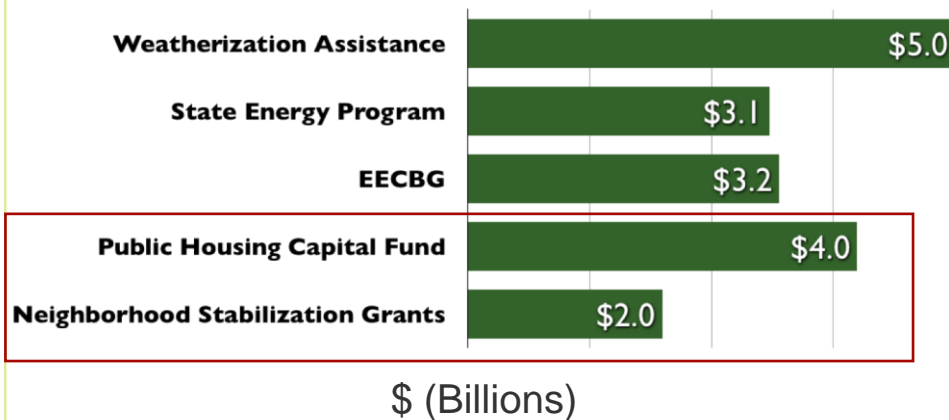


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Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program



Transforming the Grid to Revolutionize Electric Power in North America



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**Advocacy Strategies and Tactics for
Equitable Implementation**

**Challenges, Opportunities, &
Strategic Approaches**

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Catching a fast moving ARRA train - determining the best way to impact decision making...

- Some allocation decisions on infrastructure projects are slated for 50 and 180 days
- Short window to give input and build support for equity provisions in the guidelines for competitive grants that DOL and DOE will administer
- Put together partnerships that can compete for funding

- Pressure to get up to speed on the Infrastructure and Green Economy issues and sorting through leverage points
- Limited organizational capacity to impact policy makers and those administering resources on local, state, and federal levels
- Pulling together partnerships to meet urgent needs

Opportunities

- **To make the case for deeper solutions that directly address systemic nature of the crisis of inequality & environmental degradation we are facing.**
 - With careful framing we can win more to our side, given the fact that middle America is now feeling the economic, social crisis our communities have been experiencing and because the environmental challenges are becoming pocket book issues.
- **If you are local, there is huge opportunity to inform the work of new equity-focused regional, state, and national coalitions.**
 - e.g. Social Equity Caucus, California Green Stimulus Coalition, Transportation for America (T4A), Transportation Equity Network, and National Public Transit Riders Campaign

Strategic Approaches

- **Don't try to stop the moving train, work to direct its destination and the goods it delivers.**
 - Use connections and leverage at local level to ensure that the “containers” that the stimulus money must flow through are equitable and environmentally sustainable

Strategic Approaches

- **Translate the equity principles, working models, and policy wins you have made through organizing into the standards and best practices for implementation of stimulus projects in your community and region.**
- **Accountability—insist that existing equity and environmental mandates are adhered to in implementation of stimulus-related programs.**
 - Environmental Justice, AB 32 & SB 375
 - Transportation objectives that reduce VMT and create walkable and healthier communities
 - Minority- and Women-Owned Business set-asides

Strategic Approaches

- **Harness the Stimulus and Recovery work as part of your strategy for the long haul—4-8 year strategy.**
 - Push for stimulus resources to be used to further system reforms and regional capacity to create healthy, opportunity-filled, environmental communities
- **Take advantage of in-roads made in decision making at municipal, county, state, and federal levels.**
 - E.g. Project Labor Agreements and Local First Source Hiring
 - LA CRA Project Labor Agreement Policy
 - February 9th Executive Orders PLAs; DOL implementations regulations for WIA in Stimulus
 - CA Green Stimulus Coalition is working on codifying this at the state level with stimulus dollars; reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU as well as TEN, T4A

Additional Opportunities

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- **HUD/DOT Livable Communities Initiative**
- **DOL—Green Jobs Training Grants \$500 million for green jobs**
 - Energy efficiency and renewable energy worker training
 - Push for pathways out of poverty component
- **Department of Education Post Secondary Success Grants**
 - Will provide \$2.5 billion to fund innovative strategies to increase the percentage of low-income youth of color who earn a post-secondary degree by age 25
- **Office of Urban Renewal—Focus on Crime Prevention**

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Resources

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- Recovery Resource List
- “Demand Equity Now: A Recovery Briefing Series”
- Recovery page at www.policylink.org

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