

2009 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act: Reporting Requirements

Summary

- How funds are spent, all announcements of contract and grant competitions and awards, and formula grant allocations must be posted on a special website created by the President (<http://www.recovery.gov/>). It must also include the names of agency personnel to contact with concerns about infrastructure projects.
- Public notice of funding must include a description of the investment funded, the purpose, the total cost, and why recovery dollars should be used. Governors, mayors, or others making funding decisions must personally certify that the investment has been fully vetted and is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. This information will also be placed on the internet.
- The Council of Economic Advisors must report quarterly on the results for the American economy.
- A Recovery Act Accountability and Transparency Board will be created to review management of recovery dollars and provide early warning of problems. The board is made up largely of Inspectors General.
- The Government Accountability Office and the Inspectors General are provided additional funding and access for special review of recovery funding.

Reports on Use of Funds

Any funds that are made available from appropriations under this Act or under any authorities provided under the Act are required to prepare reports documenting how the funds have been expended.¹

Recipient Reports- No later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each recipient that received recovery funds from an agency must submit a report to that agency that contains the following information:²

- the total amount of recovery funds received from that agency;
- the amount of recovery funds received that were expended or obligated to projects or activities; and
- a detailed list of all projects or activities for which recovery funds were expended or obligated, including--
 - the name of the project or activity;
 - a description of the project or activity;
 - an evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity; and
 - an estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity.

For infrastructure investments made by State and local governments, the purpose, total costs, and rationale of the agency for funding the infrastructure

¹ American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Title XV—Accountability and Transparency. Subtitle A—Transparency and Oversight Requirements.

² Recipient- The term `recipient'--means any entity that receives recovery funds (including recovery funds received through grant, loan, or contract) other than an individual

investment and the name of the person to contact at the agency if there are concerns with the infrastructure investment.

- Detailed information on any subcontracts or subgrants awarded by the recipient to include the data elements required to comply with the Federal Law³, allowing aggregate reporting on awards below \$25,000 or to individuals.

Agency Reports- No later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each agency that made recovery funds available to any recipient shall make the information in reports submitted by the recipient's publicly available by posting the information on a website.

- Other Reports- The Congressional Budget Office and the Government Accountability Office shall comment on the information described in subsection (c)(3)(D) for any reports submitted under subsection (c). Such comments shall be due within 7 days after such reports are submitted.

³ Public Law 109-282