

Summary of Conservation Spending Contained in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act



Department	Agency/Project	Final Bill	Additional Information
Department of Agriculture	NRCS - Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program	\$290,000,000	Of the total amount, \$145,000,000 is for purchasing and restoring floodplain easements under the authorities of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. Funding is provided for conducting a floodplain, restoration enrollment process that encompasses multiple regions of the country and that will provide the greatest public and environmental benefits.
	NRCS - Watershed Rehabilitation Program	\$50,000,000	Provides funding to rehabilitate aging flood control infrastructure. The agency is directed to prioritize funding for projects that are at greatest risk of failure and present threats to public safety. The agency is further directed to prioritize funding for projects that can obligate and expend funds both cost effectively and rapidly. Finally, the agency is directed to fully fund the cost of completing rehabilitation projects initiated with the dollars provided in this conference agreement.
	FSA - Salaries and Expenses	\$50,000,000	For the purpose of maintaining and modernizing the information technology system
Army Corps of Engineers	Corps of Engineers General	\$2,000,000,000	\$200,000,000 of the funds provided shall be for water-related environmental infrastructure assistance
Department of Commerce	NOAA - Habitat Restoration	\$230,000,000	For NOAA operations, research, and facilities to address a backlog of research, restoration, navigation, conservation and management activities.
Department of Defense	Environmental Management Office - Defense Environmental Cleanup	\$5,127,000,000	For environmental restoration activities at active installations, base realignment and closure (BRAC) installations, and formerly used defense sites (FUDS).
Department of Interior*	FWS - Construction	\$115,000,000	For construction, reconstruction, and repair of roads, bridges, property, and facilities and for energy efficient retrofits of existing facilities

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	FWS - Resource Management	\$165,000,000	For deferred maintenance, construction, and capital improvement projects on national wildlife refuges and national fish hatcheries and for high priority habitat restoration projects.
	BLM - Management of Lands and Resources	\$125,000,000	Provides flexibility to the agency in determining the allocation of this funding among various program activities and sub-activities. The conferees encourage that selection of individual projects be based on a prioritization process which weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and which creates lasting value for the American public. While maximizing jobs, the Bureau should consider projects on all Bureau managed lands including deferred maintenance, abandoned mine and well site remediation, road and trail maintenance, watershed improvement, and high priority habitat restoration.
	BLM - Construction	\$180,000,000	For construction. While maximizing jobs, the Bureau should consider priority road, bridge, and trail repair or decommissioning, critical deferred maintenance projects, facilities construction and renovation, and remediation of abandoned mine and well sites on all Bureau managed lands.
	BLM - Wildland Fire Management	\$15,000,000	The conference agreement specifies the funds should be used for high priority hazardous fuels reduction projects on Federal lands.

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	USBR - Water Resources Conservation (removal, repair, modification)	\$1,000,000,000	Not less than \$126,000,000 shall be used for water reclamation and reuse projects authorized under title XVI of Public Law 102-575: \$50,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading may be transferred to the Department of the Interior for programs, projects and activities authorized by the Central Utah Project Completion Act (titles II-V of Public Law 102-575): \$50,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading may be used for programs, projects, and activities authorized by the California Bay-Delta Restoration Act (Public Law 108-361): That not less than \$60,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading shall be used for rural water projects and shall be expended primarily on water intake and treatment facilities of such projects: That not less than \$10,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading shall be used for a bureau-wide inspection of canals program in urbanized areas: the Secretary shall have unlimited reprogramming authority for these funds provided under this heading.
	NPS - Construction	\$589,000,000	For repair and restoration of roads; construction of facilities, including energy efficient retrofits of existing facilities; equipment replacement; preservation and repair of historical resources within the National Park System; cleanup of abandoned mine sites on park lands; and other critical infrastructure projects
	NPS - Operation	\$146,000,000	For deferred maintenance of facilities and trails and for other critical repair and rehabilitation projects
	USDA FS Capital Improvement and Maintenance	\$650,000,000	For priority road, bridge and trail maintenance and decommissioning, including related watershed restoration and ecosystem enhancement projects; facilities improvement, maintenance and renovation; remediation of abandoned mine sites; and support costs necessary to carry out this work.

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	USDA FS - Hazardous Fuel Reduction & Post-Fire Restoration	\$500,000,000	This includes \$250,000,000 for hazardous fuels reduction, forest health protection, rehabilitation and hazard mitigation activities on Federal lands and \$250,000,000 for cooperative activities to benefit State and private lands. The conference agreement provides flexibility to the Service to allocate funds among existing State and private assistance programs to choose programs that provide the maximum public benefit. The Conferees encourage the Service to select individual projects based on a prioritization process which weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and to create lasting value for the American public. The bill allows the Service to use up to \$50,000,000 to make competitive grants for the purpose of creating incentives for increased use of biomass from federal and non-federal forested lands. To better address current economic conditions at the state and local level, funds provided for State and private forestry activities shall not be subject to matching or cost share requirements.
Environmental Protection Agency	Clean Water State Revolving Fund	\$4,000,000,000	Priority for funds appropriated herein shall be given to projects on a State priority list that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of the date of enactment of this Act. Not less than 20 percent of the funds appropriated herein for the Revolving Funds shall be for projects to address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements or other environmentally innovative activities. None of the funds appropriated herein shall be available for the purchase of land or easements.
	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	\$2,000,000,000	
	Brownfields Projects	\$100,000,000	To carry out Brownfields projects authorized by section 104(k) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA). Up to 3.5 percent of the funds appropriated may be reserved for management and oversight purposes.
Federal Highway Administration**	NPS - Park Roads and Parkways Program	\$170,000,000	For investments in transportation at Indian reservations and Federal lands priority shall be given to capital investments, and to projects and activities that can be completed within 2 years of enactment of this Act: Provided further, That 1 year following the enactment of this Act, to ensure the prompt use of the \$550,000,000 provided for investments at Indian reservations and Federal lands, the Secretary shall have the authority to redistribute unobligated funds within the respective program for which the funds were appropriated
	USDA FS - Forest Highway Program	\$60,000,000	
	FWS - Refuge Roads Program	\$10,000,000	

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	Mississippi River Restoration	\$375,000,000	For flood damage reduction projects and related efforts in the Mississippi River alluvial valley below Cape Girardeau, Missouri
General Provisions	PREFERENCE FOR QUICK-START ACTIVITIES		SEC. 1602. In using funds made available in this Act for infrastructure investment, recipients shall give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit.
	PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY		SEC. 1603. All funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010, unless expressly provided otherwise in this Act.
	LIMIT ON FUNDS		SEC. 1604. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act may be used by any State or local government, or any private entity, for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool.
	BUY AMERICAN		<p>Sec. 1605. Use of American Iron, Steel, and Manufactured Goods. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States.</p> <p>(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or category of cases in which the head of the Federal department or agency involved finds that--</p> <p>(1) applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent with the public interest;</p> <p>(2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or</p> <p>(3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.</p> <p>(c) If the head of a Federal department or agency determines that it is necessary to waive the application of subsection (a) based on a finding under subsection (b), the head of the department or agency shall publish in the Federal Register a detailed written justification as to why the provision is being waived.</p> <p>(d) This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.</p>

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	ADDITIONAL FUNDING DISTRIBUTION AND ASSURANCE OF APPROPRIATE USE OF FUNDS		<p>SEC. 1607. (a) Certification by Governor- Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, for funds provided to any State or agency thereof, the Governor of the State shall certify that: (1) the State will request and use funds provided by this Act; and (2) the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.</p> <p>(b) Acceptance by State Legislature- If funds provided to any State in any division of this Act are not accepted for use by the Governor, then acceptance by the State legislature, by means of the adoption of a concurrent resolution, shall be sufficient to provide funding to such State.</p> <p>(c) Distribution- After the adoption of a State legislature's concurrent resolution, funding to the State will be for distribution to local governments, councils of government, public entities, and public-private entities within the State either by formula or at the State's discretion.</p>
	WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS		<p>SEC. 1606. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and in a manner consistent with other provisions in this Act, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to this Act shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code. With respect to the labor standards specified in this section, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code.</p>

Current Timeline

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- 3-Mar** Federal Agencies to Begin Reporting Use of Funds
- 3-May** Federal Agencies to make Performance Plans publicly available
Federal Agencies to begin reporting on their allocations for entitlement programs
- 15-May** Detailed agency financial reports to become available
- 20-May** Federal Agencies to begin reporting their competitive grants and contracts
- 15-Jul** Recipients of Federal funding to begin reporting on their use of funds

* Agencies receiving funding in the Interior and Environment sections of this Act submit a general spending plan for these appropriations to the Committees on Appropriations within 30 days of enactment and that they submit detailed project level information within 90 days of enactment.

** Also includes \$310,000,000 for Indian Reservation Roads Program