

## The Following FAQs were developed as a follow up to the ARRA Forum hosted in April, 2009

- **Who is overseeing the Federal Stimulus money provided to CT?**

Oversight of stimulus funding will vary by program. The federal agency offering the grant program will have oversight for that specific program. For example, the Department of Energy will have oversight of the programs it manages, such as State Formula Grants and Recovery Act funding for Transportation Electrification.

- **Which agency decides which projects are “shovel ready”?**

The agency overseeing the project funding will make the determination of what projects are “shovel ready.” In general, projects that have the ability to break ground and enter construction within a year are considered “shovel ready.” However, as a program guidelines are released, the timeframe may be shorter for stimulus funded projects.

- **Please have a web link describing the Neighborhood Stabilization Package**

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/>

- **When will most of the competitive grant money be released by the Federal Gov't?**

Most of the competitive funds will be released within the next 2 years.

- **Please include more information on the weatherization grants**

The DOE Weatherization Program website is <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/>. It provides an overview of the weatherization assistance program.

- **Figures for 200% of poverty level**

For a family of 4, 200% of the poverty level is \$44,100.

- **Clarity for meeting definition of green jobs**

There is currently no formal definition of green jobs as adopted by the federal government. The Green Jobs Act of 2007 lists the following targeted industries:

*the energy-efficient building, construction, and retrofits industries;*

*the renewable electric power industry;*

*the energy efficient and advanced drive train vehicle industry;*

*the biofuels industry;*

*the deconstruction and materials use industries;*

*the energy efficiency assessment industry serving the residential, commercial, or industrial sectors; and*

*manufacturers that produce sustainable products using environmentally sustainable processes and materials.*

- **Where can companies/individuals begin looking for ARRA opportunities?**

The two best resources to see what is going on:

- Federal ARRA Site: <http://www.recovery.gov/> has links to all agency information and ability to sign up for alerts
- Connecticut ARRA Site: <http://www.recovery.ct.gov>

- Where are Federal ARRA RFPs posted?  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and <https://www.fedconnect.net/Fedconnect/>

- What are the conditions of ARRA money?

The conditions vary program by program depending upon the specific program guidelines.