

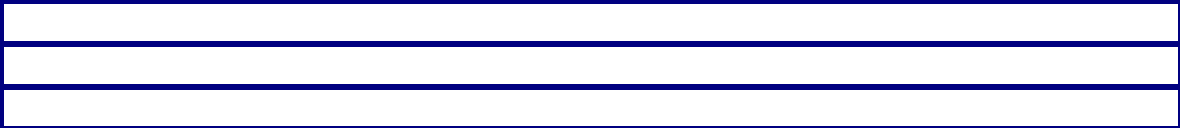
# Recovery Newsletter Issue # 9

## New York Recovery News

### **NYS Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet** **06.12.2009**

The New York State Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet is pleased to announce that it has approved its first category of funding. This approval is for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Extramural Research Facilities Improvement Program due June 17, 2009 ([RFA-RR-09-008](#)). NIH funding for this Program will provide significant funding to expand life sciences facilities in the state thereby enhancing economic development in this strategically important technology sector.

Eligible institutions are encouraged to seek a 10% match from the New York State Innovation Economy Matching Grants Program for this NIH funding. To apply for a matching fund commitment letter for this program, please go to the New York State Recovery Website: [click here](#).



## Federal Recovery News

### **The White House** **06.08.2009**

The President and Vice President announced the Roadmap to Recovery – a summer initiative designed to accelerate the Administration’s recovery efforts. Ten major projects – that will keep more teachers in the classroom, put more cops on our streets, and give more people access to healthcare over the next 100 days.

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### **US Department of Agriculture** **06.02.2009**

The USDA announced that 200 waste and water projects that will begin in the second 100 days of the Recovery Act. Eleven of these projects, worth \$18,369,400 are located in New York.

USDA Waste and Water Projects in NY to Begin in Second 100 Days of Recovery Act						
State	Project	Loan	Grant	Total Agency Funding	Total Project Cost	County Name
NY	Town of Darien	\$76,000	\$189,700	\$265,700	\$265,700	Genesee
NY	Town of Hastings	\$2,200,000	\$904,500	\$3,104,500	\$3,109,000	Oswego
NY	Town of Keene	\$100,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,100,000	\$5,301,370	Essex
NY	Town of Madrid	\$2,540,000	\$78,000	\$2,618,000	\$2,625,950	St Lawrence
NY	Town of Shelby Water District #9	\$446,000	\$395,000	\$841,000	\$841,000	Orleans
NY	Town of Stafford Water District #7	\$368,000	\$291,900	\$659,900	\$659,900	Genesee
NY	Town of Trenton Hamlet of Hinckley	\$144,000	\$432,300	\$576,300	\$580,500	Oneida
NY	Town of Volney Airport Water District	\$850,000	\$389,500	\$1,239,500	\$1,244,000	Oswego
NY	Town of Volney Kingston	\$628,000	\$336,500	\$964,500	\$969,000	Oswego

	Rd. Water Dist.					
NY	Village of Cassadaga	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	Chautauqua
NY	Village of Wurtsboro	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	Sullivan

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## US Department of Education

**06.11.2009**

Staff from the Department of Education will be hosting a series of forums to share updates and information on important education issues. These forums will enable Department staff to communicate directly with representatives of schools, organizations, state and local governments, and other interested parties who guide and support the work of schools.

Discussion topics for this first forum will focus on:

- Issues related to the implementation of the education portions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA);
  - The reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA);
  - The Department's fiscal year 2010 budget request;
  - Current higher education issues; and
  - Other high-priority education matters.
- Department staff will share relevant information, and provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions and share information.

The first forum is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., at the Department's headquarters in the LBJ Education Building, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, in the Barnard Auditorium. The schedule and topics of future forums will be posted on the Department's website.

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## US Department of Energy

**06.12.2009**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will be holding a public meeting on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) published on May 21, 2009. In the NOPR, DOE proposed to amend the eligibility requirements applicable to multi-unit buildings under the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons. Under the proposed rule, if a multi-unit building is under the Qualified Assistance Housing Program or Public Housing Program, identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and included on a list published by DOE, that building would meet certain income and benefit eligibility requirements under the Weatherization Assistance Program without the need for further evaluation or verification. Also under the proposed rule, if a multi-unit building includes units that participate in the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, is identified by HUD, and included on a list published by DOE, that building would meet the income eligibility requirements of the Weatherization Assistance Program without the need for further evaluation or verification. The proposed rule is intended reduce the procedural burdens on evaluating applications from buildings that are part of HUD public and assisted housing and U.S. Department of Treasury tax credit programs.

Public meeting June 18,2009.  
Comments due July 6, 2009.

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## US Department of Housing and Urban Development

**06.12.2009**

In this notice, the Secretary delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and

Development and the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development the authority necessary to implement the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) which was established under the Homelessness Prevention Fund heading of Division A, Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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**US Department of Interior**

**06.10.2009**

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today informed President Obama and the Cabinet that the National Park Service will begin economic recovery projects at 107 national parks in next 100 days, creating new jobs and stimulating local economies while making parks better places for Americans to visit. The projects fall under six basic types of activities: construction, deferred maintenance, energy efficient equipment replacement, trails, abandoned land mines, road maintenance, and road maintenance. The National Park Projects that will begin in New York in the next 100 days are listed below.

<b>National Park Recovery Act Projects in New York</b>		
<b>Park</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Total \$ per Park</b>
Appalachian National Scenic Trail	Rehabilitate Appalachian Trail in Bear Mountain, NY	\$90,000
Fire Island	Repair 153 Feet of Failed Bulkhead at Sailors Haven Marina Replace Patchogue Bulkheads and Complete Ferry Terminal Building Stabilize and Repair Historic Fresnel Lens	\$6,354,000
Gateway	Install Photovoltaic Equipment at Five Sandy Hook Beach Centers	\$362,000
General Grant	Complete Rehabilitation General Grant's Tomb and Overlook	\$250,000
Governors Island	Hazmat Abatement and Stabilize Castle Williams	\$5,588,000
Hamilton Grange	Complete Rehabilitation of Hamilton Grange	\$2,352,000
Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt	Rehabilitate Historic Stone Walls and the Ice Pond Dam (multiple projects) Rehabilitate the Greenhouse and Expand Existing Horticulture Recycling (multiple projects)	\$1,691,000
Martin Van Buren	Restore Basement Floor of Historic Structure	\$95,000
Sagamore Hill	Repair Unsafe Windmill	\$219,000
Saratoga	Rehabilitate Ranger Station	\$64,000
Statue of Liberty	Install Power and Communications Lines for Perimeter Security on Liberty and Ellis Islands	\$2,526,000
Thomas Cole	Rehabilitate Historic Thomas Cole House to Preserve Structure and Prevent Injury	\$343,000
Vanderbilt Mansion	Rehabilitate Historic Upper and Middle Dams (multiple projects) Rehabilitate Historic Vanderbilt Elevator	\$723,000
Women's Rights	Install Energy Efficient Lights in Historic Visitor's Center	\$105,000

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**US Department of Labor**

**06.15.2009**

## Employee Benefits Security Administration

The Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is soliciting comments on the Application to the Department of Labor for Expedited Review of Denial of COBRA Premium Reduction (the "Application") and the Plan Administrator Information Sheet (the "Letter"). Section 3001(a)(5) of ARRA provides that if individuals request treatment as an assistance eligible individual and are denied such treatment because of their ineligibility for COBRA continuation coverage, the Secretary of Labor must provide for expedited review of the denial upon application to the Secretary in the form and manner the Secretary provides. The Secretary of Labor is required to act in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and must make a determination within 15 business days after receipt of an individual's application for review. The Application is the form that will be used by individuals to file their expedited review appeals with EBSA.

Comments due August 14, 2009.

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## US Department of Labor

06.10.2009

The U.S. Department of Labor released more than \$450 million in Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) funding to states to provide career training, and employment and case management services to workers who lose their jobs due to outsourcing and foreign trade. The Recovery Act authorized an increase in the maximum amount of TAA funds that may be used for training nationwide from \$220 million to \$575 million. Based on this training increase plus the funding authorized for case management services and administration, the Labor Department is now making a supplemental distribution to the states for fiscal year 2009. This increase will ensure that states have funds available to implement changes made to TAA through the Recovery Act and to serve an increasing number of trade-affected workers.

State	FY 2009 Supplemental Distribution	FY 2009 Supplemental Administrative Distribution	Employment and Case Management Funds	Total FY 2009 Supplemental Distribution
New York	\$8,412,596	\$1,261,889	\$350,000	\$10,024,485

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## US Department of Transportation

06.03.2009

Vice President Joe Biden and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood challenged governors to think boldly when designing high-speed rail plans during a roundtable discussion at the White House. The session was a unique opportunity for state leaders to share their ideas with the Obama Administration about the future of high-speed trains in America.

In April, President Obama released a strategic plan outlining his vision for high-speed rail. The plan identifies \$13 billion in federal funds -- \$8 billion in the Recovery Act and \$5 billion requested in the President's budget -- to jump-start a potential world-class passenger rail system and sets the direction of transportation policy for the future. Detailed guidance for up to the first \$8 billion in federal grant applications will be announced later this month and the first round of grants are expected to be awarded as soon as late summer 2009.

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