



Massachusetts Economic Recovery Impact Fact Sheet

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FMAP www.gao.gov/new.items/d09364r.pdf	Food Stamps www.cbpp.org/1-22-09bud-fs.pdf		Unemployment Insurance www.nelp.org/page/-/UI/RecoveryPlanEstimates.pdf		Fiscal Stabilization www.cbpp.org/1-22-09bud-sfsf.pdf		Transportation http://transportation.house.gov/Media/file/Full%20Committee/Stimulus/Total%20Infrastucture%20Investment%20Funding_Single%20Table.pdf		Weatherization http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state_contacts.cfm
Increase in millions of dollars FY09-FY11	Increase in millions of dollars FY09-FY11		\$25 Per Week Increase in Benefits	Continuation of the Emergency UC Program	Millions of dollars FY09-FY11		Additional Transportation and Infrastructure funding		Estimated funding in millions
	Increase in Food Stamp Benefits	Participants Receiving Stimulus	Total Recipients of State and Federal Benefits (Jan-Dec 2009)	New EUC Beneficiaries (April-Dec 2009)	Education Block Grant	Flexible Block Grant	Highways and Bridges	Transit	
\$3,090	\$317	575,000	503,369	84,017	\$813.3	\$181.0	\$437,865,255	\$267,355,159	\$125.22

Temporary Increase in Federal Funding for Medicaid - <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09364r.pdf>

Provides a temporary increase in the share of Medicaid program costs paid by the federal government, effective immediately for the duration of nine calendar quarters (October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010). Each state will receive a base 6.2% increase in federal matching funds with additional increases available to states with high unemployment rates. States must rescind any cuts in eligibility made since July 1, 2008 by July 1, 2009, and make prompt payments to providers, in order to get the funding. The figures on this worksheet factor in future unemployment rates and represent additional funding. (General Accounting Office, published by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2/13/09)

Food Stamp (or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance) Program - <http://www.cbpp.org/1-22-09bud-fs.pdf>

USDA research has found that \$1 in food stamps generates \$1.84 in total economic activity. Mark Zandi of Moody's Economy.com estimates a similar multiplier or \$1.73 for every additional \$1 in food stamps. (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2/13/09)



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Unemployment Insurance - <http://www.nelp.org/page/-/UI/RecoveryPlanEstimates.pdf>

For unemployed workers, the stimulus bill does four important things, two of which (items 3 and 4 below) may require State legislative action (<http://www.nelp.org/page/-/UI/needed.uima.reforms.by.state.jan.09.pdf>) to fully enable unemployed workers to receive a maximum of the federal program's benefits:

- 1) The eligibility period for Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) benefits, previously scheduled to expire in March 2009, is extended through the end of December 2009.
- 2) An additional \$25 weekly benefit (100% federal cost share).
- 3) In states meeting certain definitions of high unemployment, an additional 13-20 weeks of Extended Unemployment Benefits (EB) are available at 100% federal cost share through the end of December 2009.
- 4) In states meeting certain unemployment compensation program "modernization" criteria, an additional proportion of \$7 billion in federal funds are available.

To receive the EUC08 and additional \$25 benefit, no further State action is needed. As of 15 February 2009, the US Department of Labor has deemed all states eligible for up to 20 weeks of additional EUC08 benefits and 35 states eligible for up to another 13 weeks of EUC08 benefits beyond that (up to 33 weeks total) based on current unemployment statistics. (National Employment Law Project, 2/13/09)

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund - <http://www.cbpp.org/1-22-09bud-sfsf.pdf>

Includes two block grants: a \$39.5 billion block grant for K-12 and higher education; and, a \$8.8 billion in flexible funds to avert cuts in basic state services such as services for the elderly, people with disabilities, child care, public safety, law enforcement, and education. (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2/13/09)

Health Information Technology (HIT)

The economic recovery act authorizes 100% FMAP for HIT implementation incentive payments and 90% FMAP for related administrative expenses. Eligible professional providers -- physicians, nurse-midwives, and nurse practitioners who are not hospital-based and who have a patient volume of at least 30% attributable to Medicaid -- can receive up to \$63,750. Acute care hospitals with at least 10% Medicaid volume and children's hospitals are also eligible.

Economic Recovery Payment - <http://www.ssa.gov/payment/>

Economic recovery payments are a one-time payment of \$250 to: retirees, most survivors, disabled individuals and SSI recipients receiving benefits from the Social Security Administration; Railroad Retirement beneficiaries, and; disabled veterans receiving benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The Social Security Administration expects that everyone who is entitled to a payment will receive it no later than the first week of June 2009. Individuals will not have to take any specific action to receive this money. The \$250 payment will reduce any allowable "Making Work Pay" tax credit by that amount.

Transportation - http://transportation.house.gov/Media/file/Full%20Committee/Stimulus/Total%20Infrastructure%20Investment%20Funding_Single%20Table.pdf

Note: Funding for transportation projects is restricted to those that are already in state transportation improvement plans (STIPs) and metropolitan transportation improvement plans (TIPs).



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- **Highways and Bridges** - http://transportation.house.gov/Media/file/Full%20Committee/Stimulus/Hwy_Bridge_Combined.pdf

Funding for repair of roads and bridges. Eligible uses of the funds include public transportation projects. Includes a set-aside for the Transportation Enhancements program, which can be used to fund pedestrian safety projects. Most of the funding goes to state departments of transportation. This link also includes funding for metropolitan areas.

- **Transit Capital Grants**

Provides funding for urban and rural transit programs to purchase and upgrade buses and facilities. ADA complementary paratransit vehicle purchases may be eligible. Two and half percent of the rural funding is reserved for tribal transit programs.

- **Fixed Guideway Modernization**

Provides funding for existing transit service that uses exclusive or controlled rights-of-way or rails, including subway, commuter rail, and light rail systems.

New Starts and Small Starts

DOT will award \$750 million in discretionary grants to fixed guideway projects that are already underway or that can immediately obligate the funds.

Weatherization Assistance Program - http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state_contacts.cfm

The recovery act appropriates a record \$5 billion in weatherization assistance program (WAP) funding. In addition, the legislation increased the federal eligibility income guideline from 150% to 200% and raised the cap on assistance from \$2500 to 5,000 per household. The funding could potentially weatherize approximately 800,000 homes for eligible low-income homeowners. The stimulus funding for WAP expires September 30, 2010. The Department of Energy administers the program on the federal level and provides funding to the states based on an allocation formula. Each state, in turn, is responsible to set state eligibility and rules, contract with local weatherization agencies and monitor the work to ensure quality.

Housing

Funds are not being distributed to states by formula. Housing funds will be targeted to grants and specific projects.

Nursing Education

The distribution of Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) \$200 million Title VII & Title VIII funding and the Department of Labor's (DOL) \$250 million for job training with priority given to health care jobs will be individually determined via grants that are awarded by HRSA and DOL. The Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA) will host a state teleconference with representatives from HRSA and DOL sometime in the near future to educate participants on general information on how to apply for grants through their agencies. The CCNA is a joint initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to address the growing nurse and nursing faculty shortage that threatens access to health care and quality of care across our nation. Massachusetts is one of 18 states with a CCNA Nursing Education Capacity Team www.championnursing.org.