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## General Session Presenter

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## Today's Session

- Update on Current ARRA Information
- Provide Opportunity for Questions and Answers in Breakout Sessions
- Provide information on additional services provided by the State



## ARRA Purpose

- Create and retain jobs
- Invest in the economy
- Build a foundation for long-term economic growth



## **ARRA will support:**

- Modernizing American's Infrastructure
- Enhancing Energy Independence
- Expanding Educational Opportunities
- Increasing Access to Medical Care
- Providing Tax Relief
- Protecting Those in Greatest Need



# **Stimulus Funding from ARRA**

- Approximately 120 funding streams
- Funds dispersed through formula, competitive and discretionary grants
- Funds to be distributed by federal, state and local governments and community organizations
- ARRA provisions require rapid turnaround and implementation



## **Examples of Ohio's Share\***

- \$774 Million for highways and bridges – 149 projects were announced March 26, 2009, estimated to create over 21,000 jobs
- \$280 Million for drinking water and water pollution control
- \$266 Million for residential weatherization assistance
- \$153 Million to provide employment and training services to youth, adults, and dislocated workers
- \$167 Million in capital funds for rural and urban transit

\* All dollars are approximate



## **Ohio's Share continued\***

- \$96 Million for renewable energy projects
- \$65 Million to prevent homelessness and increase services to homeless
- \$2.6 Million for low income health insurance (Medicaid)
- \$11 Million to increase food assistance benefits

\* All dollars are approximate



## **Tax Changes in ARRA**

- Making Work Pay Credit: \$800.00 for joint and \$400.00 for individual tax filers for 2009 and 2010.
- Individuals making less than \$75,000/year or married couples making less than \$150,000/year are eligible for the full credit.
- The average family will take home about \$65.00 more every month. The average individual will take home about \$33.00 more per month.



## **Tax Changes, continued**

- State, local, and excise tax deduction on the purchase of new cars, light trucks, motor homes and motorcycles purchased after February 17, 2009.
- First-time home buyer tax credit worth up to \$7,500 for purchase made between April 8, 2008 and July 1, 2009. This tax credit operates like a no-interest loan, to be paid back over a 15-year period.



## Ohio Competes

- \$4.7 Billion to establish a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to develop and expand broadband services to rural and underserved areas
- \$3.1 Billion for State Energy Program to reduce fossil fuel emissions and improve energy efficiency



## **Ohio Competes, continued**

- \$2 Billion for Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds to redevelop abandoned and foreclosed homes
- \$2 Billion for advance vehicle batteries
- \$500 Million for Green Jobs Training to prepare workers for energy efficiency and renewable energy jobs



## **Ohio competes, continued**

- \$2 Billion to promote electronic health information
- \$1 Billion for additional career law enforcement



## **Also of interest**

- Small business loans for start-up, operations, acquisition or expansion
- Funds to create 126 new community health centers in the US to allow greater access to health care



# Individual Assistance Through ARRA

- 13% automatic monthly increase for recipients of food assistance (formerly food stamps) to monthly benefit April 1, 2009
- One-time payment of \$250.00 to recipients of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income automatically sent on or about May 30.
- \$25 weekly increase to unemployment compensation recipients, retroactive to the week of February 21 – 28, and automatically sent once the computer system is updated.



## **Individual Assistance continued**

- Subsidizes 65% of eligible individuals' COBRA Health insurance
- Allows more senior citizens to enroll in nutritional program so that “Meals on Wheels” can be delivered to their homes or senior centers.
- Provides additional support for home weatherization
- Supports increased training activities for adults, youth and dislocated workers who need help finding and retaining a job



## **Job Postings**

- Governor Strickland requires jobs created in Ohio with ARRA funds must be posted at [www.OhioMeansJobs.gov](http://www.OhioMeansJobs.gov) and at every county One-Stop center



## **Student Financial Assistance**

- Need-based scholarships for undergraduate students in two areas: Pell Grants and Work-Study Funds
- Students submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility through Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid



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**[www.Recovery.Ohio.gov](http://www.Recovery.Ohio.gov)**

Ohio's virtual headquarters for  
ARRA



## **Web Site Purpose**

- Clearinghouse for ARRA and Ohio information
- Entry portal for expressing interest in funding
- Central station for sorting all submissions to state agencies



# **ARRA Accountability Provisions**

- The Act requires unprecedented provisions for transparency and accountability in awarding and spending AARA funds
- Ohio, like every other state, must implement provisions to identify and prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement.
- States will be required to post detailed information about ARRA spending on the federal web site:

[www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)



## **Small Group Sessions**

- **Session for Businesses Presenters**

- Melinda Carter, State EEO Coordinator and Equal Opportunity Division Director, DAS
- Iris Cooper, Entrepreneurship & Small Business Division Director, ODOD
- Philip Shotwell, Minority Business Enterprise Division Director, ODOD
- Representatives of the Ohio Department of Development
- Representatives of the Ohio Department of Transportation

- **Session for Non-Profits & Individuals Presenters**

- Greg Landsman, Director of the Governor's Office of Faith Based & Community Initiatives
- Shannon Teague, Director of the Ohio Benefit Bank
- Representatives from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services

