

Investing in Kansas



Putting Kansas back to work: The CEA estimates that 28,000 jobs were created or saved by the Recovery Act in Kansas through June, 2010. These jobs are supported by the more than \$2.8 billion in Recovery Act funds which have been made available to Kansas– and the more than \$1.7 billion which has already been spent.

Developing and Advancing Kansas's Growing Industries and Infrastructure

- Over \$379.4 million has been obligated for 166 transportation projects. These projects are putting 741 people to work, and improving 48 miles of highway across the state.
- 666 Recovery Act-backed small business loans have been given to Kansas small businesses, who are now investing \$260 million into creating new jobs and buying new equipment they need to succeed.
 - › Example: Cocoa Dolce Artisan Chocolates, LLC - Betty Tully decided to follow her passion for making chocolates and open Cocoa Dulce Artisan Chocolates, LLC. In 2005, Beth used a 7(a) loan to set up an offsite manufacturing facility for the operation. In 2009, Beth secured an ARC loan to help service her current debt. The SBA Recovery Act assistance has led to the creation of 20 new jobs.
- America's energy future is cleaner, more efficient, and made at home, thanks in part to the 44 clean energy projects that have been funded with the \$197.3 million clean energy investment that the Recovery Act made into Kansas.
 - › Example: Westar Energy was awarded \$19 million through the Smart Grid Investment Grant Program to implement smart grid technologies in Topeka, including deploying 48,000 smart meters, grid management infrastructure and tools to empower consumers to reduce their energy use.
 - › Over 1,950 homes have already been weatherized, and ultimately 5,820 homes will be weatherized with Recovery Act investments.

- As many as 183,237 people and 537 community institutions, such as schools and hospitals, stand to benefit from broadband projects in Kansas.
- The water infrastructure of Kansas will see significant improvements as a result of the 69 rural water and waste disposal projects, and clean and drinking water projects being launched across the state by the Recovery Act.

Providing Relief to the Individual Residents of Kansas

- Because of the Making Work Pay tax credit, 1.0 million Kansas working families will collectively receive \$500.0 million in tax relief – dollars they can put to use immediately.
- Over 190,000 Kansas residents have expanded unemployment benefits because of the Recovery Act.
- Approximately 11,500 people in Kansas received COBRA benefits, due in part to Recovery Act investments.
- More than 468,032 Kansas seniors and 17,392 veterans have received one-time economic relief payments of \$250, totaling over \$121.4 million.
- The Recovery Act is investing in Kansas's future, helping students and their parents with education costs.
 - › 16,713 low-income undergraduate students in Kansas have received grants to help them further their education and provide opportunities they might not otherwise have. What's more, the average grant to students increased by 634.

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More Investments to Support Kansas

- Professors, students, and other researchers in Kansas have received \$27 million to fund 98 health research projects and explore treatments and cures to medical issues that affect millions of Americans.
- More than 5,672 education positions were reported as funded by the Recovery Act in the second quarter of 2010 in Kansas – which has received more than \$789.1 million in funding from the Department of Education.
- The Recovery Act has already made over \$401.4 million available to help prevent Medicaid cuts in Kansas. The state has spent over \$384.6 million of the available funds.
- Law enforcement agencies in Kansas received over \$5.2 million in funding to support 29 police officers' salaries and benefits for three years.

Just One of Many Great Examples of How the Recovery Act is Investing in Kansas's Future

Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc: The project will provide broadband service in an area of western Kansas that is 99.5 percent unserved or underserved, and covers 21 communities and 26 rural areas spanning over 4,600 square miles. It will provide the infrastructure required for economic stability, education and healthcare.