

Investing in Pennsylvania



Putting Pennsylvania back to work: The CEA estimates that 130,000 jobs were created or saved by the Recovery Act in Pennsylvania through June, 2010. These jobs are supported by the more than \$15.5 billion in Recovery Act funds which have been made available to Pennsylvania– and the more than \$10.3 billion which has already been spent.

Developing and Advancing Pennsylvania's Growing Industries and Infrastructure

- Over \$1.4 billion has been obligated for 374 transportation projects. These projects are putting 3,316 people to work, and improving 1,621 miles of highway across the state.
- 1,959 Recovery Act-backed small business loans have been given to Pennsylvania small businesses, who are now investing \$696 million into creating new jobs and buying new equipment they need to succeed.
 - › Example: JB's Bright Beginnings - Kate Berger used an SBA Recovery Loan to purchase a shuttered elementary school to house her growing childcare enterprise. The Recovery Act fee waiver saved her an additional \$2,750. Since moving to her new location, Berger's enrollment has increased from 66 to 104 children and personnel have grown from 20 to 35 employees.
- America's energy future is cleaner, more efficient, and made at home, thanks in part to the 122 clean energy projects that have been funded with the \$1 billion clean energy investment that the Recovery Act made into Pennsylvania.
 - › Example: East Penn Manufacturing Company in Lyon Station was awarded \$32.5 million to construct a facility to produce 4.2 million advanced batteries for hybrid electric vehicles.
 - › Over 8,335 homes have already been weatherized, and ultimately 29,554 homes will be weatherized with Recovery Act investments.
- As many as 8,374,956 people and 10,199 community institutions, such as schools and hospitals, stand to benefit from broadband projects in Pennsylvania.

- The water infrastructure of Pennsylvania will see significant improvements as a result of the 129 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 Pennsylvania

- Because of the Making Work Pay tax credit, 4.8 million Pennsylvania working families will collectively receive \$2.5 billion in tax relief – dollars they can put to use immediately.
- Over 1,350,000 Pennsylvania residents have expanded unemployment benefits because of the Recovery Act.
- Approximately 103,000 people in Pennsylvania received COBRA benefits, due in part to Recovery Act investments.
- More than 2.6 million Pennsylvania seniors and 55,681 veterans have received one-time economic relief payments of \$250, totaling over \$665.8 million.
- The Recovery Act is investing in Pennsylvania's future, helping students and their parents with education costs.
 - › 49,362 low-income undergraduate students in Pennsylvania 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 759.

More Investments to Support Pennsylvania

- Professors, students, and other researchers in Pennsylvania have received \$441 million to fund 1,159 health research projects and explore treatments and cures to medical issues that affect millions of Americans.



- More than 8,050 education positions were reported as funded by the Recovery Act in the second quarter of 2010 in Pennsylvania – which has received more than \$3.0 billion in funding from the Department of Education.
- The Recovery Act has already made over \$3.4 billion available to help prevent Medicaid cuts in Pennsylvania. The state has spent over \$3.2 billion of the available funds.
- Law enforcement agencies in Pennsylvania received over \$20.2 million in funding to support 93 police officers' salaries and benefits for three years.

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

A \$16.1 million grant from HHS to the Geisinger Clinic in Danville, Pennsylvania exemplifies the impact of the Recovery Act on improving the health and well-being of Americans. The grant will be used to enhance care for patients with pulmonary disease and congestive heart failure by creating a community-wide medical home, promoting Health Information Exchange and extending Geisinger's proven model for practice redesign to independent healthcare organizations throughout region

The program's objective is to extent the current HIE and to provide the following:

- Health Information Technology (Health IT) infrastructure that will link all members of the healthcare team (including patients).
- Health IT-enabled care coordination that focuses on delivery of comprehensive primary care ("medical home") and facilitates partnerships between individual patients and their personal providers.
- Better quality of care to patients by redesigning care processes, integration of care processes across venues of care, case management, disease registries, reminder systems and performance feedback to patients and clinicians.