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# ARRA INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: USED Guidance on Use of ARRA Funds (State Fiscal Stabilization Fund; Title I, Part A; and IDEA)

The United States Department of Education (USED) continues to post to its Web site guidance on use of funds for education under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The guidance posted late on Friday, March 6, 2009, provides initial guidelines for three components of ARRA education funding: the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF), Title I, Part A, of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*, and the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*, Part B. USED indicates that it will issue guidelines on other ARRA funds as they are developed.

Four documents included in Friday's posting are attached to this e-mail: an overview document of ARRA education funding and specific guidance documents on the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, Title I, and IDEA components. Each document contains sections related to both State Education Agencies (SEAs) and Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

All of the documents stress the principles of ARRA, which should be of note to all school divisions that wish to accept the funds. The funds:

- Must be spent quickly to save and create jobs;
- Should be used to improve student achievement and help close the achievement gap;
- Will be subject to additional and more rigorous reporting requirements than normally apply to grant recipients; and
- Are available for only two to three years and should be invested in ways that do not result in unsustainable continuing commitments after the funding expires.

We will keep you apprised as we receive additional guidance on the ARRA.

The U.S. Department of Education has indicated that it will continue to provide updated information at its ARRA Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

The White House's ARRA Web site can be accessed at:  
<http://www.recovery.gov/>

Attachments:

- [The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Of 2009: Saving And Creating Jobs And Reforming Education Cover Letter](#)
- [ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Fact Sheet](#)
- [ARRA Title I, Part A Recovery Funds For Grants to Local Education Agencies Fact Sheet](#)
- [ARRA IDEA Recovery Funds For Services To Children And Youths With Disabilities Fact Sheet](#)