



Items of Interest in Economic Recovery Package

- 1. \$50 million for the National Endowment for the Arts:** *The NEA is positioned to use existing mechanisms to allocate lifeline funding quickly to state and nonprofit organizations to retain jobs.*
- 2. \$1 billion to Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for communities to support economic development projects:** *Arts projects and service programs are eligible in most municipalities, and the boost in funding will provide much-needed relief for cultural services and add shovel-ready development jobs.*
- 3. \$130 million to support grants and loans for “essential” Rural Community Facilities such as community centers and libraries:** *Rural areas are often underserved, and funds would help ensure that cultural facilities in these localities have the resources necessary to continue operating.*
- 4. \$825 million in funding for the Transportation Enhancement program:** *Federally funded and state administered programs support surface transportation projects through 12 eligible categories including preservation, public art, landscaping and design.*
- 5. Increased funding and incentives for states that adopt Unemployment Insurance Modernization programs expanding benefits to part-time and low-wage workers:** *This is a significant change to the eligibility for part-time workers by increasing access to benefits and those seeking additional part-time employment.*
- 6. \$13 billion for Title I for local school districts, \$53.6 billion for State Fiscal Stabilization Program, including education uses and school modernization and construction:** *As a core academic subject, local officials can use federal funds to support arts education.*
- 7. \$160 million for Center for National & Community Service (CNS):** *This expands funding for AmeriCorps State and National grantees and VISTA program.*
- 8. \$3.9 billion for Job Training and Employment Services:** *\$3.9 billion for job training for state formula grants for Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs, including an initiative to help provide 1.2 million summer jobs for youth.*
- 9. \$150 million for Economic Development Administration (EDA) to address distressed urban industrial cores and rural areas:** *The EDA leverages \$10 in private investments for every \$1 in federal funds and could include projects like the planning and creation of cultural districts.*
- 10. \$589 million to the National Park Service for much needed historic preservation efforts:** *Funds will help protect museum collections and cultural sites that have gone into disrepair.*
- 11. Extension of healthcare for the unemployed:** *Extension of COBRA and expanded Medicaid coverage for those without insurance.*