



## **Opportunities for Afterschool in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009***

Afterschool programs, a critical support to so many struggling families and communities, have tremendous opportunities to benefit from the *American Recovery & Reinvestment Act*. The bill not only provides additional dollars to initiatives that already support afterschool, but also creates unprecedented supports for children and families that can potentially support afterschool efforts. Further, in several key areas, national and state agencies will be creating new policy that can have lasting effects on education and afterschool.

Making good use of all of these opportunities to help keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families requires strategic thinking and planning on the part of afterschool providers and advocates. The Afterschool Alliance has launched a special project to pursue these opportunities, with an aim of realizing short and long term benefits for the afterschool community. Tools and strategies designed to help afterschool providers access new funds and resources are available in our [Policy & Action Economic Recovery Center](#) at [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org). Outlined below is a summary of the most promising direct supports for afterschool:

### **Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) \$2 billion**

Details: The full \$2 billion dollars is available upon enactment. Of the \$2 billion, \$255 million will be set aside for quality improvement activities, \$93 million of which will go towards improvement of infant and toddler care.

### **Title I \$13 billion**

Details: \$13 billion for distribution through state and local education agency grants under subpart Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

- \$3 billion for subgrants to local schools for school improvement
- \$10 billion for formula grants to local education agencies (LEAs)

### **State Stabilization Fund \$53.6 billion**

Details: \$40.1 billion in State allocation to support elementary, secondary and higher education, \$5 billion for State Incentive Grants and an Innovation Fund (\$650 million), and \$8.2 billion for public safety and other government services, which may include education and higher education services, modernization, renovation and repair activities.

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## **Youth Training and Employment Services**

**\$1.2 billion**

Details: Of the \$3.95 billion for Workforce Investment Act state formula grants for adult, dislocated worker, and youth job training programs, **\$1.2 billion is provided for youth services**. The bill specifically mentions creating summer employment opportunities for youth.

## **YouthBuild**

**\$50 million**

Details: Of the \$3.95 billion for Workforce Investment Act state formula grants for adult, dislocated worker and youth job training programs, **\$50 million** will go toward the YouthBuild program to expand this program serving at-risk youth who will be given the opportunity to gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.

## **AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps VISTA**

**\$160 million**

Details: \$89 million to make additional awards to existing AmeriCorps State and national grantees and to provide adjustments to awards made prior to September 30, 2010. In addition, not less than \$65 million will be made available for the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program.

## **Beyond Direct Funding**

Beyond these direct supports for afterschool programs, other initiatives and funds in the recovery package have the potential to benefit the field of afterschool. The U.S. Secretary of Education and Governors will have a lot of discretion in determining how a significant portion of funds are used, particularly the State Stabilization Funds.

Further, the implementation of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* will shape future federal policy. Broad education reform efforts included in the bill, such as teacher quality and data collection, provide an opening for conversations with school leaders about linkages between afterschool and the school day.

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