



UPDATE – American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

On March 6, 2009, the US Department of Education (USDOE) released four new documents regarding the implementation of ARRA. These documents will provide initial guidance for the implementation of ARRA.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Saving and Creating Jobs and Reforming Education – describes the principles and strategy that will guide the distribution and implementation of the ARRA funds appropriated to the USDOE.

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/implementation.html>

The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund – these funds are to help stabilize state and local government budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential services.

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/stabilization-fund.html>

Title I, Part A Recovery Funds for Grants to Local Education Agencies – this document provides states and local education agencies with basic information regarding how and when Title I, Part A recovery funds will be awarded by the USDOE.

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/title-i.html>

IDEA Recovery Funds for Services to Children and Youths with Disabilities – document provides states and local education agencies with basic information regarding how and when IDEA, Part B recovery funds will be awarded by the USDOE.

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/idea.html>

These resources from USDOE provide further background and information on the various funding streams that are available to the states. It is expected that further information on the actual application processes will be available shortly. Funding under the Title 1 and IDEA provisions should begin to be allotted to the states by the end of March.

CSBA will provide more information on both the federal and state implementation efforts as it becomes available.