

STATE RESPONSES TO THE ARRA

Alabama:

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| Executive | Gov. Riley appointed Drayton Nabers, former state finance director and Supreme Court chief justice, to oversee the state's share of ARRA funds. |
| Legislative | A senate bill has been filed that would make the necessary changes in Alabama unemployment law to secure the maximum amount of funding. |
| Internet | Stimulus.alabama.gov/ |

Alaska:

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| Executive | |
| Legislative | A bill has been filed in the Senate that would create the "Alaska Economic Stimulus, Stability and Job Security Task Force", to be comprised of three House members, three senators, two members appointed by the governor, and one member representing the Alaska Municipal League. Other bills include a proposal to "fast track" approval for infrastructure projects. |
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Arizona:

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| Executive | The governor named a former budget director to lead a sub-office within the state's existing budget office. |
| Legislative | |
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Arkansas:

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| Executive | Gov. Beebe announced the creation of a "Recovery Cabinet" made up of his own cabinet along with certain officials from state agencies. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | The state's ARRA website went online on 9 March. Recovery.arkansas.gov |

California:

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| Executive | |
| Legislative | Assemblyman Manuel Perez will lead the Stimulus, Economic Recovery and Jobs Task Force (SERJ). The SERJ "will work with local governments, business, health, education and other groups over the next three months to find ways to tap every pot of federal funds to benefit Californians." The SERJ was formed by Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, who appointed Assemblyman Perez to lead it. |
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Colorado:

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| Executive | Gov. Bill Ritter established an accountability and oversight board to ensure that funds Colorado receives from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are spent effectively and transparently. The board will be chaired by Don Elliman, director of the Colorado Office of Economic Development, and composed of public- and private-sector leaders from across the state. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Colorado.gov/recovery |

Connecticut:

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| Executive | The Connecticut Recovery Working Group consists of municipal officials, business leaders, legislators and representatives of state agencies. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Recovery.ct.gov |

Delaware:

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| Executive | Gov. Markell intends to create an “accountability group” and a website to track ARRA funds. |
| Legislative | |
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Florida:

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| Executive | Governor Crist leads a Federal Stimulus Working Group, which includes Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp, along with Governor Crist’s Chief of Staff, Budget Director and Policy Director. The group also includes leaders from state agencies, departments and offices. |
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Hawaii:

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| Executive | The governor’s chief of staff will lead the dispersal of ARRA funds. |
| Legislative | The Hawaii House of Representatives is considering bills related to expediting the dispersal of ARRA funding, linking green jobs initiative to ARRA funds, obtaining and using federal funds for water programs, and creating a temporary health insurance program to use ARRA funds for unemployed persons. |
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Idaho:

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| Executive | The governor signed an executive order laying out how the state would address the funds, beginning with the creation of a stimulus executive committee comprised of members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor. The committee will review proposals from state agencies and private entities. Their recommendations will go to the governor, who will use them to form his own recommendations to be passed on to the legislature. |
| Legislative | |
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Illinois:

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| Executive | The state’s COO will lead the implementation process with regard to ARRA funds. He has met with agencies and legislators. |
| Legislative | Two bills have been filed that relate to setting priorities for the ARRA funds. |
| Internet | Recovery.illinois.gov |

Indiana:

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| Executive | The state is one of the few without a current budget deficit. The state’s Secretary of Commerce will oversee the state’s efforts with regard to ARRA competitive grants. |
| Legislative | The House passed the budget bill without taking into account the ARRA funds. |
| Internet | INvest.in.gov/ |

Iowa:

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| Executive | A day before the ARRA was signed into law, Gov. Culvert announced his plan to establish a series of working groups organized by issue. State agencies will look at a range of programs that may benefit from the funds, such as Transportation, Education, Human Services, Natural Resources, Economic Development, and the Office of Energy Independence. |
| Legislative | A bill has been filed that proposes to use ARRA funds to eliminate waiting lists for certain kinds of medical services. |
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Kansas:

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| Executive | Gov. Sebelius convened the ARRA Advisory Group, made of key officials from her office, state agencies and other entities, and representatives of each arm of the state legislature. |
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Kentucky:

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| Executive | Gov. Beshear established an interagency working group to be headed by his executive cabinet secretary. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Information will be posted to an existing state website. |

Maine:

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| Executive | Gov. Baldacci put together a working group made up of state officials. Via executive order, the governor also stipulated that state agencies must brief the appropriate legislative committees before spending ARRA funds. |
| Legislative | |
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Maryland:

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| Executive | The governor and the state's Congressional delegation have teamed up to put on a series of "stimulus workshops" for local government leaders around the state. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Maryland has developed a website using its StateStat technology to allow citizens to thoroughly track ARRA expenditures. http://www.statestat.maryland.gov/recovery.asp |

Massachusetts:

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| Executive | Months before the ARRA was finalized, Gov. Patrick assigned task forces to evaluate shovel-ready projects. |
| Legislative | Also, a joint Special Standing Committee on Federal Stimulus Oversight was created by the legislature. |
| Internet | Mass.gov/recovery |

Michigan:

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| Executive | Michigan's Economic Recovery Office was created by the Governor and will be led by a member of the governor's executive office communications' team. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Michigan.gov/recovery |

Minnesota:

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| Executive | The state's commissioner of management and budget was appointed by the governor to act as the state's federal stimulus coordinator. |
| Legislative | Both houses of the Minnesota legislature are considering multiple bills related to pursuing, accommodating, and allocating ARRA funds. At least nine bills have been filed to date. |
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Mississippi:

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| Executive | |
| Legislative | The Mississippi House circumvented Gov. Barbour by passing a concurrent resolution accepting the ARRA funds. Gov. Barbour had originally expressed concern over the necessary changes to state law regarding eligibility for unemployment benefits. |
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Missouri:

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| Executive | |
| Legislative | A bill has been introduced into the Missouri State Senate that would create two specific accounts to hold ARRA money. The Legislature would then appropriate the funds, possibly during a special session. The Senate also has a Select Committee on Oversight of Federal Stimulus charged with "studying and analyzing strategies for securing the maximum amount of federal dollars." The committee will make recommendations to the Senate by 12 March. |
| Internet | Transform.mo.gov |

Montana:

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| Executive | The governor appointed a task force that compiled a list of shovel-ready projects in January. |
| Legislative | The governor and State Rep. Sesso unveiled the Montana Reinvestment Act, which makes certain appropriations from ARRA funds, on 6 March. |
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Nebraska:

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| Executive | The State Budget Administrator was appointed to take the lead in coordinating the state's ARRA funds. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Recovery.Nebraska.gov |

Nevada:

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| Executive | |
| Legislative | The Senate Majority Leader introduced a bill that would use ARRA funds to establish a green jobs training program. |
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New Hampshire:

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| Executive | The Office of Economic Stimulus was established by executive order. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Nh.gov/recovery |

New Jersey:

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| Executive | Gov. Corzine appointed his chief of staff and the state comptroller as the leaders of a group that will oversee the handling of ARRA funds. |
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New York:

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| Executive | Governor David A. Paterson created the New York State Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet to manage the development of State and local infrastructure projects financed through the ARRA. The cabinet will be composed of State agency heads and senior staff from the Governor's Office. Timothy J. Gilchrist will serve as Senior Advisor for Infrastructure and Transportation, a position created to lead the cabinet. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Economicrecovery.ny.gov |

North Carolina:

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| Executive | Gov. Bev Perdue created the Office of Economic Recovery & Investment to coordinate and track North Carolina's handling of federal stimulus funds as well as state-level economic recovery initiatives. Perdue named Dempsey Benton, former secretary of the state Health and Human Services Department, to lead the office and provide accountability for use of the recovery dollars. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Ncrecovery.gov |

Ohio:

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| Executive | Gov. Ted Strickland appointed Ronald B. Richard, president and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation, to develop a plan to disburse the state's stimulus money. Richard will serve as the "Infrastructure Czar" now that the ARRA has been passed. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Recovery.ohio.gov/ |

Oklahoma:

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| Executive | State Auditor and Inspector Steve Burrage was tapped by the governor to monitor the implementation of ARRA funds. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Ok.gov/recovery |

Oregon:

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| Executive | The "Oregon Way Advisory Group" was created by executive order and will be staffed by appointees from the public and private sectors. State agencies will be required to report on viable projects within 60 days of the ARRA becoming law. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Recovery.oregon.gov/ |

Pennsylvania:

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| Executive | Gov. Rendell appointed his general services secretary to streamline the infrastructure building process. He has brushed off calls for a bipartisan oversight committee and has instead announced his intention to name a chief accountability officer. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Recovery.pa.gov |

Rhode Island:

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| Executive | Gov. Carcieri created the Office of Economic Recovery and Reinvestment a few days in advance of the passage of the ARRA. |
| Legislative | The state's House and Senate each established committees to follow and manage the funding. |
| Internet | Recovery.ri.gov/ |

South Dakota:

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| Executive | |
| Legislative | In the House, the Stimulus Subcommittee is looking at the bill and what is required of the state. Oversight will be handled by the Joint Appropriations Committee. |
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Tennessee:

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| Executive | |
| Legislative | The legislature met with the governor and agreed to wait until at least late March to pass a budget, even though Tennessee law mandates a budget be passed by February 1. |
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Vermont:

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| Executive | The newly created Office of Economic Stimulus and Recovery will coordinate the state's ARRA functions. Former Vermont Transportation Secretary Tom Evslin will act as "chief recovery officer". |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | Recovery.vermont.gov |

Virginia:

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| Executive | The governor and legislature will work collaboratively to administer the state's share of ARRA funds. |
| Legislative | |
| Internet | The state's ARRA website went online more than a week before the bill was signed. Stimulus.virginia.gov |

Washington:

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| Executive | Gov. Gregoire appointed a former state budget director as the new "stimulus czar". |
| Legislative | The legislature is considering bills to make Washington's unemployment rules fit the stimulus requirements, approve transportation improvement projects, and initiate other projects using ARRA funds. |
| Internet | Recovery.wa.gov/ |

West Virginia:

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| Executive | |
| Legislative | The legislature is considering or has passed at least four bills/resolutions, including one resolution that created the House Select Committee on Federal Stimulus Utilization. |
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Wisconsin:

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| Executive | The Office of Recovery and Reinvestment was created by Executive Order for the purpose of coordinating projects and applications, liaising with the private sector, understanding the bill and its funding mechanisms, and helping local governments access funds. It is headed by a utility executive from Madison and staffed by employees on loan from each state agency, so no new hires were made. Once projects are decided on and begun, the office will dissolve and the responsibilities will go with the staff back to the appropriate state agencies. |
| Legislative | The legislature passed SB 62, which gives oversight responsibility to the Joint Committee on Finance. |
| Internet | Recovery.wisconsin.gov |

Wyoming:

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| Executive | Gov. Dave Freudenthal appointed a "reinvestment and recovery team." The group, which includes 25 people representing about 15 state agencies, has been meeting twice a week to figure out how to handle incoming stimulus funds. |
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