

# Connecticut Recovery Act Overview

April 2010



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## Chronology

- **President Obama signed Recovery Act in February 2009**
  
- **CT Assembles Recovery Act team**
  - Mary Anne O'Neill (Accountability Officer)
  - Matt Fritz (Transparency Officer)
  - David O'Hearn (Project Oversight Officer)
  - David LeVasseur (Recovery Act Municipal Ombudsman)

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- **March-present:** State agencies apply for formula-based/competitive grants
- **August:** federal guidance issued on reporting requirements
- **October:** first Recovery Act reporting period
- **December:** new job calculation guidance
- **January:** second Recovery Act reporting period
- **April:** third Recovery Act reporting period

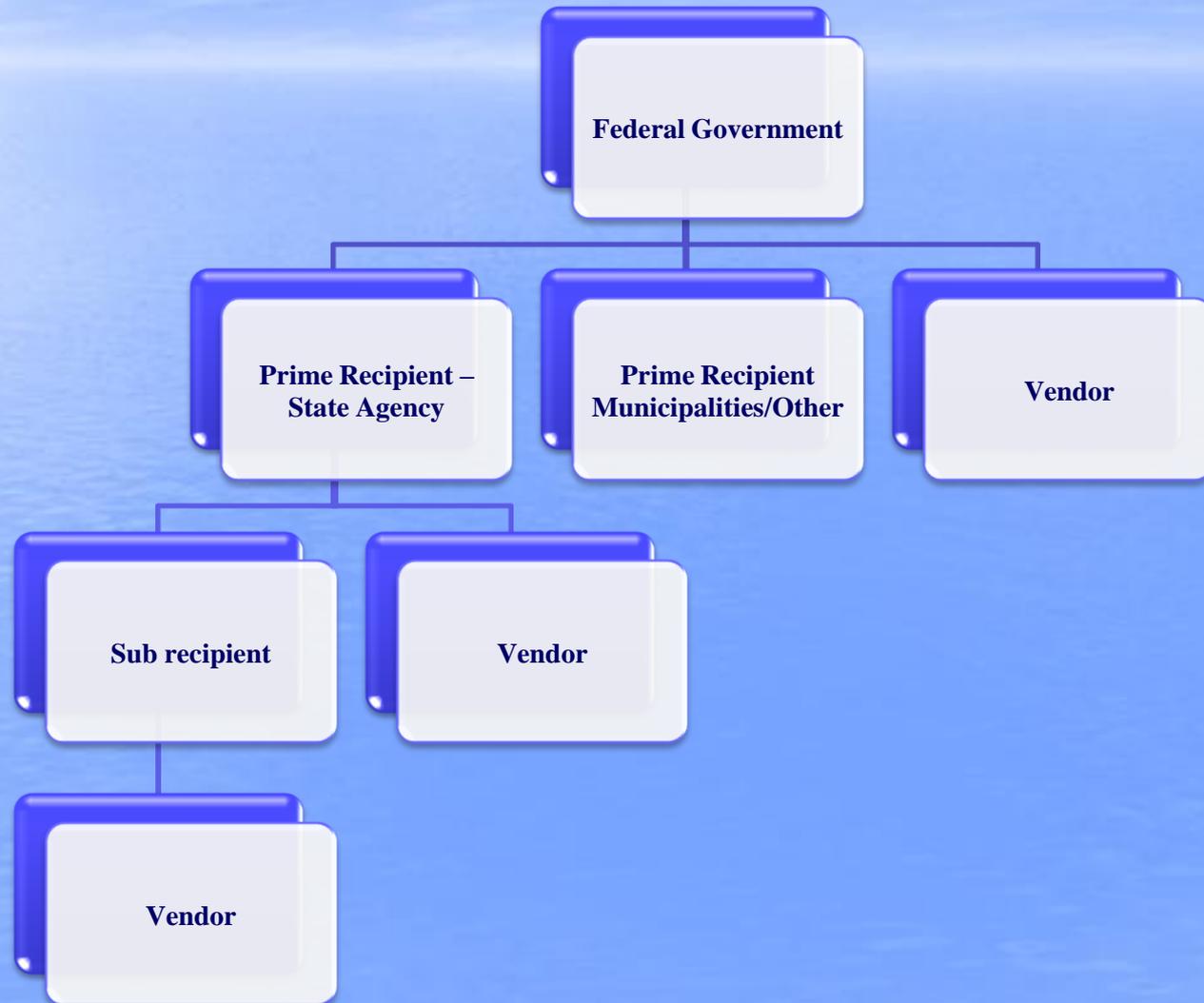
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## Reporting Process

- Recovery Act requires recipients of stimulus funds (grants, loans and contracts) to report to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) quarterly
- Recipients of individual benefits (i.e., unemployment, food stamps, etc.) are not required to report

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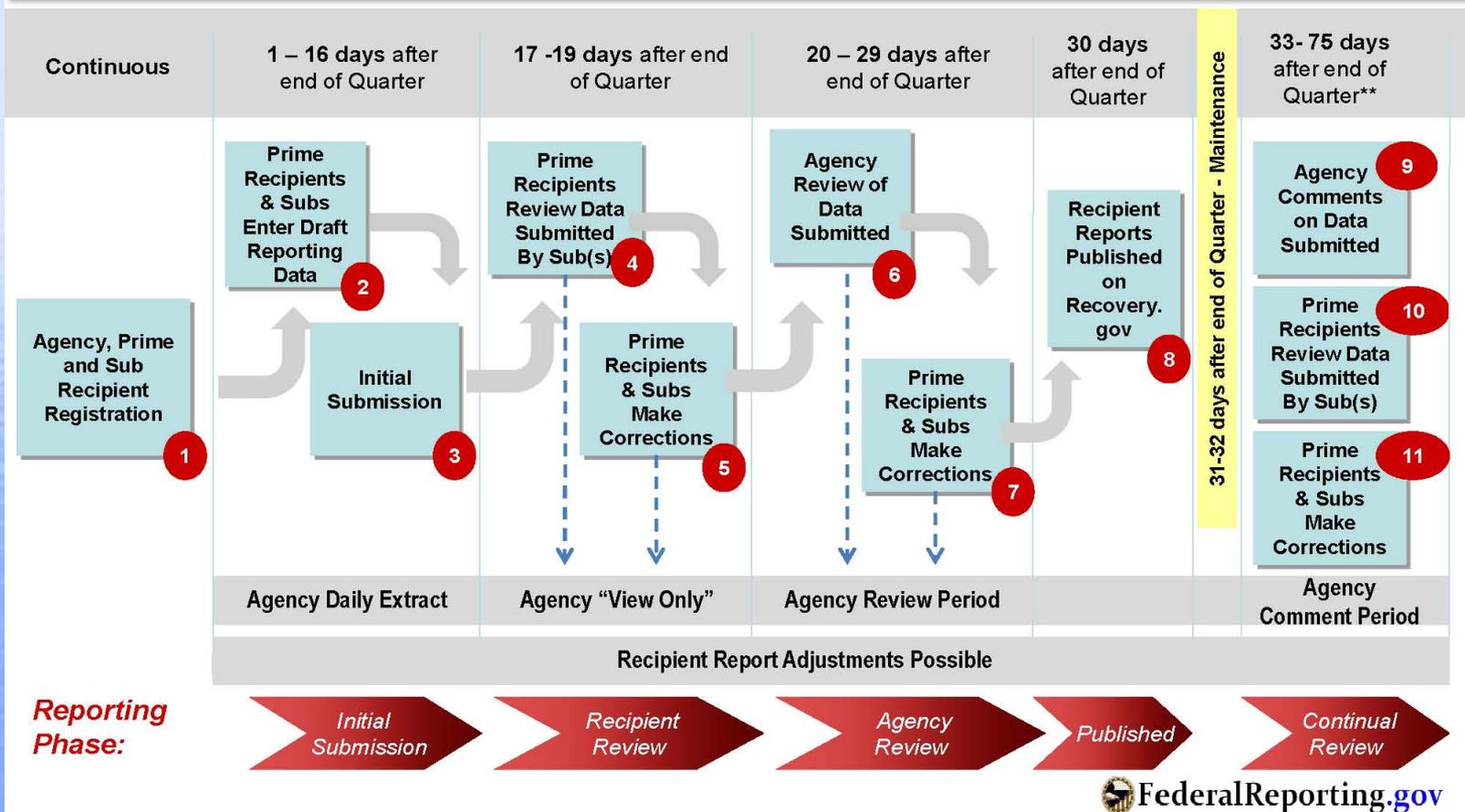
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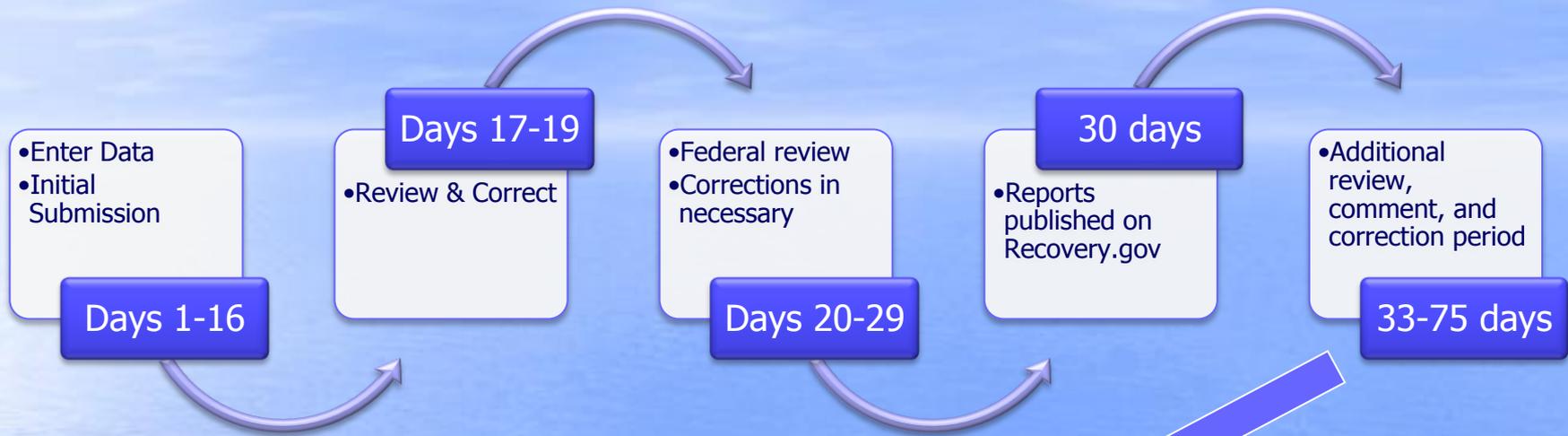
## Reporting Process

### Reporting Timeline and Activities



\*\*Reports will be unlocked Days 33-75  
 \*\*There will be no late submission during Days 33-75

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Calendar Image from federalreporting.gov

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## Reporting Process

- **Type of data/information reported on:**
  - Award amount
  - Expenditures
  - Jobs created/retained
  - Programmatic metrics – cases, energy units, projects
  - Sub-recipients

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## CT's Reporting Process

- CT state agencies met OMB deadline of April 16 for reporting
- Reporting status – only minor edits or corrections have been necessary during review period
- Reporting nuances – job formula and zip codes

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## What You Will See

- April 30: reporting data will be published on federal Recovery website

[www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)



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## Numbers and Stats

The numbers:

Connecticut state agencies have received = \$3.02 billion (Recovery Act benefits and grants)

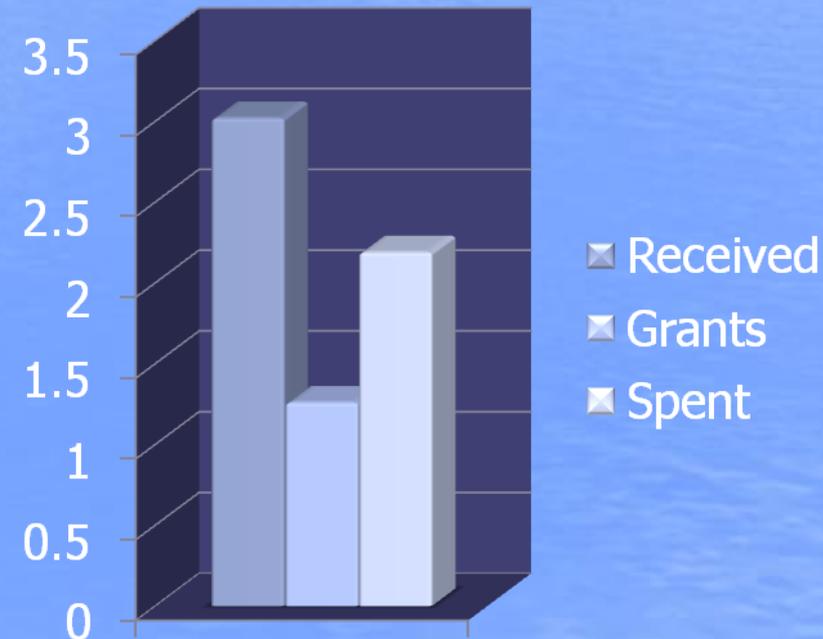
State Agencies have received = \$1.26 billion in Recovery Act grants

State Agencies have expended: \$2.19 billion in Recovery Act funds

Expended totals include:

- \$777,565,529 in Medicaid reimbursement
- \$ 910 million in unemployment benefits distributed (includes additional \$25 per check and extended benefits)
- \$79,797,787 in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (formerly food stamps) distributed

(Note: all of this information pertains to Recovery Act funds received by state agencies – it does not reflect information for municipalities that received direct funding. Also, federal reporting is not required for “benefits” programs such as SNAP.)



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## Numbers and Stats

Recovery Act dollars into Connecticut's economy:

- Expenditures = \$2.19 billion since February 2009 – including entitlement benefits
- State agencies have expended = \$423,859,517 in Recovery Act grants since February 2009
  - 924% increase in expenditures between the 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly report (\$41 million in October 2009) and the April 2010 quarterly report
- Unemployment benefits and food stamp benefits = \$910 million through the Recovery Act in Connecticut – to date

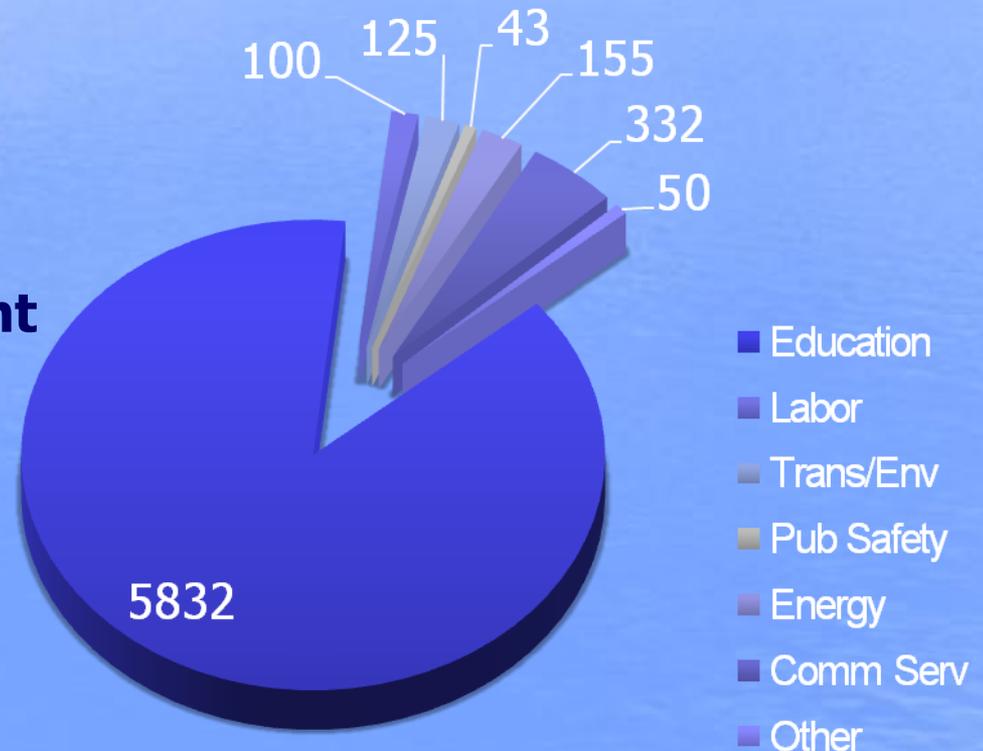
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## Numbers and Stats

Jobs created and/or preserved as of 3/31/2010 = 6,637

### Breakout

- **Education = 5,832**
- **Labor = 100**
- **Transportation/Environment = 125**
- **Public Safety = 43**
- **Energy = 155**
- **Community Services = 332**
- **Other = 50**



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## Inside the Numbers

- Job numbers reflect “direct” jobs – does not include “indirect” or “induced” benefits of job creation
- OMB job reporting formula:  
Full-time equivalent = Cumulative Recovery Act Funded Hours Worked/Scheduled work hours in a quarter

(Scheduled/standard “work hours” in a quarter typically equates to 520 based on a 40-hour work week with 13 weeks in a quarter.)

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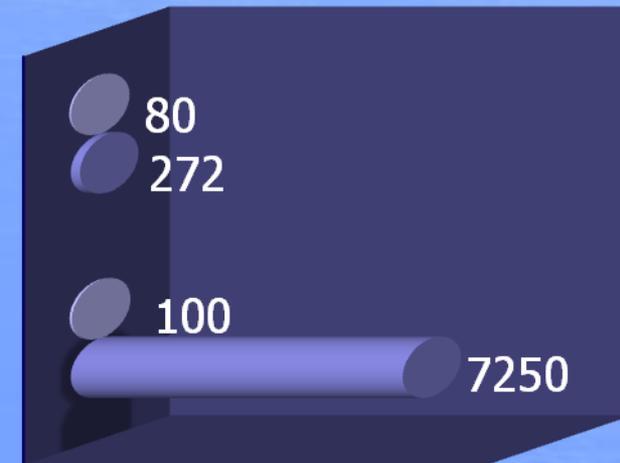
## Inside the Numbers

Pulling actual “jobs” out of the OMB formula:

- 7,250 workers currently collecting paychecks on transportation project sites = 100 FTEs based on OMB formula
- 272 workers gearing up to weatherize housing = 80 FTEs based on OMB formula

Weatherization

Transportation



■ OMB ■ Actual

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## Inside the Numbers

- **Direct Impact to Connecticut Residents =**
  - Nearly 1,000,000 Connecticut residents have benefited from Recovery Act programs
    - 552,000 K-12 students
    - 125,000 recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance benefits
    - 316,000 receiving unemployment benefits
    - 235,000 job seekers assisted
    - 5,200 individuals enhancing the learning environment
    - 4,000 individuals receiving WIC benefits
    - 7,250 people working on transportation projects
    - 7,000 children receiving rotavirus vaccine
    - 3,000 adults receiving job training

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## Inside the Numbers

- **Enhanced Learning Environment**
  - 5,300 positions in our schools created/retained
  - \$611 million in education funding = \$1,106 per Connecticut K-12 student
  - \$611 million in education funding = \$3,680,722 per Connecticut school district

Note: These numbers represent averages based on \$611 million in Recovery Act funding, to date, for education – 552,154 K-12 students and 166 school districts.

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## Inside the Numbers

### ● Recovery Act activities underway:

#### *Education*

- More than 900 grants have been awarded to school districts to improve academic achievement and enhance the learning environment
- Connecticut received a School Improvement Grant for \$25.7 million to assist the state and school districts in closing the achievement grant

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## Inside the Numbers

- **Recovery Act activities underway**

### *Labor and Employment*

- 235,000 job seekers have been assisted
- Approximately 170,000 people have received increased monetary or extended duration unemployment benefits
- 3,000 adults have been enrolled in training and/or other workforce development programs
- 260 individuals with varying disabilities have entered temporary or permanent paid positions through the Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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## Inside the Numbers

### ● Recovery Act activities underway:

#### *Public Safety and Law Enforcement*

- 134 cases have been opened by CT authorities investigating internet crimes against children
- 29 internet crime training sessions held for more than 730 officers
- 5882 high school students have attended internet crime prevention seminars
- 20 investigator positions funded on the state's narcotics task force
- 11 full-time forensic examiner positions have been funded
- 21,435 DNA profiles processed
- 159 communities have received Justice Assistance Grants from OPM to enhance law enforcement activities
- CT's Sexual Assault Forensics Examiner (SAFE) pilot project was initiated to ensure sexual assault victims have rapid access to forensic exams

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## Inside the Numbers

- Recovery Act activities underway:

### *Infrastructure*

- 48 highway and bridge projects under contract = \$208,686,553
- \$70 million (as of 4/13/2010) in outlays have been disbursed for transportation projects (compared to \$71,477 on July 1)
- 93 grant awards totaling \$33.7 million have been awarded to UConn and UConn Health Center for research and study
- \$26.1 million in low-income housing Tax Credits Assistance Program awards and \$55.4 million in low-income housing tax credit exchange funding have been authorized to construct more than 850 apartments - 4 developments are under construction in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters

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## Inside the Numbers

- Recovery Act activities underway:

### *Infrastructure*

- 12 of 12 safe drinking water projects are underway in communities throughout the state
- MDC's large-scale clean water project is underway in the Greater Hartford area
- Connecticut received \$5.9 million to renovate a 340-room domiciliary facility at the State Veterans Home

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## Inside the Numbers

- **Recovery Act activities underway:**

### *Health and Human Services*

- \$165,000 has been provided to Foodshare and CT Food Bank to assist with providing emergency food assistance
- 7,400 home-delivered meals have been served to seniors
- 4,000 new clients were provided vouchers for food through the WIC program
- 15,772 doses of rotavirus vaccine were distributed to physicians to treat children
- Child Care funding has prevented 12,000 jobs from being lost by families that receive child care certificates paid with stimulus funds
- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)
  - 211 specialized HPRP unit has completed 2851 HPRP screenings and made 2719 referrals to HPRP agencies.
  - 1329 households have been served: Prevention services for 1078 households and Rapid Re-housing services for 251 households state wide

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## Inside the Numbers

### ● Recovery Act activities underway:

#### *Energy and Environment*

- CT Clean Energy Fund created new Geothermal and Solar Thermal programs
- 6 energy efficiency projects in state buildings have been completed; 4 other energy projects will be completed in the coming weeks
- More than 4,900 rebates have been provided totaling \$412,000 for energy efficient appliances saving more than 1,600 MMbtu
- 149 DOT maintenance trucks have been retrofitted with diesel emissions reduction equipment (number includes trucks retrofitted prior to and since October 1)
- More than \$50 million invested in clean water and drinking water infrastructure throughout the state

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## What you will see

- April 30: Connecticut-specific information will be posted on the state's Recovery website – [www.recovery.ct.gov](http://www.recovery.ct.gov)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Connecticut Recovery Act website. At the top left is the 'Gov State of Connecticut' logo. To the right is a search bar with a 'Go' button. Below the search bar is a banner for 'CT RECOVERY' featuring the state seal and a photo of Governor M. Jodi Rell. A navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Latest News', 'Working Group', and 'Quick Links'. The main content area is titled 'CONNECTICUT RECOVERY INITIATIVE' and features four circular icons with corresponding text: 'Project Information' (construction site), 'Funding Opportunities' (hand holding a pen), 'Accountability' (group of people), and 'Agency/Local Recovery Sites' (state capitol). Below this is a text block stating that nearly 250 days have passed since the Recovery Act was signed, with over \$2.32 billion in funds committed. A sidebar on the right lists 'Other Resources & Links' including 'Funding Commitments', 'Breakdown of Funding', and 'Federal Stimulus site'.

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## Summer "Forecast"

### ● **Activities to come:**

- Weatherization hitting full-stride – more than 2000 units have received energy audits and 500 have been weatherized
- 2 more energy efficiency projects will be underway in state buildings
- 80 local road and bridge projects will be out to bid
- Projects funded with Recovery Zone Bonds in Stamford and Norwalk will be underway
- Green job training opportunities will be available
- Domestic violence shelters will receive funding to expand coverage

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## Summer "Forecast"

### ● **Activities to come:**

- CT's Teen Dating Violence and Cyber-Abuse Intervention Initiative will be launched
- Homelessness prevention program will kick into high gear
- Community disease prevention programs will be underway
- Broadband mapping process underway
- Recovery Act energy bonds will be awarded
- Modernization of the state's criminal justice information network
- Domestic violence GPS pilot project based out of Bridgeport, Danielson and Hartford
- Infrastructure for the CT Regional Health Information Organization and development of strategic and operational health technology and exchange plans
- Development of an electronic immunizations registry

### Upcoming Recovery Act applications and awards:

- State Fiscal Stabilization Phase II
- Race to the Top – Phase II application: June 1
- Broadband development

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## Challenges

### ● Challenges

- Interpreting federal guidance – continuously evolving
- Davis-Bacon provisions
- Reporting – could become more frequent/adjusting to federal changes
- Oversight
- Re-obligating funds for local transportation projects prior to September 30

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## Overarching Themes

- CT is successfully competing for stimulus grants (i.e., High Speed Rail, Green Job Training, Research)
- Reporting, lots: OMB, state reporting, agency reporting, Congressional reporting
- Accountability/Transparency – evolves constantly
- More funding to come – education, health information and energy

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## Areas to Improve

- **Pace – prepare for busy summer with transportation and energy projects**
- **Context and communication – enhance understanding of CT's activities**
- **Prepare for possibility of additional Recovery Act-type funding programs**