

7.1.1 Buildings-Related Funding in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Department of Education

-- \$8.8 billion is provided to fund renovation, repair, and modernization of education facilities through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. These measures are to follow the guidelines of one of four recognized green building rating systems.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

--\$3 billion to the Public Housing Capital Fund, awarded based on the existing formula to public housing agencies to improve or build new affordable housing.

--\$1 billion to the Public Housing Capital Fund "for priority investments, including investments that leverage private sector funding or financing for renovations and energy conservation retrofit investments." This funding is awarded competitively.

--\$2.25 billion for the HOME Investment Partnership Program to provide state grants to buy, renovate, and create affordable housing.

--\$250 million in grants and loans available to HUD-assisted housing owners for energy retrofits and "green" investments.

General Services Administration (GSA)

--\$4.5 billion to convert GSA facilities to high performance green buildings as defined in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. By 2015, existing buildings must use 30% less fossil energy compared to 2005 levels. New buildings and major renovations must use 55% less fossil energy than 2003 levels by 2010, and use no fossil energy by 2030.

Department of Defense

--\$3.69 billion for "energy efficiency projects and to repair and modernize" facilities.

Department of Interior

--\$884 million to be used for construction activities and energy retrofits at the U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

Source(s): American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, February 17, 2009, Public Law 111-5; Congressional Research Service, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, February 2009; ACEEE, Summary of Energy Efficiency Provisions in ARRA 2009, October 2009.