

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) – Update

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As we end the Fiscal Year 2009 and begin Fiscal Year 2010 on October 1, 2009, let's look back regarding our ARRA funding in New York State.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law on February 17, 2009 by President Obama. The New York State allocation was \$46,150,000 (Loan) and \$12,213,000 (Grant).

ARRA Program Highlights

- The USDA – Rural Development ARRA Program ends September 30, 2010 or until funds are exhausted.
- Existing program regulations for project/application development have not changed.
- ARRA funding requires “Buy American” language.
- ARRA funding requires certain “Wage Rate” language.
- Cannot mix ARRA funding with normal Fiscal Year Funds.
- ARRA funding requires “Recipient Reporting” requirement (transparency)

As of October 1, 2009 the ARRA funding obligations are as follows for the water/wastewater program in New York State. A total of 33 projects funded with 32 Loans totaling \$46,367,000 and 29 Grants totaling \$40,974,830.

There are ARRA funds still available in addition to our normal FY2010 funding allocation. Now is the time to advance your infrastructure needs.

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