

From the report *Show Us the Stimulus (Again)*, online at <http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/stimulusweb.cfm>.

STATE: Colorado <http://www.colorado.gov/recovery/>

CATEGORY	SCORING SYSTEM (* shows component of actual score)	MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SCORE	ACTUAL TOTAL SCORE
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) BY PROGRAM AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broad categories only: 5 - Narrow categories only: 5 - Both broad and narrow categories: 10* - No breakdown by program areas: 0 	10	10
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) BY COUNTY OR OTHER RELEVANT GEOGRAPHIC UNIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County/geographic unit overall totals only: 10 - County/unit totals for individual programs only: 10* - County/unit totals for both individual programs and overall spending: 15 - No county/geographic unit breakdowns: 0 	15	10
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) COMPARED TO ECONOMIC DISTRESS (unemployment, home foreclosure, poverty, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County or other relevant geographic unit distribution compared to two or more variables: 15 - Compared to one variable: 10 - No comparisons to economic needs: 0 EXTRA CREDIT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -percentage of contracts given to disadvantaged business enterprises: 5 	15 (plus 5 potential extra credit)	0
CONTRACT/GRANT DETAILS (via maps or lists)	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Descriptions of individual contract/ grant projects: 3* - Dollar amount: 3* - Name of recipient entity: 3* - Text of contract or grant document: 3 - Status of project/portion completed: 3* 	15	12
RECIPIENT JOBS DATA	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actual job data for individual contract and grants: 7* - Job totals for program areas: 5* - Job totals for entire state: 3* EXTRA CREDIT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - data on job quality (wage rates): 5 - demographics of workers: 5 	15 (plus 10 potential extra credit)	15
MAPPING OF CONTRACT AND GRANT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interactive map with significant details on projects: 15* - Interactive map with limited details on projects: 10 - Static map: 5 - No mapping: 0 	15	15
USER AIDS	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - search box (including coverage of data): 5 - data downloadability: 5* - machine-readable data feed: 5* 	15	10
TOTALS		100 (plus 15 potential extra credit)	72

Notes:

Colorado's Recovery Act website is sophisticated, comprehensive, and easily navigable. The state uses mapping and narrative information effectively to disclose information about spending, project progress, and job creation and retention. Data can be retrieved by drilling down through maps or by accessing provided reports. Information appears to be timely and frequently updated.

Information about specific programs can be found at

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1251601515779&ssbinary=true>.

Program funding by county can be assessed here: <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&childpagename=OIT-2%2FOIT2Layout&cid=1251566970483&pagename=OIT2Wrapper>.

Project, award amount, recipient, and project status information are shown on the state project map located here: http://www.colorado.gov/recovery/RecoveryMapping_2/index.html. The map information also reports the amount of award funding spent. While it contains a field for jobs created or retained, we have not found this field used on any map entry.

Recipient jobs data are available as a blindingly colorful PDF or an XML file on the reports page:

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/OIT-2/OIT2/1251567039184> . Job totals for programs can be found in the state report titled "The Colorado Story" available here:

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1251601515779&ssbinary=true>. State totals are also listed in "The Colorado Story" report.

A subscriber feed displaying contract awards is available here:

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1248095315030&pagename=OIT-2%2FOIT2Layout>.