

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

STATE: Vermont <http://recovery.vermont.gov/>

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	5
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	0
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	0
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 the 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)	3
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	0
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	5
TOTALS		100 (plus 15 potential extra credit)	13

Notes: Vermont's Recovery Act site is not easy to navigate, making it difficult to find key information. To improve the site, Vermont should focus on centralizing the location of data, mapping the data, making it comprehensive for all Recovery Act projects, and posting project-specific documents such as contracts.

Broad categories of Recovery spending are posted in a few category-specific parts of the website, but not in one place, in a consistent format, or inclusive of all ARRA program categories. Narrow categories of spending are at <http://recovery.vermont.gov/reports> A downloadable spreadsheet is at http://recovery.vermont.gov/sites/stimulus/files/VT_State_Grants_Received_Jan_11_10.xls

Job totals for the whole state were posted in a blog entry at <http://recovery.vermont.gov/news/2000jobs> after the first round of Recovery Act data was released.

At <http://apps.vtrans.vermont.gov/stimulus/> the state compares the distribution of transportation spending to its own Economically Depressed metric, but because of the limited scope we award no points.

At http://apps.vtrans.vermont.gov/stimulus/documents/ARRA_Projects_20090818.pdf the state posts a static map of transportation spending alone, but again because of the limited scope we award no points.

The ARRA site has a link to Recovery.gov labeled "Where is the Money Going?" As explained in our main report, we do not award points for such links.