

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

STATE: Alabama <http://stimulus.alabama.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	3
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	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	0
TOTALS		100 (plus 15 potential extra credit)	23

Notes: Spending allocations by narrow categories are presented in the Executive Summary Reports, which go back to July 2009 and are posted under the Documents tab at <http://stimulus.alabama.gov/documents.aspx>.

Each state agency and university receiving stimulus funding has to post ARRA Monthly Update Reports, available from the home page. These contain information on award amounts and jobs data. These PDF files also provide links to agency stimulus websites, and occasionally link directly to pages describing an individual grant or program. The October 2009 Executive Summary Report, under the Documents tab, compiles these individual reports, presenting CDFA code, job numbers, and amounts awarded, available and expended; see

<http://stimulus.alabama.gov/PDFs/Executive%20Summary%20Reports/Executive%20Summary%20ARRA%20Spreadsheet%20October%202009.pdf>.

Within the document some agencies report award amount and jobs data for program areas, but others report award amounts and jobs data for individual grants, particularly those to higher education institutions. Statewide totals and top ten lists are also included.

A map on the home page links to the state's data on Recovery.gov, but because the federal data are incomplete, we do not award points. See the main report for more details on this issue.

The state's website has a search function, but it does not cover project information. We therefore awarded no points. The documents are all searchable PDF files, except for the Certifications. The search function does not cover data reported in the Executive Summary Reports.