

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

STATE: Pennsylvania <http://recovery.pa.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"> <li>- Broad categories only: 5</li> <li>- Narrow categories only: 5</li> <li>- Both broad and narrow categories: 10*</li> <li>- No breakdown by program areas: 0</li> </ul>	10	10
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) BY COUNTY OR OTHER RELEVANT GEOGRAPHIC UNIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- County/geographic unit overall totals only: 10</li> <li>- County/unit totals for individual programs only: 10*</li> <li>- County/unit totals for both individual programs and overall spending: 15</li> <li>- No county/geographic unit breakdowns: 0</li> </ul>	15	10
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) COMPARED TO ECONOMIC DISTRESS (unemployment, home foreclosure, poverty, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- County or other relevant geographic unit distribution compared to two or more variables: 15</li> <li>- Compared to one variable: 10</li> <li>- No comparisons to economic needs: 0</li> </ul> EXTRA CREDIT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-percentage of contracts given to disadvantaged business enterprises: 5</li> </ul>	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"> <li>- Descriptions of individual contract/ grant projects: 3*</li> <li>- Dollar amount: 3*</li> <li>- Name of recipient entity: 3*</li> <li>- Text of contract or grant document: 3</li> <li>- Status of project/portion completed: 3*</li> </ul>	15	12
RECIPIENT JOBS DATA	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Actual job data for individual contract and grants: 7*</li> <li>- Job totals for program areas: 5</li> <li>- Job totals for entire state: 3*</li> </ul> EXTRA CREDIT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- data on job quality (wage rates): 5</li> <li>- demographics of workers: 5</li> </ul>	15 (plus 10 potential extra credit)	10
MAPPING OF CONTRACT AND GRANT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interactive map with significant details on projects: 15*</li> <li>- Interactive map with limited details on projects: 10</li> <li>- Static map: 5</li> <li>- No mapping: 0</li> </ul>	15	15
USER AIDS	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- search box (including coverage of data): 5</li> <li>- data downloadability: 5</li> <li>- machine-readable data feed: 5*</li> </ul>	15	5
TOTALS		100 (plus 15 potential extra credit)	62

Notes: While Pennsylvania's site lacks some basic information about the Recovery Act, it does a good job disclosing job creation and contract and project details. It is one of few states that list sub-recipients of ARRA funds on transportation projects. The site could be improved by providing users with a way to compare geographic distribution of ARRA funds directly on a map or in one comprehensive table of awards. Pennsylvania is the only state we found that provides a list of performance and outcome measures of ARRA programs. The state's performance goals for ARRA expenditures and its progress toward reaching those goals can be found in a series of reports at [http://www.recovery.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/about/6015/performance\\_outcome\\_measures](http://www.recovery.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/about/6015/performance_outcome_measures).

Program expenditures are listed in multiple places, but a comprehensive statement of per-program spending is missing. Program totals by county can be found in a series of PDF reports posted at <http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=504968&mode=2>.

Pennsylvania is doing an excellent job providing information about contract and grant awardees. Drilling down through the Impact map allows users to view award recipients, project descriptions, status and cost, and even sub-recipients on transportation projects. Education projects break out the amount of funding directed at low-income students. The project map is available by county at <http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=504968&mode=2>.

Job data by project and for the state as a whole are shown on the Impact map and are also in a PDF summary of the first quarterly reporting at [http://www.recovery.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS\\_0\\_2\\_101296\\_6019\\_607201\\_43/http%3Bpubcontent.state.pa.us/publishedcontent/publish/marketing/sites/recovery\\_pa\\_gov/content/announcements/announcements\\_list/summary\\_of\\_1512\\_reports\\_102109.pdf](http://www.recovery.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_101296_6019_607201_43/http%3Bpubcontent.state.pa.us/publishedcontent/publish/marketing/sites/recovery_pa_gov/content/announcements/announcements_list/summary_of_1512_reports_102109.pdf).

The site provides an RSS feed with updated project details at <http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=504968&mode=2>.

In October, Governor Rendell issued an Executive Order requiring the state Department of General Services to report quarterly to the Governor and the state Stimulus Oversight Commission on the number of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs), minority business enterprises (MBEs) and women business enterprises (WBEs) receiving ARRA contracts. The state has set a goal of awarding 10 percent of ARRA contracts to disadvantaged enterprises. As of the release of this study, the state ARRA site does not provide this report, but we look forward to its availability in future quarterly reports.