

# STIMULUS FUNDING AND TAX CREDIT BONDS FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

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|   | Eligibility  | Guidance  |
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| <b>STIMULUS FUNDING</b>                               |  |   |
| Education Stabilization funds (ED)                    | States for support of education                      | States may choose to direct funding from their allocation for school construction, renovation, and repairs. See <a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/guidance.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/guidance.pdf</a> and <a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/guidance-mod-05112009.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/guidance-mod-05112009.pdf</a>   |
| Government Services funds (ED)                        | State Governors                                      | Governors may choose to direct funding from their allocation for school construction, renovation, and repairs. See <a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/guidance.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/guidance.pdf</a> and <a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/guidance-mod-05112009.pdf">http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/guidance-mod-05112009.pdf</a>  |
| Impact Aid School Construction (ED)                   | Communities with military bases, Indian reservations | <b>\$100 million</b> for elementary and secondary school construction activities in districts that receive Impact Aid. \$39.6 million for formula grants (distributed in April 2009) <a href="http://www2.ed.gov/programs/8007a/index.html">http://www2.ed.gov/programs/8007a/index.html</a> and \$59.4 million for competitive discretionary construction grants (awarded in May, 2010) <a href="http://www2.ed.gov/programs/8007b/awards.html">http://www2.ed.gov/programs/8007b/awards.html</a>  |
| BIA School Construction, Improvements & Repairs (DOI) | Indian tribal governments                            | <b>\$277.7 million</b> allocated in May 2009) School Replacement Construction - \$134.6 million; School Improvement and Repairs - \$143.1 million. See <a href="http://recovery.doi.gov/press/wp-content/uploads/2009/05/ia-plan-abbrev_061809_v3.pdf">http://recovery.doi.gov/press/wp-content/uploads/2009/05/ia-plan-abbrev_061809_v3.pdf</a> (pages 26-34). For a list of projects funded through April, 2010, see <a href="http://recovery.doi.gov/press/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/ia-arra-project-list_april-2010_3.pdf">http://recovery.doi.gov/press/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/ia-arra-project-list_april-2010_3.pdf</a>                |
| Academic Research Infrastructure (NSF)                | Colleges and universities                            | <b>\$200 million</b> for competitive grant program to update research facilities at institutions of higher education. <a href="http://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/programs/ari/">http://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/programs/ari/</a> (Awards will be announced throughout 2010 beginning in May)   |
| Biomedical Research Facilities (NIH)                  | Colleges and universities                            | <b>\$1 billion</b> for competitive grant program for the construction, renovation, or repair of existing research facilities at non-Federal research institutions. For a list of the 146 grants awarded May, 2010, see: <a href="http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/the_american_recovery_and_reinvestment_act/construction_programs/awards/">http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/the_american_recovery_and_reinvestment_act/construction_programs/awards/</a>   |
| NIST Construction Grant Program                       | Colleges and universities                            | <b>\$123 million</b> in competitive grants for the construction of new or expanded scientific research buildings at higher education institutions and nonprofit organizations. Grants to 11 universities and 1 non-profit announced on January 8, 2010. <a href="http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/releases/20100108_cgp_awards.cfm">http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/releases/20100108_cgp_awards.cfm</a>   |
| Rural Community Facilities Program (USDA)             | Rural schools and colleges                           | Rural public and charter schools, colleges, and vocational schools are eligible to apply for a portion of <b>\$1.1 billion</b> in direct loans, and <b>\$61 million</b> in grants for construction or improvement of facilities. See <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm</a>  |
| Lunch Program Equipment (USDA)                        | Public schools                                       | <b>\$100 million</b> grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance. (Allocated to states in March 2009, awarded in June 2009) See: <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy-Memos/2009/SP_18-2009_os.pdf">http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy-Memos/2009/SP_18-2009_os.pdf</a>   |
| Energy Efficiency Block Grants (DOE)                  | States, local govt. & tribes                         | Out of <b>\$3.2 billion</b> for projects that reduce energy use or improve energy efficiency, some states have competitive application process open to schools and higher education institutions. <a href="http://www.eecbq.energy.gov/">http://www.eecbq.energy.gov/</a> (Project grant application dates and announcement of awards vary.)  |
| State Energy Program (DOE)                            | States and territories                               | Out of <b>\$3.1 billion</b> that reduce energy use or improve energy efficiency, some states have competitive application process open to schools and higher education institutions. Funding directed through State Energy Offices. <a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/recovery_act.cfm">http://www.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/recovery_act.cfm</a> (Project grant application dates and announcement of awards vary from state to state.)  |
| Child Development Centers (DOD)                       | Military branches                                    | <b>\$240 million</b> for 21 child development centers (infant – 12yrs) on military bases. See <a href="http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/plans_reports/2009/may/Recovery_Act_MILCON_Program_Plan_15_May_2009.pdf">http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/plans_reports/2009/may/Recovery_Act_MILCON_Program_Plan_15_May_2009.pdf</a>   |
| <b>TAX CREDIT BONDS</b>                               |  |   |
| Qualified School Construction Bonds (IRS)             | States and local government                          | <b>\$22 billion</b> for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility, or for the acquisition of land on which such a facility is to be constructed. \$11 billion in 2009 and \$11 billion in 2010. For 2009 allocations, see <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-35.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-35.pdf</a> . For new guidelines and 2010 allocations, see <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-10-17.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-10-17.pdf</a> . For current QSCBs Issuance, see: <a href="http://www.bondbuyer.com/pdfs/QSCB.pdf">http://www.bondbuyer.com/pdfs/QSCB.pdf</a> |
| Qualified School Const. Bonds for Indian Schools      | Indian tribal governments                            | <b>\$400 million</b> for construction, rehabilitation, and repair of schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. See <a href="http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/OFECR/index.htm">http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/OFECR/index.htm</a> (Applications were due March 15, 2010)   |
| Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (IRS)                    | School districts                                     | <b>\$2 billion</b> for rehabilitation or repair of public school facilities. The national limit for QZAB is increased to \$1.4 billion in 2009 and \$1.4 billion in 2010. For school districts with at least 35% eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. See <a href="http://www.irs.gov/irb/2009-16_irb/ar11.html">http://www.irs.gov/irb/2009-16_irb/ar11.html</a> for 2009 allocations and <a href="http://www.irs.gov/irb/2010-10_IRB/ar07.html">http://www.irs.gov/irb/2010-10_IRB/ar07.html</a> for 2010 allocations.   |
| Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (IRS)             | States and local government                          | Out of the <b>\$3.2 billion</b> bond program, schools are eligible to apply for tax credits for capital expenditures that reduce energy consumption in public buildings. See <a href="http://www.irs.gov/irb/2009-16_irb/ar10.html">http://www.irs.gov/irb/2009-16_irb/ar10.html</a>  |
| Build America Bonds (IRS)                             |  | Low interest rate bonds can be used to finance a wide range of projects, including construction and modernization of school and higher education facilities. For guidelines, see: <a href="http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/article/0,,id=219310,00.html">http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/article/0,,id=219310,00.html</a> For current BABs Issuance, see: <a href="http://www.bondbuyer.com/pdfs/BAB.pdf">http://www.bondbuyer.com/pdfs/BAB.pdf</a>   |

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