

Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Total: \$120 million

Total Wyoming: approximately \$573 thousand

- *\$126,306 to Department of Workforce Services*
- *Approximately \$447 thousand to Experience Works*

Purpose and Principles: In accordance with the intent of the Recovery Act, funds must be spent expeditiously and effectively, with full transparency and accountability in the expenditure of funds. The Recovery Act provides more than an injection of workforce development resources into communities in need across the country. The significant investment of stimulus funds presents an extraordinary and unique opportunity for the workforce system to accelerate its transformational efforts and demonstrate its full capacity to innovate and implement effective One-Stop service delivery strategies. Successful implementation of the Recovery Act includes quick and effective provision of services and training for workers in need. Grantees have been advised that the Recovery Act funds are intended to supplement, not supplant, existing funds.

Grant Expenditure Period: Funds shall remain available through June 30, 2010.

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Labor has extended the period of performance of current Program Year 2008 grants for an additional six months to December 31, 2009.

Senior Community Service Employment Program: These funds are intended to serve additional unemployed low-income senior citizens. SCSEP grantees are expected to expand the number of SCSEP participants assigned to community service work, especially in the growth industries emphasized in the Recovery Act (e.g., health care, child care, education, green jobs, energy efficiency and environmental services) and in expanded community service activities that utilize Recovery Act funds. For the SCSEP grant community to meet both the letter and the spirit of the law and fulfill its critical role in U.S. economic recovery, it must implement the Act expeditiously and effectively, with full transparency and accountability of the expenditure of funds. The system's implementation of the Recovery Act should yield not only increased services and training for unemployed low-income seniors, but also provide increased community services that will invigorate and advance prosperity in the communities in which they live. The intent of Recovery Act funding is to supplement, not supplant, current SCSEP activities.