

# RECOVERY ACT MONEY AND YOU

## Recovery Act and Grants.gov

Series 1

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### RECOVERY ACT MONEY AND YOU

#### Introduction

- On behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services' Grants.gov program office, welcome to today's webinar "Recovery Act Money and You – Recovery Act and Grants.gov"

#### Ground Rules

- A few ground rules to note before we begin:
  - We are recording this webinar for quality assurance purposes and a copy will be posted on the Grants.gov website for your future reference
  - ALL Attendees are in listen-only mode
  - We will be taking questions via the phone and online as time permits
  - Please note; if you have a specific question regarding a Recovery Act opportunity you will need to contact the Agency PoC on the opportunity as we at Grants.gov are not versed on the opportunities themselves
  - We will capture all questions and place them w/ the answers on the Grants.gov site

#### During This Presentation

- Today we will provide an overview of Grants.gov, the Recovery Act and your eligibility to apply for Recovery Act opportunities on Grants.gov
- This is the first of a three part series on finding and applying for Recovery Act funded grants on Grants.gov
- Grants.gov provides a unified and streamlined process to find and apply for all federal grant opportunities
- Grants.gov now features a centralized location to find all grant opportunities and funding information pertaining to the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009 or "Recovery Act"

#### Contact Center Information

- Grants.gov has a Contact Center staffed with over 90 Customer Service Representatives (CSRs)
- CSRs are trained to handle issues related to information on Grants.gov and technical issues that deal with the submission of a grant application
- You can call the Contact Center at 1-800-518-4726, Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time or you can reach the Contact Center via email at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
- The Contact Center does not answer questions or deal with issues pertaining to a specific grant opportunity. Callers with concerns pertaining to the specific opportunity need to contact the Agency Point of Contact listed on the synopsis or cover page of the application

# About Grants.gov



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## ABOUT GRANTS.GOV

### Origin Grants.gov - (E-grants Initiative )

- Started with Public Law 106-107 which:
  - Improved the effectiveness and performance of federal grant programs
  - Simplified grant application and reporting requirements
- The initiative cuts across agencies, and is designed to reduce the differences that exist between programs of similar purpose

### Benefits of Grants.gov

- Now the federal government's single site for all 26 federal grant-making agencies to publish grant funding opportunities and application packages online
- Enables the grant community, to search for grant opportunities, download, complete and electronically submit applications for the over **\$500 billion worth of awards distributed annually**
- Electronic system eliminates paper waste
  - Offers user friendly approach to grant submission
  - Allows user to easily manage and track grant submissions

### Before Grants.gov

- No centralized grant process existed
- Grant making agencies, grant processes varied greatly

# Eligibility Who can apply?



**ATTENTION!** Grants.gov does not offer money for personal financial assistance or debt. If you are seeking [personal financial assistance](#) such as: Social Security/Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid or State Social Services, please visit: [www.GovBenefits.gov](http://www.GovBenefits.gov)

Student Loans, please visit: [www.Studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.Studentaid.ed.gov)

Small Business Start-up Loans, please visit: [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

This type of individual assistance is NOT available on this website.



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## ELIGIBILITY – WHO CAN APPLY?

### No Personal Financial Assistance on Grants.gov

- There is no personal financial assistance available on Grants.gov

### Find Resources for Personal Financial Needs

- If you are seeking personal financial assistance, there are many federal resources available
  - Visit USA.gov to find an alphabetical listing of all federal personal assistance visit USA.gov Web site's [Government Benefits, Grants, and Financial Aid](#) page at: [www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Benefits.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Benefits.shtml)
  - If you are seeking resources such as Social Security/ Supplemental Income, Medicaid or State Social Services, visit: [www.GovBenefits.gov](http://www.GovBenefits.gov)
  - For Student loans, visit the federal student aid Web site at: [www.Studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.Studentaid.ed.gov)
  - If you are seeking to apply for a small business or business start-up loan, go to: [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

### Learn More About Eligibility

- To learn more about your eligibility and Grants.gov processes, visit the Applicant Resource page: <http://www.grants.gov/applicants/resources.jsp#animated>
- Where you will find a listing of animated tutorials

### Animated Tutorials

– Learn more about specific topics by watching an animated overview

- [Grants.gov Overview](#) – Watch an overview about Grants.gov
- [Grants.gov Eligibility](#) – Determine whether you are eligible to apply for grants on Grants.gov
- [Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov](#) – Learn how to find grant opportunities and understand your search results
- [Organization Registration Overview](#) – Watch an overview on how to register your organization with Grants.gov
- [Individual Registration Overview](#) – Watch an overview on how to register with Grants.gov
- [Completing a Grants.gov Application](#) – Watch an overview on how to apply using Adobe Reader



## NAVIGATING GRANTS.GOV - HOMEPAGE

### Recovery Act Feature

- Grants.gov now features a central location for all Recovery Act and related resources on the homepage, to visit the Recovery Act site just click on the Recovery.gov logo
- Links on the Recovery Act feature include a listing of all Recovery Act related grant opportunities that can be found on Grants.gov (click the "View all opportunities" link or Recovery Act Grant Opportunities button)
- The "Recovery Money and You" page is the second link listed, it's an additional resource to find other opportunities related to the Recovery Act funds not related to Grants.gov
- The White House Web site is also listed as additional resource for Recovery Act information
- And finally a listing of "Upcoming Webinars" can be accessed by clicking on the "Upcoming Webinars" button. Grants.gov w/ be hosting a 3 Part Series of Webinars with more detail on the Find and Apply process to include information on the Recovery Act

### Left Navigation Bar

- Grants.gov provides a variety of resources to help applicants access the over 2,000 grant opportunities including the **84** Recovery Act grant opportunities.
- Applicant information is available under the **For Applicants** section in the left navigation, applicants can use the left navigation to:
  - Find Grant Opportunities
  - Get Registered with Grants.gov
  - Apply for Grants
  - Track a Submitted Application Package
  - Find Resources (to guide you through the steps of the Grants.gov application process (Google Search))

### RSS Feed

-New and modified opportunity RSS feeds are also available

### Right Navigation Bar

- There are also helpful "quick" links in the right hand navigation bar
- "Quick" links allow you to quickly navigate to the most commonly used access points and information
- Grants.gov publishes a quarterly newsletter which you may sign-up for using the "Quick Links"
- You can sign-up for alerts on system enhancements, status and other up to the minute information

### What's New at Grants.gov

- Section, features new and existing information relevant to current program and system status

### "Important Notice" - Recovery Act and System Alleviation Notice

- Agencies accepting ARRA applications alternative to Grants.gov:
  - CNCS, DoD, DoED, DOE, HUD, DOJ, Treasury, DOT, EPA, NASA, DHS, NSF

One Hundred Eleventh Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,  
the sixth day of January, two thousand and nine*

An Act

Making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

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**RECOVERY ACT AND GRANTS.GOV – AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009**  
**About The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

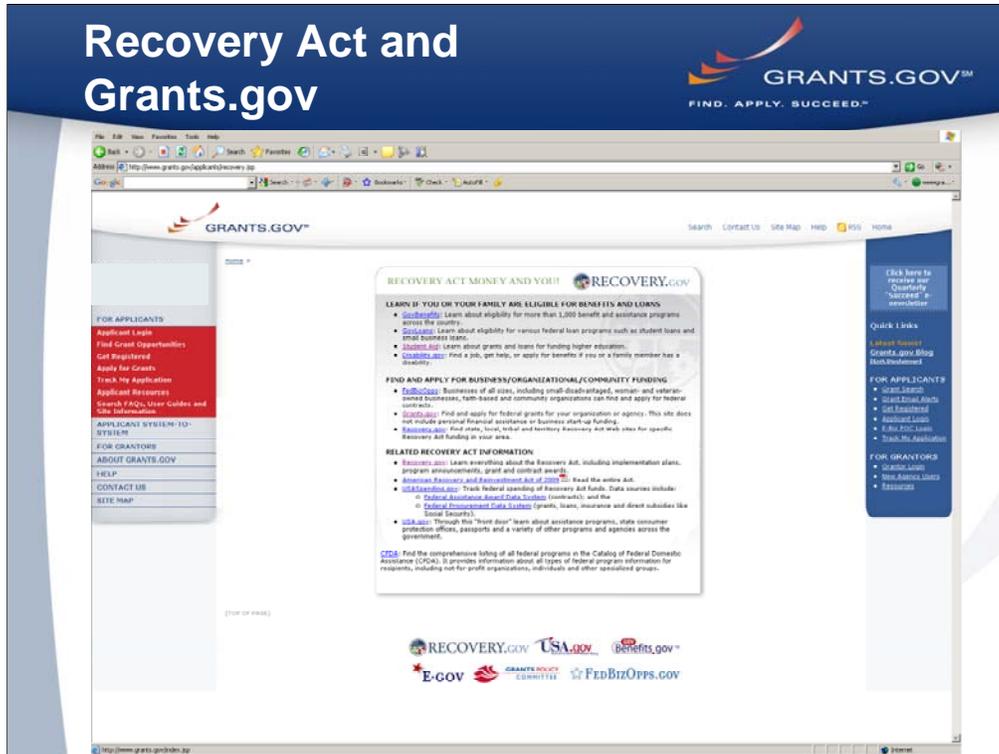
- Making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is also referred to as ARRA or “Recovery Act”
- Signed into law on February 17, 2009

**Purpose - The Recovery Act**

- The purpose of the Recovery Act is to:
  - Save and create more than 3.5 million jobs over the next two years;
  - Computerize Americans' health records, reducing medical errors, and saving billions in health care costs;
  - Revive the renewable energy industry and provide the capital over the next three years to eventually double domestic renewable energy capacity;
  - Undertake the largest weatherization program in history by modernizing 75 percent of federal building space and more than one million homes;
  - Increase college affordability for seven million students by funding the shortfall in Pell Grants, increasing the maximum award level by \$500, and providing a new higher education tax cut to nearly four million students;
  - As part of the \$150 billion investment in new infrastructure, enact the largest increase in funding of our nation's roads, bridges, and mass transit systems since the creation of the national highway system in the 1950s;
  - Provide an \$800 Making Work Pay tax credit for 129 million working households, and cut taxes for the families of millions of children through an expansion of the Child Tax Credit;
  - Require unprecedented levels of transparency, oversight, and accountability.

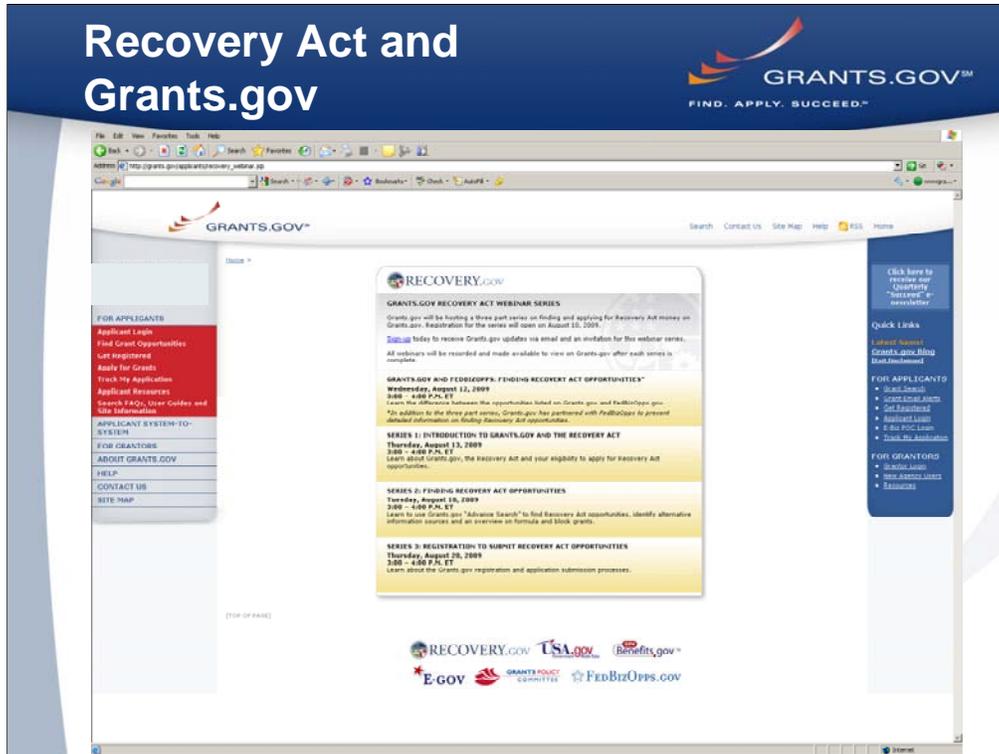
**Recovery Act and Grants.gov**

- Grants.gov acts as an additional resource providing one central location to find all grant and funding information relevant to the “Recovery Act” to aid in the accessibility and transparency Recovery Act funds



## RECOVERY ACT AND GRANTS.GOV – RECOVERY ACT MONEY AND YOU New “Recovery Act Money and You” Page

- This page features three areas of resources:
  1. Information to help you determine if your family is eligible for Benefits and Loans
    - Discussed on Eligibility slide
    - Links to:
      - [GovBenefits](#): Learn about eligibility for more than 1,000 benefit and assistance programs across the country
      - [GovLoans](#): Learn about eligibility for various federal loan programs such as student loans and small business loans
      - [Student Aid](#): Learn about grants and loans for funding higher education
      - [Disability.gov](#): Find a job, get help, or apply for benefits if you or a family member has a disability.
  2. Information on finding business, organization and community funding
    - Links to:
      - [FedBizOpps](#): Businesses of all sizes, including small-disadvantaged, woman- and veteran-owned businesses, faith-based and community organizations can find and apply for federal contracts.
      - [Grants.gov](#): Find and apply for federal grants for your organization or agency. This site does not include personal financial assistance or business start-up funding.
      - [Recovery.gov](#): Find state, local, tribal and territory Recovery Act Web sites for specific Recovery Act funding in your area.
  3. Related Recovery Act Information, such as a link to the Recovery.gov site, the Act and other sites providing additional Recovery Act information



## RECOVERY ACT AND GRANTS.GOV – RECOVERY ACT WEBINAR SERIES

### Recovery Act Webinar Series

- You are participating in the first of a three part webinar series - **Series 1: Introduction to Grants.gov and the Recovery Act**
- In addition to this session, Grants.gov will be hosting two other sessions on finding and applying for Recovery Act grant opportunities on Grants.gov
- Information on the Webinars can be accessed by clicking on the Webinar button on the homepage
- Registration for Series II & III is scheduled to be available Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>
- The capacity for each session is 500
- Once registration is open will send notification via our Grant e-mail alerts list serve
- All webinars will be recorded and archived on Grants.gov after each series is complete

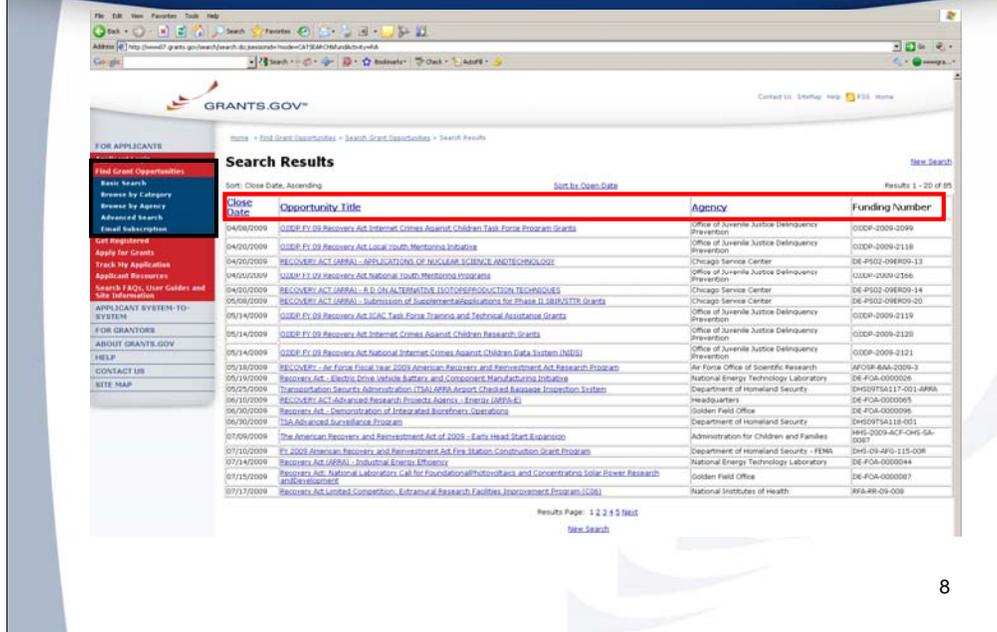
### Series 2: Finding Recovery Act Opportunities

- Scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2009 from 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. ET
- During this session, we will show participants how to do an advanced search on Grants.gov to find Recovery Act opportunities
- We will also provide information on what can be found on Grants.gov and what is not, such as Formula and Block grants

### Series 3: Registration to Submit Recovery Act Opportunities

- Scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2009 from 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. ET
- Participants will learn about the Grants.gov registration and application submission processes

# Recovery Act Opportunities on Grants.gov



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## FIND RECOVERY ACT OPPORTUNITIES – ALL RECOVERY ACT OPPORTUNITIES

### All Recovery Act Opportunities

- A listing of all Recovery Act Opportunities is available from the Recovery Act feature on the homepage
  - Click the yellow button “Recovery Act Grant Opportunities”
  - Currently 50 of the 84 Recovery Act funding opportunities are open to apply

### –Recovery Act Opportunities Fund

- Recovery Act Opportunities on Grants.gov include funding for:
  - Small Business
  - Public Agencies (including state agencies, units of local government, public universities and colleges, and federally-recognized Indian tribal governments)
  - Private Organizations (including faith-based and community organizations, nonprofits, for-profits, )

### –Few of these opportunities are open to Individual applicants

### Types of Programs Funded Under The Recovery Act

(Open for application)

#### –Programs for addressing:

- Delivery of primary care services and the recruitment and retention of critical health care providers - **ARRA - State Primary Care Offices**
- Improvements Addressing the Needs of the Elderly and/or Persons with Disabilities; Public Housing Transformation - **Public Housing Capital Fund Capital Recovery Competition Grants**
- \*( Example Synopsis - shown on next slide) To support entrepreneurs of exceptional creativity, drawn from scientific and technological environments - Recovery Act Limited Competition: Small Business Catalyst Awards for Accelerating Innovative Research (R43)**
- Improve student achievement; improve the quality of new and prospective teachers by improving the preparation of prospective teachers and enhancing professional development activities for new teachers; **Teacher Quality Partnership Grants Program Recovery Act (ARRA) CFDA 84.405A**
- To help eligible property owners make energy and green retrofit investments in the property, to ensure the maintenance and preservation of the property, the continued operation and maintenance of energy efficiency technologies - **Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit**
- To aid regions “that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring,” - **EDA Recovery Act Funding**

(Closed)

- Local and National Youth Mentoring (to end juvenile delinquency) - **OJJDP FY 09 Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative**
- Research and Development Activities (in nuclear science, renewable energy, Medicine (medical physics) Finance and Commerce, Geology and Environmental Sciences, National Security) - **RECOVERY ACT (ARRA) - APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**
- Programs to address technology-facilitated child exploitation - **Recovery Act ICAC Task Force Training and Technical Assistance Grants**

### Search Features on Left Navigation Bar

•There are multiple ways to search for these and the other 2,305 grant opportunities on Grants.gov, including Basic Search, Browse By Category,

# Select a Recovery Act Grant Opportunity



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## Recovery Act Limited Competition: Small Business Catalyst Awards for Accelerating Innovative Research (R43)

Synopsis Full Announcement Application

The synopsis for this grant opportunity is detailed below, following this paragraph. This synopsis contains all of the updates to this document that have been posted as of 06/02/2009. If updates have been made to the opportunity synopsis, update information is provided below the synopsis.

If you would like to receive notifications of changes to the grant opportunity click [send me change notification emails](#). The only thing you need to provide for this service is your email address. No other information is requested.

*Any inconsistency between the original printed document and the disk or electronic document shall be resolved by giving precedence to the printed document.*

### Description of Modification

This is to notify potential applicants of Important Registration Reminders for Businesses Submitting in Response to New Recovery Act Funding Opportunity Announcements. See Notice NOT-OD-09-126 for details at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-126.html>.

Document Type:	Modification to Previous Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	RFA-OD-09-009
Opportunity Category:	Other
Posted Date:	Jun 02, 2009
Creation Date:	Jul 24, 2009
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Sep 01, 2009
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Sep 01, 2009
Archive Date:	Oct 01, 2009
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Health Recovery Act

Category Explanation:  
Expected Number of Awards:  
Estimated Total Program Funding:  
Award Ceiling:  
Award Floor:  
CFDA Number(s): 93.701 -- Trans-NIH Recovery Act Research Support  
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

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## SELECT A RECOVERY ACT GRANT OPPORTUNITY – SYNOPSIS

### Synopsis

- The opportunity synopsis is summary of grant information from the entire grant opportunity
  - Some of the most important information to the applicant is found in the synopsis, such as information on:
    - Category of Funding Activity
    - Estimated Total Program Funding
    - Award Ceiling
- You may access the **Full Announcement** and **Application package** by using the buttons at the top of the synopsis screen
  - Full Announcement shows as the name implies the full announcement and other information the granting agency deems relevant to the funding opportunity
  - A downloadable application package is accessible by clicking on **Application** button
- As we scroll down the synopsis page (next slide)

# Select a Recovery Act Grant Opportunity (cont.)



**Eligible Applicants**  
Small businesses

**Additional Information on Eligibility:**

**Agency Name**  
National Institutes of Health

**Description**  
Purpose: This NIH Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), supported by funds provided to the NIH under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act or RRA), Public Law 111-5, invites grant applications from small business concerns that propose to accelerate innovation through high risk, high reward research and development (R and D) that has commercial potential and is relevant to the mission of the NIH. The Small Business Catalyst Award is further expected to support entrepreneurs of exceptional creativity, drawn from scientific and technological environments beyond NIH, who propose pioneering and possibly transformative approaches to addressing major biomedical or behavioral challenges with the potential for downstream commercial development. The Small Business Catalyst Award for Accelerating Innovative Research funding opportunity seeks to encourage fresh research perspectives and approaches to serve the mission of NIH. In particular, applications from small business concerns without a history of NIH Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) support may receive funding priority. Suitable are applications for support for projects that have the potential to generate high impact results (e.g., products, processes or services) and/or innovative research applications, research tools, techniques, devices, inventions, or methodologies. The outcomes of the research supported should have potential to lead to products that will improve public health and create significant value and economic stimulus. This FOA solicits early-stage ideas that promise to lead to major leaps forward in capabilities important to serving the mission of NIH rather than incremental improvements of existing technologies. In accord with the funding priority of this initiative to attract applicants without a history of SBIR/STTR support from NIH, the focus of the projects solicited by this FOA is on early-stage technology development.

**Link to Full Announcement**  
<http://www.nih.gov/grants/submit/foa/RFAs-CC-09-009.html>

**If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:**  
NIH OER Webmaster  
FBOWebmaster@OD.NIH.GOV  
If you have any questions relating to this funding announcement, please contact the NIH OER Webmaster

**Synopsis Modification History**  
The following files represent the modifications to this synopsis with the changes noted within the documents. The list of files is arranged from newest to oldest with the newest file representing the current synopsis. Changes earlier than the previous document are shown in a light gray background.

File Name	Date
Modification_#1	Jun 02, 2009
Original Synopsis	Jun 02, 2009

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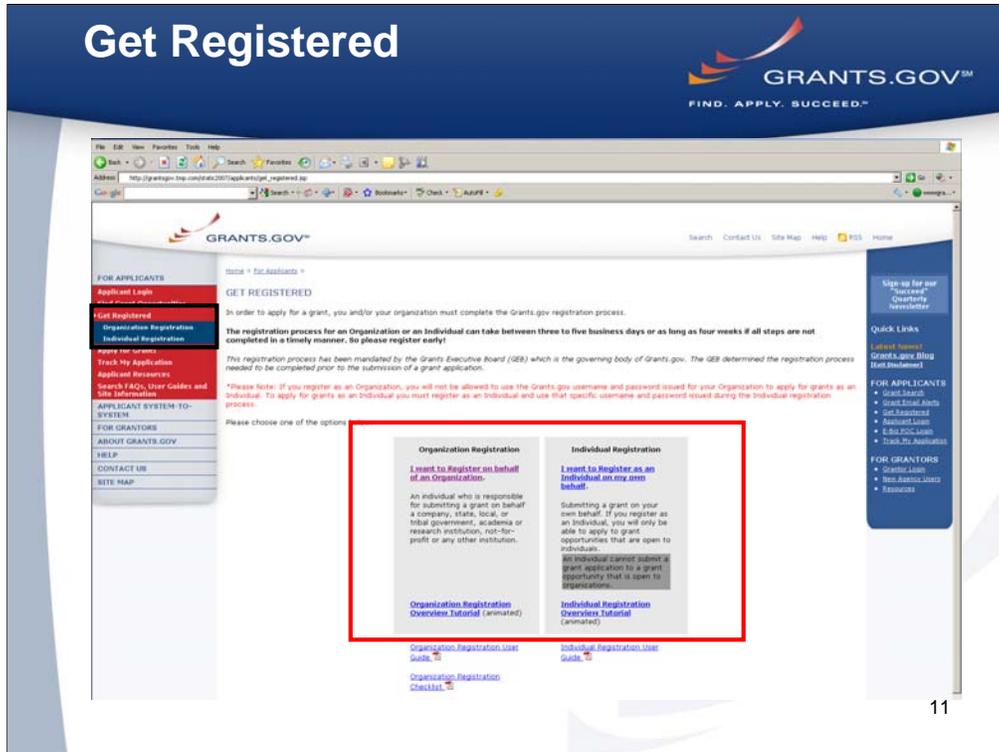
## SELECT A RECOVERY ACT GRANT OPPORTUNITY – SYNOPSIS

### Synopsis Cont.

- As you scroll down the synopsis page you will see more information about the opportunity such as:
  - Eligible Applicants
  - Additional Information on Eligibility
  - Agency Name
  - Opportunity Description
- Synopsis offers a written description of the grant, you can see a brief write up below
  - The written description helps you determine if this is the proper opportunity for you

**Important Note:** if you have questions regarding the grant opportunity itself you will need to contact the Agency PoC listed on the opportunity and NOT Grants.gov

- Since there are over 1000 grant programs listed on the site Grants.gov (not versed on specific opportunities)



## GET REGISTERED

### Get Registered Today

- You can **search for grant opportunities** (download and fill-in a grant application package) **before you register** with Grants.gov; however you **must be registered to submit** a grant application package
- There are two separate registration processes for applicants
  - Those registering to apply for grants on their own behalf (Individual Registration)
  - Those registering to apply for grants on behalf of an organization (Organization Registration)

### Individual Registration

- Individual Registration consists of one step – with two parts, providing a Funding Opportunity Number and completing a Grants.gov profile
- You need to provide a Funding Opportunity Number (FON) for the grant you wish to apply for, this must be an opportunity eligible for Individuals
- Next, you will need to enter your information, create a username, password and a secret question and answer to retrieve or reset username and password information
- Registration is complete once the Individual applicant has completed their profile they are ready to submit a grant application package

### Organization Registration

- Organization Registration is a one time process which involves 5 steps which can be broken into 2 phases
- The 2 phases are:
  - Organizational preparation
  - Self preparation
- The Organization registration process normally takes **3-5 business days**, however it may take **up to 4 weeks** due to:
  - Missing Tax Identification Number (TIN)
  - Inconsistent information on record with the IRS
- Register early – **allow as many as 4 weeks** for Organization registration in order to not miss any deadlines
- Registration will be discussed in detail during Grants.gov Recovery Act Webinar - Series 3: Get Registered to Apply for Recovery Act Opportunities

## Connect with Grants.gov and Additional Resources



### Connect with Grants.gov

- Succeed Quarterly Newsletter & Stakeholder Webcast invite
- Grants.gov Updates
- RSS Feeds or email notifications
- Contact Center
  - Email: support@grants.gov
  - Toll-Free Phone Number: 1-800-518-4726
  - Support available Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. ET

### Additional Resources

[http://grants.gov/applicants/app\\_help\\_reso.jsp](http://grants.gov/applicants/app_help_reso.jsp)

- Animated Tutorials
- Brochures (Overview/Registration)
- FAQs
- User Guides

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# Thank you

Please join us for:

## **Series 2: Finding a Recovery Act Opportunity on Grants.gov**

Tuesday, August 18, 2009  
3:00 – 4:00 P.M. ET

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### **Conclusion**

- This concludes today's "Series 1: Recovery Act Money and You – Recovery Act and Grants.gov" webinar
- On behalf of the Department of Health & Human Services, we would like to thank you for attending
- We hope that you found this session to be informative and beneficial
- As noted earlier, ALL questions posed online during this session will be answered and a consolidated response will be posted on the Recovery Webinar page:  
[http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery\\_webinar.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery_webinar.jsp)

### **Please Join Us Tuesday, August 18, 2009**

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