

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Bill)

- Funds to State Educational Agency

- Funds the NDDPI will receive:
 - Title I Part A
 - Special Education
 - Title II Part D
 - School Improvement (1003G)
 - Homeless
- Proposed Timeline – the department will receive all but the School Improvement Funds by March 19, 2009.
- The ND State Legislature will need to provide spending authority for these additional funds.
- Highly encouraged to get funds out this year.
- The only funding stream requiring an application from DPI will be the School Improvement Funds. The other programs are covered under our consolidated state application.
- The department is hoping to have an electronic application for districts to use to apply for the Title I and Title II D stimulus funds.
- Transparency a Huge Focus – states and districts will need to list on their websites specifically how these funds were spent.

- State Stabilization Funds

- Funds go to the Governor.
- A portion used to make up for shortfalls in education.
- If funds remain, list of uses:
 - ESEA
 - IDEA
 - Perkins
 - Building Modernization
- Use Title I formula simply to get the funds out to the districts (4 formulas exist)
- There will be an application process for each state to apply for funding:
 - Assurances
 - How funds will be used
 - Needs assessment
- There will be reporting requirements.
- Transparency issue stressed.
- Unsure when stabilization funds become available possibly July 1, 2009.
- North Dakota's estimated allocation – \$104,699,679.

Title I Funds

- North Dakota's estimated allocation - \$27,415,262.
- Proposed Timeline – March 19, 2009 to September 30, 2011.
- A ONE Time Only Grant.
- Need to do a separate grant award due to different timelines and reporting requirements.
- There will be a report for LEAs to complete in December 2009.
- DPI needs to submit a report to the USDE on March 1, 2010.
- Need to be transparent – Report how funds used on state and district websites.
- Follow all rules as Title I – supplement, not supplant and Maintenance of Effort are required.
- Private schools need a share of the funds.
- States do not need to submit an application to get these Title I funds – use existing consolidated application.
- States like North Dakota who use alternative criteria to distribute Title I funds can also use the same process to distribute the stimulus funds. (Actually, four different Title I formulas available).