

ARRA Menu

<i>ARRA Funding Types - WHAT</i>		
<p><u>HB 645 Appropriations</u> All types of monies in HB 645. 645. The legislature could determine which appropriations are priorities for review</p> <p>WHY? – Assure legislative intent is met, economic indicators are tracked and progress is being made.</p>	<p><u>ARRA Competitive Grants</u> All grants that are part of ARRA through a competitive process that are awarded to some division of state government.</p> <p>WHY? – Assure that the legislature is aware of the additional funds, economic indicators are met, and progress is being made.</p>	<p><u>ARRA direct to Federal Agencies</u> Funds that are slated for Montana projects direct from a federal agency. (i.e DOI = \$122.1 M)</p> <p>WHY? – Assure that the legislature is aware of what other funds are being expended in MT and economic impact is being estimated.</p>

<i>Options to Oversight- HOW</i>				
<u>Executive Reporting</u>	<u>Focus Areas</u>	<u>Success Stories</u>	<u>Other Outcomes</u>	<u>Knowledge</u>
LFD staff would review agency submitted reports to the executive and summarize report for legislature.	LFD staff would use executive reports, federal reports and expenditure analysis to alert legislature to potential issues regarding lack of progress, unspent funds and provide options for legislative response in specific areas..	LFD would highlight successes with ARRA funding.	LFD would work with agency staff to develop additional measurable outcomes to ARRA funding. Such as improvements in road conditions, improvements in public water, kilowatt savings in public buildings.	LFD staff would develop reports on specific areas such as energy, transportation, and infrastructure, other federal spending, etc., to keep legislature appraised of the activities.

<i>Deliverables</i>			<i>Outcomes</i>	
<u>Reports:</u>	<u>Two-Pagers</u>	<u>Panel Discussion</u>	<u>Impact Analysis</u>	<u>Legislation</u>
Full reports on an issue area for analysis or convey information to the legislature.	Short two pagers to bring legislature up to speed on a particular program, grant or activity. Could also include progress towards other outcomes	Request agencies provide presentations on a specific project/grant/program to provide background, progress report and answer questions.	Analysis on jobs created/saved, cash infusions to communities, administrative costs within agencies.	Tracking this activity may bring up policy issues the legislature may wish to address through legislation. This will come at a later date in the process.

<i>Resources to Allocate</i>					
<u>Committee</u>	<u>Project Management</u>	<u>LFD Staff</u>	<u>IT Staff</u>	<u>LSD/Legal Staff</u>	<u>Cash</u>
Sub committee of LFC or LFC and LC or??	Staff time to manage entire project.	Staff time to provide reports and analysis.	Web interface to legislative activities.	Legal support, bill drafting, outreach to other committees	\$150,000