

Department of Management and Budget  
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
Michigan Economic Recovery Office

The Michigan Economic Recovery Office will be created within the Department of Management and Budget to provide statewide oversight, tracking and accountability of funds received by the State of Michigan under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The office is responsible for ensuring that state agencies and local grant recipients meet the legal requirements of the act, including federal reporting and transparency requirements.

Recommended funding of \$2 million includes all office costs for three years, through FY 2011, including development and maintenance of the Michigan Economic Recovery Web site, as required by the act. Federal funds will be used to fund the office.

The ARRA requires states to ensure transparency and accountability in their distribution and use of federal economic recovery funds. Michigan is one of 16 states that will be tracked over the next three years by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to analyze use of funds. Bi-monthly reports are required by the GAO to Congress analyzing the state's use of funds and compliance with requirements of the ARRA. The Michigan Economic Recovery Office will act as the coordinating agency for the State.

Four staff positions will be assigned to the Office, all of which are temporary positions that will be eliminated once the work is completed. The \$2 million, 3-year budget includes costs for these four positions, support, and information technology. Estimated costs are as follows:

Payroll	\$1,271,500
Contractual services, supplies and materials, including telephone, printing, office supplies, travel, and office equipment	366,700
Information technology, including database development, external access, portal charges IT equipment and software	361,800
Total	\$2,000,000

The Department of Information Technology is providing IT services to the Office. Minimal work has occurred to date on the Web site, but this work will grow as Federal requirements for transparency and accountability on the Web site are further defined.