

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

How URI can benefit

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What is ARRA?

- “Stimulus package” provides substantial additional funding to federal agencies.
- A one-time opportunity.
- Money needs to be spent quickly to boost the economy.

What does it mean for URI?

Substantial new, one-time funding is available for:

- Scientific research.
- High-end scientific instrumentation.
- Renovation and construction of scientific facilities.

Where is the money?

URI's four main funding agencies have received boosts:

- National Institutes of Health
- National Science Foundation
- Commerce
- Defense

National Institutes of Health

- Receives \$10.4 billion
- Will fund meritorious proposals previously declined for lack of funds.
- Money for high-payoff research that can be completed quickly (“petri-dish ready”)
- Construction grants available
- Instrumentation grants available

National Science Foundation

- Receives \$2.5 billion
- Emphasis on new investigators.
- Emphasis on high-risk, high-return research.

NSF plan for funds

- Some will support meritorious proposals previously declined for lack of funding.
- **Major Research Instrumentation Program** to benefit; program announcement this spring.
- Facilities construction funds available.

Commerce

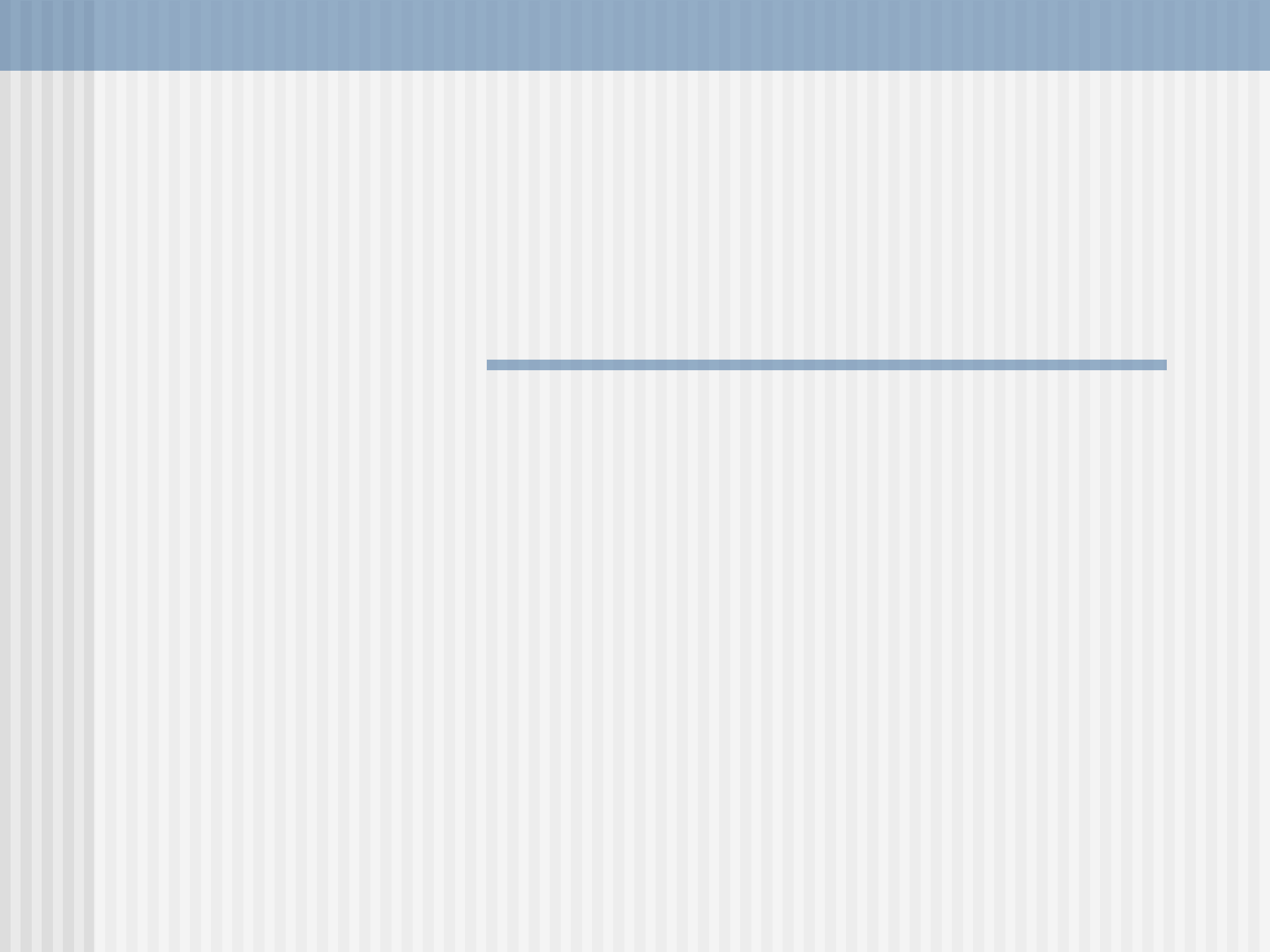
- NIST

Scientific research, \$220 million

Construction of research facilities, \$360 million

- NOAA

Receives \$830 million; \$170 million for climate modeling activities.



Defense

- Receives \$300 million for R&D
- Will be used to support near-term energy efficiency, alternative energy supply, and tactical energy/power system demonstrations.

Energy

- Office of Science gets \$1.2 billion.
- ARPA-E gets \$400 million.

NASA

- Science, \$400 million
- Aeronautics, \$150 million
- Exploration, \$400 million
- Cross-agency support, \$50 million

New opportunity: Electronic Health Records

- Cross-agency support available for projects related to electronic health records (EHR).
- Some funding for development of HER technology curricula. **URI is eligible.**

What is URI doing now?

- Established a special website to provide ARRA information to the URI community.
- Today's presentation.
- Dissemination of individual funding opportunities.

What else can Research Development do?

- Foster discussions with campus leaders and faculty to identify key research strengths.
- Form research teams/working groups and establish shared goals.
- Provide proposal development support to these teams.

Your turn

- How else can we help you take full advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity?
- Fill out our survey before you leave!