



Where Did All The Money Go?

How The \$825 Billion Stimulus Was Spent In Your State Over The Past Three Years

ALABAMA

\$400,000 For Highway “Beautification Project.” “The city of Hoover will get \$400,000 in federal stimulus money for a landscaping and beautification project at the Interstate 65 and U.S. 31 interchange, city officials learned this week. The project will be paid completely with federal funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, according to the Alabama Department of Transportation. The city will not be required to provide any matching funds for the project.” (Staci B. Brooks, “Hoover To Get \$400,000 In Federal Stimulus Money For Landscaping,” [The Birmingham News](#), 7/8/09)

ALASKA

\$15 Million To Construct Airport In Village Of Ouzinkie With 165 Residents. “The village of Ouzinkie is one of the remotest outposts in the United States—home to a mere 165 people on an island off another island off the coast of Alaska. There are no stores, no gas stations and no stoplights. Yet the village will soon be home to a new \$15 million airport paid for by taxpayers under the federal stimulus package.” (Michael Grabell, “Tiny Airports Take Off With Stimulus,” [Pro Publica](#), 7/13/09)

\$13.9 Million To Replace Airport In Akiachak With 660 Residents. “The second calls for spending \$13.9 million to replace the airport in Akiachak, a remote Yup’ik Eskimo village in western Alaska with a population of around 660.” (Michael Cooper, “Inspector General Questions Value Of Some Airport Stimulus Projects,” [The New York Times](#), 8/11/09)

ARIZONA

\$950,000 To Study The Genetic Makeup Of Ants. “Half a million dollars went to Arizona State University to study the genetic makeup of ants to determine distinctive roles in ant colonies; \$450,000 went to the University Of Arizona to study the division of labor in ant colonies.” (“Senate GOP Point Out ‘Pure Waste’ Found In Stimulus Package,” [The Hill](#), 12/8/09)

Stimulus Funds Spent To Build “Bat-Friendly Cupolas And Desert Tortoise Fencing...” “By the administration’s calculations, recovery act money created or saved almost 400 jobs in the county while providing money for projects ranging from bat-friendly cupolas and desert tortoise fencing ...” (Mark Duncan, “Stimulus Report Card: Where Did All The Mohave County Money Go?” [Kingman Daily Miner](#), 1/23/12)

ARKANSAS

\$2.5 Million For The Clinton Presidential Library. “A historic bridge at Bill Clinton's presidential center in Little Rock is slated to get \$2.5 million of federal stimulus money from Arkansas's share of the funds. ... Members of the Arkansas congressional delegation sought an \$8 million legislative earmark for the bridge this year, without success. But after Congress authorized the \$787 billion stimulus package in February, representatives of the William J. Clinton Foundation contacted Mr. Beebe's office, according to Matt DeCample, the governor's spokesman, and spoke with Mr. Beebe's recovery director and ombudsman to suggest the bridge project receive funds from Arkansas's share.” (Louis Radnofsky, “Clinton Site Gets A Taste Of The Stimulus Pie,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 9/30/09)

\$13,000 For A Sculpture To Decorate Fort Smith High School. “A large piece of art amidst the extensive renovation at Southside High School in Fort Smith is part of an effort to change the appearance of the ‘factory-like’ main building at the high school. The cost of the sculpture and surrounding area, which was designed by Fort Smith architect Tim Risley, is \$13,000, according to information from the school district. The cost of the renovation of the high school — which includes new sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, parking lots — is around \$2.6 million. The school district says 80% of the funds are federal stimulus dollars.” (“Large Art Structure Part Of High School Renovation,” [The City Wire](#), 8/5/09)

CALIFORNIA

\$4.3 Billion To Build High Speed Rail Between Two Sparsely Populated Rural Towns. “Instead, the recommended route doesn't connect those population centers. One end stops in Borden, which was derided in an editorial in the Merced Sun-Star as a ‘mythical ‘town’ that ‘Gertrude Stein wouldn't even have acknowledged.’ The San Jose Mercury News described the other end of the route, Corcoran, as ‘perhaps best known for the state prison where Charles Manson is locked up.’ ... Federal officials said last month they wanted the \$4.3 billion to go toward a project that can be completed and operational by 2017.” (Daisy Nguyen, “Critics Pan Proposed High-Speed Rail Segment,” [The Associated Press](#), 12/1/10)

\$535 Million For Loan Guarantee To Now-Bankrupt Solyndra. (Solyndra, “Solyndra Offered \$535 Million Loan Guarantee By The U.S. Department Of Energy,” [Press Release](#), 3/20/09; Joe Stephens And Carol Leonnig, “House Republicans Step Up Solyndra Investigation,” [The Washington Post](#), 9/1/11; George Avalos, “Fremont Solar Tech Firm Solyndra To Shut Down, Lay Off 1,100 Workers,” [The San Jose Mercury News](#), 8/31/11)

\$54 Million To Construct A Napa Valley Wine Train. “But the main action today is in Napa, where, without competitive bidding, this unusual construction company won a \$54 million federal contract to build a new railroad bridge and other structures for the famed Napa Valley Wine Train tourist attraction. ... But in December, U.S. Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Tom Coburn, R-Okla., issued a report listing the Wine Train among 100 stimulus projects that they derided as ‘silly and shortsighted’ and a waste of money. The lawmakers also suggested the project wasn't doing much for the economy.” (ABC News’ “Good Morning America,” 2/2/10)

\$16.1 Million To Save The San Francisco Bay Area Habitat Of The Endangered Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse. “The tiny mouse that became a hotly disputed symbol of wasteful spending in the congressional debate over the \$787 billion economic stimulus bill has returned to pester House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The Obama administration quietly announced last week that as much as \$16.1 million from the stimulus program is going to save the San Francisco Bay area habitat of, among other things, the endangered salt marsh harvest mouse.” (S.A. Miller, “GOP Slams Stimulus Mouse Money,” [The Washington Times](#), 7/9/09)

\$6.4 Million To Company Under Criminal Investigation For Questionable Billing To The City Of San Diego. “Watsonville-based Granite Construction received \$6.4 million in stimulus contracts to work on

airport runways in Salinas and Monterey and repair roads in San Bernardino, Riverside and Butte counties. Yet the company faces three federal probes, including a criminal investigation launched after The San Diego Union-Tribune exposed questionable billing of the city for wildfire cleanup.” (Will Evans, “Questionable Firms Getting Stimulus Cash,” [The San-Diego Union Tribune](#), 1/10/10)

\$3 Million To Study Video Games. “\$3 million in taxpayer money that went to researchers at the University of California at Irvine so they can play video games such as World Of Warcraft.” (Catalina Camia, “Grateful Dead, Zoo Poetry Top 2010 Wasteful Spending,” [USA Today](#), 12/20/10)

\$1.5 Million To Renovate Eight Modesto Homes, Which Were Resold At A Value Lower Than The Cost Spent Renovating The Homes. “In an effort to stabilize the city's real estate market, a federal stimulus program has spent nearly \$1.5 million on eight Modesto homes that ended up being worth less than \$1 million.” (J.N. Sbrantijnsbranti, “Modesto Renovates Homes Expensively, Doesn't Recoup Money In Sales,” [Modesto Bee](#), 1/15/12)

\$489,000 To Retrofit Los Angeles' Luxury Yacht, The “Angelena.” “The port is using \$489,000 in federal taxpayer stimulus money that is supposed to go create jobs, plus another \$200,000 coming from the port — totaling \$689,000 for new engines. ... The port bought it in 1988. It is used for public relations tours of the harbor, which run about two hours long. They are free of charge for just about any group, like one we observed for students of Banning High. We obtained the ship's logs for the past two years, which show cruises with as many as 48 passengers at a time. We also obtained the names of thousands of people who have been on-board. More than 4,000 took the cruise just last year. Some of the people do business with the port, but many have nothing to do with it.” (David Goldstein, “Taxpayer Money Used To Maintain Million-Dollar Yacht,” [KCAL-TV \[Los Angeles, CA\]](#), 2/6/12)

\$233,825 To Study African Election Exit Poll Data. “UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO Grant: \$233,825 - National Science Foundation ... Project Description: The primary objective of this project is, thus, to identify the micro-foundations of vote choice in sub-Saharan Africa through extensive analysis of individual-level exit poll data. Our project requires gathering sociodemographic, census, and political data to help us to design our poll well, writing and testing our exit poll in the field, training and supervising staff in the field, collecting and entering exit poll data into databases, analyzing and testing those data, and publishing the results of our analyses. We will disseminate our research results widely to academic and policy audiences as well as develop a comprehensive dataset that will be accessible to the public. These efforts will result in a robust understanding of how Africans vote, which will in turn allow for a better targeting our external aid funds aimed at promoting democracy on the continent.” ([Stimulus Watch](#), 9/19/09)

\$50,000 For Art House Showing Pornographic Horror Film. “The National Endowment for the Arts may be spending some of the money it received from the Recovery and Reinvestment Act to fund nude simulated-sex dances, Saturday night ‘pervert’ revues and the airing of pornographic horror films at art houses in San Francisco. ... A few of their more risqué choices have some taxpayer advocates hot under the collar, including a \$50,000 infusion for the Frameline film house, which recently screened Thundercrack, ‘the world's only underground kinky art porno horror film, complete with four men, three women and a gorilla.’” (Joseph Abrams, “Stimulus Bill Funds Go To Art Houses Showing ‘Pervert’ Revues, Underground Pornography,” [Fox News](#), 7/30/09)

\$25,000 For Art House Showing “Long-Running Pansexual Performance Series.” “The National Endowment for the Arts may be spending some of the money it received from the Recovery and Reinvestment Act to fund nude simulated-sex dances, Saturday night ‘pervert’ revues and the airing of pornographic horror films at art houses in San Francisco. ... CounterPULSE, whose ‘long-running pansexual performance series’ invites guests to ‘join your fellow pervs for some explicit, twisted fun.’

CounterPULSE received a \$25,000 grant in the 'Dance' category; a staffer there said they were pleased to receive the grant, 'which over the next year will be used to preserve jobs at our small non-profit.'" (Joseph Abrams, "Stimulus Bill Funds Go To Art Houses Showing 'Pervert' Revues, Underground Pornography," [Fox News](#), 7/30/09)

COLORADO

\$247,000 For 100 Construction Signs "Letting Drivers Know The Work Is Being Paid For With Stimulus Money." "The state has spent as much as \$247,000 in stimulus money to post the signs along about 100 construction sites letting drivers know the work is being paid for with stimulus money. The signs also bear the name of Democratic Gov. Bill Ritter." (Dems Reject Scrapping Signs At Colorado Stimulus Projects," [The Associated Press](#), 1/22/10)

CONNECTICUT

\$54 Million In Stimulus Funds To Operators Of Mohegan Sun Casino, Which Grossed \$1.3 Billion In 2009. "With the support of Sen. Chris Dodd, D.-Conn., the federal government has awarded \$54 million to Connecticut's politically well-connected Mohegan Indian tribe, which operates one of the highest grossing casinos in the U.S. The tribe runs the sprawling Mohegan Sun casino, halfway between New York City and Boston, which earned more than \$1.3 billion in gross revenues in 2009." (Coulter King and Marianne De Padua, "Mohegan Sun Casino Owners Received \$54 Million In Stimulus Money," [ABC News' The Blotter](#), 6/17/10)

DELAWARE

\$529 Million To Car Company Fisker, Which Assembles Cars In Finland, And Laid Off 26 Workers In Delaware. (Matthew Mosk, Brian Ross & Ronnie Greene, "Car Company Gets U.S. Loan, Builds Cars In Finland," [ABC News](#), 10/20/11; "Electric Car Maker Fisker Announces Layoffs In Del., Calif. As It Renegotiates Loan Agreement," [The Associated Press](#), 2/6/12)

\$889,000 To Study Green Jobs In Delaware. "What does Delaware need to do in order to go green? That is the latest question that the University of Delaware's Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research (CADSR) is tackling, thanks to an \$889,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant from the U.S. Department of Labor." (Jon Bleiweis, "Stimulus Grant Supports CADSR Study Of Green Jobs In Delaware," [University of Delaware](#), 5/5/10)

Stimulus Funds Spent On Weatherization Program Suspended For "Nonexistent" Oversight, "Conflicts Of Interest And Possible Fraud." "Thanks to the Recovery Act, thousands of construction workers across the country are now on the job making energy-saving home improvements that will save working families hundreds of dollars a year on their utility bills,' Biden said in a written statement. Delaware, though, isn't experiencing those benefits because state officials suspended the program while they rebuild it and move it from the Division of Social Services to the Delaware Energy Office. Work is not expected to resume before late September, state officials said. ... The changes are a response to the federal Department of Energy audit, released in June. Inspectors discovered a variety of problems, including some contractors who were paid for work that wasn't done and what a state official called 'nonexistent' oversight. ... In Delaware, where Biden served as a U.S. senator for 36 years, the tangible benefits of weatherization are hard to find. The program is suspended, and last month federal officials released an audit that found lax oversight, conflicts of interest and possible fraud. The results of the audit were first reported by The News Journal of Wilmington, Del." (Garance Burke, "What Biden Didn't Mention On Stimulus," [The Associated Press](#), 8/27/10)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

\$500,000 To Give Cell Phones To Smokers To Call A Hotline. "Residents of Washington, D.C., who are trying to quit smoking will get fancy cell phones courtesy of a \$500,000 grant from the federal 'stimulus'

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program. The idea is that the phones will enable them to call a hot line or use elaborate software to get help for their addiction.” (Editorial, “Stimulus-Funded Cell Phones,” [The Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 8/12/10)

FLORIDA

\$128 Million On Bridge Connecting Communities Of Palm City And Stuart Despite The Fact That “There Is Already A Bridge That Connects The Two Communities Less Than Three Miles Away.” “The proposed \$128 million Indian Street Bridge across the St. Lucie River has been debated in Martin County, Florida, for more than 20 years. But now that it has been cleared to receive money from the federal government's nearly \$800 billion economic stimulus effort, the debate may be over. Critics say the span, which will connect the communities of Palm City and Stuart, is wasteful because there is already a bridge that connects the two communities less than three miles away.” (Abbie Boudreau and Jessi Joseph, “Stimulus-Funded Florida Bridge Draws Criticism,” [CNN](#), 5/4/09)

\$3.5 Million To Boca Raton Airport, Which “Caters Exclusively To Private Planes And Corporate Jets.” “But the Boca Raton Airport? That's kind of like buying Miley Cyrus a new Hummer and hoping the rest of us get rich pumping gas. The tiny, single-runway airport caters exclusively to private planes and corporate jets. Yet it's the proud recipient of at least \$3.5 million in stimulus funds. Airport officials are using the money to rehab that one lonely runway, build a new road, and do some security upgrades.” (Lisa Rab, “Stimulated Yet? Tiny Boca Airport Gets Millions From Feds,” [Broward Palm Beach News Times’ “The Pulp.”](#) 7/29/09)

\$3 Million For A Turtle Crossing. “A report due to be released today by a Republican senator contends the Obama administration’s stimulus program is fraught with waste and incompetence -- evidenced by a turtle crossing in northern Florida that will cost more than \$3 million.” (Peter Nicholas, “Stimulus Program Fraught With Waste Report Says,” [The Los Angeles Times](#), 6/15/09)

\$934,498 To Study The DNA Of Lice. “\$934,498 to UF for high-tech equipment to study the DNA of lice to ‘explore patterns of human evolution, human migration across the globe and human demography.’” (“Stimulus Money And Weird Science: Benefit Or Boondoggle?” [The Orlando Sentinel](#), 2/16/10)

\$325,394 To Study "Mating Decisions" Of Cactus Bugs. “The Cactus Bug Project at the University Of Florida is more ambitious, spending \$325,394 in stimulus money to determine how environment affects the mating decisions of females. According to the project proposal, it should also answer the question, ‘Whether males with large weapons are more or less attractive to females.’” (“Stimulus Money And Weird Science: Benefit Or Boondoggle?” [The Orlando Sentinel](#), 2/16/10)

\$59,845 For Graduate Students To Study The “Explosion Of Lawsuits In 17th Century Peru And Mexico.” “\$59,845 to Florida International University for graduate students to analyze an explosion of lawsuits in 17th century Peru and Mexico.” (“Stimulus Money And Weird Science: Benefit Or Boondoggle?” [The Orlando Sentinel](#), 2/16/10)

\$15,551 To Study Drunk Mice. “The rodent study at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton used \$15,551 in stimulus funds to pay for two summer researchers to help gauge how alcohol affects a mouse's motor functions.” (“Stimulus Money And Weird Science: Benefit Or Boondoggle?” [The Orlando Sentinel](#), 2/16/10)

GEORGIA

\$600,000 On Signs Touting The Stimulus. “Bright orange and standing more than 10 feet tall, the signs are hard to miss as you approach Roswell Road from either direction on Marietta Parkway in east Cobb County. They declare the \$7.5 million in improvements planned for that area are coming from federal stimulus funds. So are the signs for that matter. The cost to taxpayers: \$1,500 each plus \$100 for installation. As more such federally funded road projects get under way, hundreds more of these signs

are expected to pop up across the state. All thanks to a Georgia Department of Transportation requirement of two signs per stimulus project. At an average cost of about \$1,200 per sign and with about 250 projects planned or under way, the cost to taxpayers could top \$600,000, though state contractors could cut that amount by reusing some signs.” (Jeremy Redmon, “GDOT To Pay For Road Signs From Federal Stimulus Funds At \$1,500 Per Sign,” [The Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#), 9/25/09)

\$490,784 To Repave Roads That Had Already Been Repaved Just Two Years Before. “Rebecca Serna couldn’t quite believe it when she heard road crews would tear up part of Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard for a re-paving project. While her bicycle tires do prefer smooth new road, it’s just that the work had already been done, she said. Near as she could tell, the state’s contractor crews, courtesy of the federal stimulus, were paving a couple of blocks that the city of Atlanta had already re-paved. ... The two-block stretch, a part of Ralph David Abernathy that falls between Lee Street and Joseph Lowery Boulevard, was completely re-paved ‘curb to curb’ following sewer work that ended in 2007, said Janet Ward, a city spokeswoman. Since then, it seemed to have held up fine, Serna said. This summer, state contractor crews tore it up again as part of a larger project. The two blocks happen to be included in a 1.1 mile project on Ralph David Abernathy that the Georgia Department of Transportation re-paved with \$490,784 in federal stimulus money, between Cascade Avenue and West Whitehall Street.” (Ariel Hart and Kristi E. Swartz, “Stimulus Funds Repave Smooth Road Making It Even Smoother,” [The Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#), 9/2/09)

HAWAII

\$210,000 To Study Learning Patterns Of Honeybees. “The University Of Hawaii collected \$210,000 to study the learning patterns of honeybees, and \$700,000 went to help crab fishermen in Oregon recover lost crab pots.” (“Senate GOP Point Out ‘Pure Waste’ Found In Stimulus Package,” [The Hill](#), 12/8/09)

IDAHO

\$898,138 For Examining Properties Of Clouds Over Greenland. “Examining properties of clouds over Greenland, to better understand climate change, through installing various analytical instruments — \$898,138, .73 jobs, UI.” (Jay Patrick, “Higher Ed Science Stimulus Spending \$24 Million In Idaho; Simpson Says Projects Not Worth Debt,” [The Idaho Reporter](#), 10/27/10)

\$93,602 To Analyze Movement Of Moose And Caribou In North-Central Alaska. “Analyzing movement of moose and caribou in north-central Alaska — \$93,602, .07 jobs, UI.” (Jay Patrick, “Higher Ed Science Stimulus Spending \$24 Million In Idaho; Simpson Says Projects Not Worth Debt,” [The Idaho Reporter](#), 10/27/10)

\$81,000 For A Study To Determine How To Help Post-Menopausal Women Not Drink Too Much. “Study to determine how to help post-menopausal women not drink too much and to find out how alcohol effects the thinking of women taking hormones — \$81,000, 1.49 jobs, Idaho State University.” (Jay Patrick, “Higher Ed Science Stimulus Spending \$24 Million In Idaho; Simpson Says Projects Not Worth Debt,” [The Idaho Reporter](#), 10/27/10)

ILLINOIS

NO JOKE! \$700,000 To Create A Computer Program To Tell Jokes. “A research professor at Northwestern University is defending a more than \$700,000 stimulus grant he has received to create computer software that tells jokes.” (Eric Hornig, “Northwestern Prof Defends Federally Funded Humor Grant,” [ABC7 Chicago](#), 9/2/10)

\$665,000 On Signs Touting The Stimulus. “Among the many dubious things done by Rod Blagojevich in office was putting up tollway signs with the message ‘Open Road Tolling—Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor.’ They were campaign ads that his campaign got for free. And one of the first and best things Pat Quinn did upon succeeding Blagojevich was to get rid of them. But that decision didn’t put a stop to state officials

using government funds for self-promotion. Lately, on highways being repaired with federal stimulus funds, you can see signs that say, 'Putting America to Work. Project Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.' There are nearly 1,000 of them in Illinois. He estimates the cost of such signs around the country at \$20 million, though the Illinois Department of Transportation says it has spent about \$665,000. The Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board says it has no idea what the actual COST is." ("Stimulating Waste: How Politicians Use Tax Dollars For Self-Promotion," [Chicago Tribune](#), 7/19/10)

\$611,000 To Determine Whether Stress Makes People Drink More. "Where is that pot of gold that was supposed to be at the end of a stimulus rainbow for thousands of recipients in Illinois? ... \$611,000 in stimulus funds was given to the University of Illinois to determine whether stress makes people drink more." (Chuck Goudie, "Tracking Illinois' Stimulus Money," [WLS-TV](#), 6/30/10)

\$270,000 To Study "Intergalactic Gas." "Where is that pot of gold that was supposed to be at the end of a stimulus rainbow for thousands of recipients in Illinois? ... \$270,000 was given for the study of 'intergalactic gas' by scientists at the University of Chicago. No jobs were created there by the stimulus program." (Chuck Goudie, "Tracking Illinois' Stimulus Money," [WLS-TV](#), 6/30/10)

\$50,000 For The Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Which Showcased Disgraced Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich (D-IL) In Play "Rod Blagojevich Superstar." "Where were you when I was impeached?" said Rod Blagojevich, acknowledging the nervous entrance applause that came his way on a surreal Saturday night at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater. The former Governor of Illinois had been contracted by the savvy comedy theater Second City to watch and announce the extension of the unstinting satirical spoof, 'Rod Blagojevich Superstar.' The real version of the indicted and disgraced title character offered a brief but rich snapshot of his increasingly theatrical personality." (Chris Jones, "The Real Rod Blagojevich Meets 'Rod Blagojevich Superstar,'" [Chicago Tribune's "Theatre Loop"](#), 6/13/09; "American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Direct Grants," [National Endowment For The Arts](#), 2/12/12)

INDIANA

\$118.5 Million Grant To Ener1, An Energy Storage Company, That Filed For Bankruptcy In January. "An Indiana-based energy-storage company that received a \$118.5 million stimulus grant from the Energy Department filed for bankruptcy Thursday. Ener1 is asking a federal bankruptcy court in New York to approve a plan to restructure the company's debt and infuse \$81 million in equity funding." (Andrew Restuccia, "Obama-Backed Electric Car Battery-Maker Files For Bankruptcy," [The Hill's E2 Wire](#), 1/26/12)

\$681,439 To Study Globular Galaxies. "Among some of the more notable studies funded by the stimulus: ... \$681,439 to Indiana University to research globular galaxies." (Bob Segall, "Tracking Indiana's Stimulus Money," [WTHR](#), 3/2/11)

\$449,895 To Monitor Montana Grasshoppers. "Among some of the more notable studies funded by the stimulus: ... \$449,895 to the University of Notre Dame to monitor Montana grasshoppers." (Bob Segall, "Tracking Indiana's Stimulus Money," [WTHR](#), 3/2/11)

\$221,355 To Study Why Young Men Do Not Like To Use Condoms. "Indiana University professors received \$221,355 in economic stimulus funds to study why young men do not like to wear condoms. The research will 'advance our understanding of...the role of cognitive and affective processes and condom application skills in explaining problems with condom use in young, heterosexual adult men,' and to create 'education strategies tailored to the needs of individuals who have trouble using condoms effectively.'" (Teri Sforza, "Stimulus Money Probes Why Men Don't Like Condoms," [The Orange County Register's "Watchdog"](#), 2/8/10)

\$200,291 To Investigate The Tails Of Salamanders. "Among some of the more notable studies funded

by the stimulus: ... \$200,291 to DePauw University to investigate the tails of salamanders.” (Bob Segall, “Tracking Indiana’s Stimulus Money,” [WTHR](#), 3/2/11)

\$167,660 To Study The Stem Cells Of Zebrafish. “Among some of the more notable studies funded by the stimulus: \$167,660 to Purdue University to study the stem cells of zebrafish.” (Bob Segall, “Tracking Indiana’s Stimulus Money,” [WTHR](#), 3/2/11)

IOWA

\$17.4 Million To Expand Broadband Access To Just 30 Potential Customers. “Windstream (Nasdaq: WIN) has begun construction on yet another small-scale broadband stimulus project in Protivin, Iowa this week. Funded through a \$17.4 million ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) grant, the project will upgrade Windstream’s network with about two miles of fiber and necessary DSLAM and DLC equipment to serve about 30 potential customers.” (Sean Buckley, “Windstream Adds To Broadband Stimulus Portfolio With Iowa Network Upgrade,” [Fierce Telecom](#), 9/9/11)

KANSAS

\$500,000 To Advertise Availability Of Loans For Weatherizing Homes That Resulted In Only 15 Loans Being Made. “A failed Kansas weatherization program created to oversee millions of dollars in loans for middle-class residents spent \$500,000 for advertising during its first year. But the advertising campaign, which ended in 2010, generated only 15 loans.” (Karen Dillon, “Kansas Weatherization Program’s Big Fanfare Was Prelude To A Flop,” [The Kansas City Star](#), 11/28/11)

KENTUCKY

\$24 Million To Companies Owned By Kentucky Construction Magnate Indicted For Bribery. “Kentucky construction magnate Leonard Lawson is on trial this week in Lexington federal court for allegedly bribing the state’s Transportation secretary during the past decade to win big highway and road projects. But that didn’t stop Lawson family companies from winning \$24 million dollars in federal Recovery Act contracts. Though Leonard Lawson pled not guilty, companies with ties to Lawson should have been suspended from bidding for stimulus work within 45 days of his indictment on bribery, theft and obstruction of justice charges, according to a Department of Transportation rule. But, it took the Transportation Department 10-months to act -- after the Lawson firms had won the contracts.” (Allan Chernoff, “Stimulus ‘Fraud Will Occur,’” [CNN Money](#), 1/28/10)

LOUISIANA

\$36 Million For An Airport Terminal That Can’t Unload Passengers. “Monroe Regional Airport officials learned Tuesday passenger loading and unloading bridges at the new \$36 million terminal are not being able to connect to airplanes. Airport director Cleve Norrell confirmed Tuesday afternoon that some of the loading and unloading bridges at the new terminal appear they will not be able to connect to some of the airplanes. He said airport officials are working to determine what caused the problem, if the issue resulted from a design flaw during the construction process or if it was a result of an error on the city’s part.” (Scott Rogers, “Missed Connections,” [Monroe News Star](#), 10/20/11)

MAINE

\$53 Million To Renovate A Federal Building – When A Brand New Courthouse Cost \$38 Million. “Among the many Maine projects approved for federal stimulus funding this year, about \$53 million has been set aside for renovations to the Margaret Chase Smith Federal Building on Harlow Street. Although

the work is not expected to begin until early 2010, some observers already are wondering aloud why such a high dollar figure is needed for renovations. To put it in perspective, the brand new Penobscot County Courthouse, although slightly smaller in size than the federal building, recently was constructed for about \$38 million. Estimates for a new Bangor auditorium and civic center have ranged from \$40 million to \$60 million.” (Eric Russell, “Renovation Raises Cost Questions,” [Bangor Daily News](#), 6/3/10)

\$500,000 To A Failed Green Alliance Weatherization Project Whose Contract Was Cancelled After “Questionable Costs.” “Lawmakers asked OPEGA in late April to look into the rise and fall of the Maine Green Energy Alliance. The nonprofit formed in 2009 to administer \$3 million in federal grant funds for home energy audits and weatherization improvements but never reached the number of customers it had hoped... Two weeks ago, OPEGA concluded that the alliance failed, in part, for: lacking a specific plan to carry out its mission, setting ambitious goals that it failed to meet and operating with informal business practices that led to questionable costs. ... Although the alliance was set to receive \$3 million in funds over three years, it spent only about \$500,000 and surrendered the balance of a \$1.1 million contract with Efficiency Maine Trust earlier this year.” (Eric Russell, “Legislature Wants More Oversight Of Agencies,” [Bangor Daily News](#), 9/6/11)

\$35,000 For The Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance To Teach Basket Making. “Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance Old Town, ME \$35,000 ... To support the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program and the Maine Indian Basketmakers Gathering/Festival.” (National Endowment for the Arts, “[Grant Awards: Access to Artistic Excellence](#),” Accessed 2/15/12)

MARYLAND

\$18 Million Spent To Redesign Recovery.gov Website. “For those concerned about stimulus spending, the General Services Administration sends word tonight that \$18 million in additional funds are being spent to redesign the Recovery.gov Web site. ... ‘Recovery.gov 2.0 will use innovative and interactive technologies to help taxpayers see where their dollars are being spent,’ James A. Williams, commissioner of GSA’s Federal Acquisition Service, says in a press release announcing the contract awarded to Maryland-based Smartronix Inc.” (Michael James, “\$18M Being Spent To Redesign Recovery.gov Web Site,” [ABC News](#), 7/8/09)

\$363,760 To Tout The Stimulus. “‘In several cases, stimulus money went toward the promotion and study of the stimulus itself, at a cost of millions of dollars,’ Tribune newspapers reported from Washington. For example, ‘A small, Maryland-based consulting firm specializing in health communications received \$363,760 to tout the National Institutes of Health stimulus spending efforts and highlight success stories,’ Tribune reported.” (Editorial, “Stimulus-Funded Cell Phones,” [The Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 8/12/10)

\$30,000 To Study How Methamphetamines Affect Female Rat Sex Drive. “Methamphetamines and the Female Rat Sex Drive ... (\$30,000) Researchers will spend nearly \$30,000 to determine whether methamphetamine gives female rats an overpowering desire to have sex. Human meth users report the drug creates ‘an insatiable need and urgency for sex,’ notes the University of Maryland researchers, and female meth users ‘are more likely to engage in risky sexual behaviors’ than women who use other drugs.” (Teri Sforza, “Stimulus Money Probes Why Men Don’t Like Condoms,” [The Orange County Register’s “Watchdog”](#), 2/8/10)

MASSACHUSETTS

\$43 Million Federal Loan Guarantee To Beacon Power, Which Went Bankrupt In October 2011.

(Yuliya Chernova, “Renewable-Energy Firms Facing Financial Hurdles,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 10/27/11; Ben German, “Second Energy Department-Backed Company Goes Bankrupt,” [The Hill](#), 10/31/11)

\$5.3 Million For Evergreen Solar Inc., Which Laid Off 800 Massachusetts Workers. (“Solyndra Not Sole Firm to Hit Rock Bottom Despite Stimulus Funding,” [FoxNews.com](#), 9/15/11; Todd Wallack, “Plan Will Shut After \$58M In State Aid,” [The Boston Globe](#), 1/12/11)

\$1.5 Million For Lighthouse On Uninhabited Monomoy Island. “There’s \$1.5 million to fix a remote lighthouse on uninhabited Monomoy Island, off Cape Cod. ... Those are some of the Massachusetts projects being funded with taxpayer money under the federal stimulus law, according to a Boston Globe review of recently filed reports.” (Jen Abelson, “For Stimulus Funds, Unlikely Destinations,” [The Boston Globe](#), 11/19/09)

\$787,250 For Martha’s Vineyard To Allow A Central Control Room To Limit Energy Use Of Residents During Peak Use Times. “The Vineyard Energy Project, a nonprofit group that promotes renewable energy and energy efficiency, learned this week that it will get a \$787,250 grant from the federal Department of Energy. The grant is part of a \$3.4 billion investment in ‘smart grid’ technology nationwide. The money comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly known as the federal stimulus package. The grant will be used to establish smart grid technology on the Island, including a test of energy-efficient appliances that can be managed from a central control room.” (Steve Myrick, “Vineyard Energy Project Gets \$700k Stimulus Grant,” [Martha’s Vineyard Times](#), 10/29/09)

\$95,000 To Study Pollen Samples From The Viking Era In Iceland. “And the University of Massachusetts at Boston received nearly \$95,000 to study pollen samples from the Viking era in Iceland. Those are some of the Massachusetts projects being funded with taxpayer money under the federal stimulus law, according to a Boston Globe review of recently filed reports.” (Jen Abelson, “For Stimulus Funds, Unlikely Destinations,” [The Boston Globe](#), 11/19/09)

MICHIGAN

\$1.5 Million On Sidewalks In Front Of Casino, Getting Around Ban On Stimulus Funds Going To Casinos. Congress specifically prohibited spending stimulus funds on casinos. But in Detroit, they got around that. They’re building \$1.5 million worth of decorative sidewalks, streetscapes and bike racks on the four roads that happen to surround a casino. (Sheryl Attkisson, “Banner Year For Wasteful Spending?” [CBS News](#), 12/10/09)

\$835,000 To Study The Ecology Of Plankton. “There was an \$835,000 Michigan State University study on the ecology of plankton... All were paid for by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act — the federal stimulus program that Congress approved in 2009 to help jump-start the economy.” (Tom Gantert, “Black Holes And Plankton Research Get Stimulus Spending,” [Michigan Capitol Confidential](#), 4/23/10)

\$500,000 Used To Provide Yoga Classes. “It was a good Friday in Ypsilanti last week as Gov. Jennifer Granholm dropped off a \$500,000 check for the Ypsilanti Freighthouse. ... The grant is part of \$47.3 million in transportation enhancement funds given to the state through the federal Recovery Act. ... We envision in our business plan a full-time tourist information and hospitality center where neighbors, as well as commuters and visitors arriving or departing on the rails, can grab a bite or a cup of coffee,’ Penet said. ‘At the same time a yoga or children’s movement class may be in progress in the great hall, giving way to a catered event in the evening.” (“Freighthouse Awarded Federal Stimulus Grant,” [The Ypsilanti Courier](#), 4/16/09)

\$440,000 Study On Galaxies With Black Holes. “[A] \$440,000 University of Michigan study on galaxies with black holes ... All were paid for by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act — the federal stimulus program that Congress approved in 2009 to help jump-start the economy.” (Tom Gantert, “Black Holes And Plankton Research Get Stimulus Spending,” [Michigan Capitol Confidential](#), 4/23/10)

\$322,000 Study On Languages Of The Arctic. “[A] \$322,000 Eastern Michigan University study on languages of the Arctic. All were paid for by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act — the federal stimulus program that Congress approved in 2009 to help jump-start the economy.” (Tom Gantert, “Black Holes And Plankton Research Get Stimulus Spending,” [Michigan Capitol Confidential](#), 4/23/10)

\$229,238 To Study Mammography In Chinese-American Women. “According to an e-mail from Caryn Charter, associate director of the officer of research development at Eastern Michigan University, one of their research grants was originally rejected by the National Institutes of Health. But after receiving stimulus money, the NIH went back and funded it... It was a \$229,238 study to develop and test ‘the feasibility of using individually tailored theoretically-based intervention strategies to promote mammography screening among non-adherent Chinese American women.’” (Tom Gantert, “Black Holes And Plankton Research Get Stimulus Spending,” [Michigan Capitol Confidential](#), 4/23/10)

\$187,632 To Upgrade Insect Collections. “Michigan State University's Department of Entomology will use a federal stimulus grant to upgrade its arthropod research collection, which is good news for students, scientists and others who depend on the 1.5 million-specimen collection for their work. The grant, \$187,632 from the National Science Foundation, will be used for physical renovation and electronic expansion of the collection.” (Jason Cody, “MSU's Arthropod Research Collection To Benefit From Stimulus Grant,” [Michigan State University](#), 9/30/09)

MINNESOTA

\$6 Million To Make Snow In Snowy Duluth, MN. “The other third of the stimulus, government infrastructure spending, has been the most controversial from the start. Some proposals have been criticized as wasteful, such as a \$6 million snowmaking facility in Duluth, Minn.” (Sundeep Reddy, “The Challenge In Counting Stimulus Returns,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 10/28/09)

MISSISSIPPI

\$416,322 To Expand Broadband Access To 170 Customers. “Windstream (Nasdaq: WIN) has begun the initial build out of its first broadband stimulus project near Prentiss, Miss., laying the fiber cable to connect remote terminal (RT)-based broadband loop carrier (BLC) systems to deliver DSL services to remote areas that previously weren't economically feasible to serve. ... Windstream will be able to deliver 6 Mbps ADSL2+ service to about 170 customers Southesast of Prentiss along Highway 42. ... To make the project possible, Windstream is leveraging a \$416,322 broadband stimulus grant ...” (Sean Buckley, “Windstream Breaks Ground On Its First Broadband Stimulus Project In Mississippi,” [Fierce Telecom](#), 6/7/11)

MISSOURI

\$107 Million Given To Wind Capital Group, Owned By Tom Carnahan, Brother Of Rep. Russ Carnahan (D-MO). “The \$107 million in stimulus cash awarded to Tom Carnahan, however, couldn't have come at a worse time for his siblings, both of whom are on the ballot in November. While Tom Carnahan has been in the wind energy business for several years -- he formed St. Louis based Wind Capital Group in 2005 -- the announcement made on Friday by the White House that his wind project in northwest Missouri will receive stimulus cash presents an unwelcome liability for the family's political aspirations. Tom Carnahan's wind project was one of several listed on the reported released by Vice President Joe Biden last week, ‘100 Recovery Act Projects That Are Changing America.’” (Jake Wagman, “Blowin' In The Wind: GOP Pans Stimulus Cash For Carnahan Sibling,” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/20/10)

- **NOTE: Carnahan Raised Between \$100,000 And \$200,000 For Obama In 2008.** (Center For Responsive Politics, [opensecrets.org](#), Accessed 10/3/11)

MONTANA

\$15 Million For A Border Crossing That Sees Two Cars Per Day. “A border post with Canada located there sees an average of less than two passenger cars per day and only two to three trucks a month,

according to the Bureau of Transportation statistics. But one project in this tiny outpost is about to get a big-city upgrade. The building that houses the border patrol is receiving \$15 million from federal stimulus funds.” (Jonathan Karl, “GMA’ Investigation: Stimulus Waste Or Future Investment?” [ABC News](#), 5/15/09)

\$141,002 To Study Dinosaur Eggs In China. “No. 76 on the list compiled by Sens. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., and John McCain, R-Ariz., was a MSU ‘field trip to study dinosaur eggs ... in China’ that reaped \$141,002. According to the senators’ report, nine students ‘were given a six-week, all-expense paid trip to China, funded by the National Science Foundation.’ ... MSU fulfilled that reporting requirement, Ellig said, adding that no salaries were paid using the grant money. ‘No jobs were created or saved under this project,’ he said. But, he added, ‘There was nothing in this application that required us to prove that this project was going to create any jobs.’” (Jodi Hausen, “Montana Stimulus-Funded Projects Draw U.S. Senators’ Ire,” [Bozeman Daily](#), 8/26/10)

\$50,000 In Stimulus Funds Used For A Tennis Court In Bozeman, MT, Which Gov. Brian Schweitzer (D-MT) Said Violated The “Rule Of Common Sense.” “[Violated The] Rule Of Common Sense.” DAVID MATTINGLY, CNN: “I Came To Bozeman to find a city on thin ice over how it’s spending stimulus money -- \$50,000 to erase all of these cracks and potholes in city tennis court. ... Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer wants to make Bozeman an example of how not to spend stimulus money.” ... GOV. BRIAN SCHWEITZER: “What they violated was that rule of common sense. There ought to be that little guy in your head that waves his finger at you and says, wait a minute, we might want to rethink this thing.” (CNN, 1/25/10)

NEBRASKA

\$7 Million For Bridge In Town Of 168 People Over Train Tracks To Prevent 30 Second To 3 Minute Wait For Crossing Trains. “Sixty to eighty trains rumble through this ranching town in the Nebraska sand hills every day. The roar of the coal cars and the scream of the whistle and the wait at the crossing for the train to pass are a way of life. An almost \$7 million coal bridge will change that. Instead of waiting for 30 seconds to 3 minutes for a train to pass, cars will now pass over the railroad tracks on a massive bridge. Since this is a town of just 168 people, the bridge is the largest per-capita stimulus project in the state.” (Christine Romans and Julian Cummings, “A Small Town’s Big Bridge Called A Stimulus Waste,” [CNN](#), 1/28/10)

\$15,000 To Support Dutch-Hop Polka. “American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (aka AHSGR) Lincoln, NE \$15,000 To support Dutch-Hop Polka, a tri-state project documenting and presenting a regional tradition. The organization will research this unique form of music and dance and present its findings through a symposium and a series of performances.” (National Endowment for the Arts, “[Grant Awards: Access to Artistic Excellence](#),” Accessed 2/15/12)

NEVADA

\$98.5 Million Loan Guarantee For Nevada Geothermal Power Which “Has Never Operated Profitably And ... Is At Risk Of Failing.” “Nevada Geothermal Power (NGP) said in its financial filings that it has never operated profitably and that the company is at risk of failing as a going concern. ... NGP received a \$98.5 million loan guarantee under the same program that awarded Solyndra a loan guarantee.” (Aamer Madhani, “Profits Elude Geothermal Companies,” [USA Today](#), 10/6/11)

\$2 Million To Build Fire Station With No Firefighters. “In Nevada, \$2 million in stimulus money built a new fire station, but because of budget cuts, the county can’t afford to hire firefighters to work there.” (William La Jeunesse, “Millions In Stimulus Spending Being Doled Out For Questionable Jobs,” [FOX News](#) 2/04/10)

\$650,000 For Ill-Designed Wood Burning Power Plant At A Nevada Prison That Plans To Shut

Down Due To Costs. "A major problem, Mohlenkamp said, is that the plant needs 'a certain specification of wood.' . . . And while Baker said the cost of the wood has been cut in half over the past year, Mohlenkamp said it's still too costly. . . 'If we can't find a buyer, it's likely we'll shut it down by the end of summer,' he said." ("Grants - Award Summary 'Nevada Department Of Corrections,'" [Recovery.gov](#), Accessed 8/3/10; Geoff Dornan, "Prison's \$8 Million Biomass Plant Too Expensive To Operate," [The Record-Courier](#), 6/22/10)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

\$772,709 To Study Bacteria On Squid. "Cheryl Whistler, department of molecular, cellular and biomedical sciences, with teams from five other universities, will study the genetic characteristics of the Vibrio bacteria that live in squid to see how the genetic characteristics of the colonizing bacteria are related to the success of the host-symbiont unit. The teams - almost exclusively undergraduates - will compile the data into a database that will be available to researchers worldwide." (Erika Mantz, "Federal Stimulus Money Received By UNH For Research Tops \$3 Million," [University of New Hampshire](#), 7/7/09)

\$150,000 To "A Bridge That Goes Nowhere And Hasn't Carried Traffic In A Long Time." "A bridge that goes nowhere and hasn't carried traffic in a long time has been fixed up with federal stimulus money. The Hillsborough bridge that dates to the 1860s used to be called Sawyer Bridge. Town officials said \$150,000 in stimulus funds was used to repair the crumbling structure. Some in town had mixed reactions to the project, with many saying the money could have been better spent fixing roads that people actually use." ("Stimulus Money Used To Fix Unused Hillsborough Bridge," [WMUR-ABC](#), 8/12/10)

\$139,938 To Study The Impact Of Climate Change On Bacteria In Oysters. "\$139,938 - National Institutes of Health. Vaughan Cooper, assistant professor of molecular, cellular and biomedical sciences, will study the impact of climate change on bacterial growth in oysters and shellfish habitats. This information will be used by scientists to understand the effects of climate change overall, and by shell fisherman, government officials, scientists and citizens as they work together to protect estuary habitats and the shellfish that live in them." (Erika Mantz, "Federal Stimulus Money Received By UNH For Research Tops \$3 Million," [University of New Hampshire](#), 7/7/09)

NEW JERSEY

\$231,750 To Study "Maternal Rat Preference For Pups Versus Cocaine." "\$231,750.00 ARRA: Maternal Rat Preference for Pups versus Cocaine." (Rutgers University, [Rutgers And Federal Recovery Funding](#), Accessed 2/15/12)

\$153,407 To Study Pesticides In Zebrafish. "\$153,407.00 ARRA: Modeling Developmental Neurotoxicity of Pesticides in Zebrafish." (Rutgers University, [Rutgers And Federal Recovery Funding](#), Accessed 2/15/12)

\$3,000 Per Sign In New Jersey Promoting The Stimulus. *ABC News'* Jonathan Karl: "These signs are much pricier, 500 bucks a piece in Maryland and New Hampshire, \$1,700 in Georgia, \$2,000 per sign Pennsylvania and New York, and \$3,000 per project in New Jersey." ([ABC News "Good Morning America"](#), 7/10/09)

NEW MEXICO

\$184,986 To Study The Influence Of Beavers On The Yellowstone Ecosystem. "Title of Project ... Geomorphic Influence of Beaver on Fluvial Systems in the Yellowstone Ecosystem ... \$184,986." ("UNM Main Campus And Branches Stimulus Funding Report," [University Of New Mexico](#), 2/15/11)

\$20,000 In Stimulus Funds To Study The Stimulus. "Title of Project ... Economic Impact of ARRA on New Mexico ... \$20,000." ("UNM Main Campus And Branches Stimulus Funding Report," [University Of New Mexico](#), 2/15/11)

NEW YORK

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\$61.8 Million For A Wind Farm That Was Finished Before The Stimulus Passed. "In western New York, for example, in the hills near the economically hard-hit cities of Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo, the Canandaigua Wind Farm could have created the sort of green-collar jobs that the Obama administration promised would be generated by the stimulus package. The feathery blades of the farm's 88 gigantic turbines reach more than 400 feet in the air. Each turbine contains 8,000 components and is almost as sophisticated as a jet engine. Hundreds of construction workers were needed to haul and erect the steel towers, each weighing hundreds of tons. The wind farm was built in two phases. The developer, First Wind, received a total of \$61.8 million in stimulus grants on Sept. 1, 2009, when the administration began rolling out money for the program. But FAA records indicate both were completed at least 15 months earlier -- by May 20, 2008." (Russ Choma, "Millions In Grants Went To Wind Farms Built Before Stimulus Passed," [MSNBC/Investigative Reporting Workshop](#), 10/21/10)

\$578,661 To Fund City Programs To Help The Homeless For Union, NY With No To Help The Homeless. "The Town of Union is getting \$578,661 in federal Recovery Act funding for a homeless problem that may not exist within its borders. The money is coming from the federal Housing and Urban Development program to pay for homeless prevention and emergency shelter programs. Union did not request the money and does not currently have homeless programs in place in the town to administer such funds, said town Supervisor John Bernardo ... 'We were surprised,' Bernardo said. 'We've never been a recipient before.' Bernardo said he isn't aware of any homeless issue in the largely suburban town ..." (Nancy Dooling, "\$578,661 For Union Homeless Questioned," *Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin*, 3/5/09)

\$550,000 To Airport Run By An Exclusive Private Club Where 200 Hobbyists Fly Pipers And Cessnas. "That's what opened the door for the Williamson Flying Club. The group of roughly 200 hobbyists who fly Pipers and Cessnas owns and operates the Williamson-Sodus Airport near Lake Ontario in upstate New York. The private club recently resurfaced its runway with the help of a \$555,000 stimulus grant. According to club bylaws, prospective members must be approved by a two-thirds vote and pay a \$345 membership fee plus \$30 a month in dues and insurance." (Michael Grabell, "Tiny Airports Take Off With Stimulus," [Pro Publica](#), 7/13/09)

\$390,000 To Study Malt Liquor And Marijuana Consumption. "The State University Of New York at Buffalo won \$390,000 to study young adults who drink malt liquor and smoke marijuana." ("Senate GOP Point Out 'Pure Waste' Found In Stimulus Package," *The Hill*, 12/8/09)

\$219,000 To Study The Sex Lives Of Syracuse University Sex Lives. "Five hundred Syracuse University freshmen will divulge the details of their sex lives as part of a women's health study called 'The Women's Health Project,' being conducted by Michael Carey, SU professor of psychology and medicine. Carey has found himself the target of nationwide criticism from conservatives since he received \$219,000 in stimulus funds for the study, which looks at the sex patterns of college women." ("[SU Sex Study Raises Concern](#)," *The [Syracuse] Daily Orange*, 9/8/09)

\$175,000 To Increase The "Ambiance" Of Gloversville, NY With A Bus-Trolley. "Transit Director Al Schutz is ecstatic it [federal stimulus funding] will include \$175,000 for a trolley-style bus. ... 'It's endless what you can do with this trolley,' Schutz said. 'It will definitely contribute to the ambiance of our city,' he said, adding with emphasis: 'which we need.'" (Jim McGuire, "Gloversville Can Get Trolley Bus With Federal Stimulus," [Daily Gazette](#), 3/24/09)

\$50,000 To Promote Potato Chips. "U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced \$49,990 in federal funding for Martin Sidor Farms, Inc. in Mattituck, New York to revamp their marketing strategy to raise brand awareness and increase sales of their North Fork Potato Chips. The funding was allocated through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) Program." ("Gillibrand Announces Nearly \$50,000 in Value-Added Producer Grant for Long Island Farm," [Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand](#) Press Release, 2/8/12)

NORTH CAROLINA

\$39 Million From The Stimulus To Cree, Inc., Which Soon After Opened Its First Factory Outside North America In Huizhou, China, Which Has More Than Half Of Cree's Employees And "Will Continue To Expand." (Jared Bernstein, "Recovery Act In Action #4: A 48C Story," WhiteHouse.gov, 3/24/10; Tim Whitaker, "Cree Opens LED Chip Manufacturing Facility In Huizhou," LEDs Magazine, 12/13/10)

\$4.4 Million To Hire Math And Literacy Coaches, Not For Students, But Teachers. "North Carolina public schools received \$4.4 million to hire math and literacy coaches, not for students, but teachers. That's 64 people paid \$70,000 each to teach teachers how to teach reading and math." (William La Jeunesse, "Millions In Stimulus Spending Being Doled Out For Questionable Jobs," FOX News 2/04/10)

\$1.2 Million To Renovate A Decommissioned Lighthouse. "The Roanoke River Lighthouse was decommissioned in 1940 and is one of the last lighthouses still standing on an inland waterway. The North Carolina Department of Transportation awarded \$1.2 million to renovate the lighthouse, which now sits on Edenton's historic waterfront." ("Some Question Stimulus Projects' Impact On N.C.," WRAL, 9/30/09)

\$147,694 To Study Prevention Of Hot Flashes Through Yoga. "Reducing hot flashes through yoga: \$147,694. Funds granted to Wake Forest University to study 'preliminary data on the efficacy of integral yoga for reducing menopausal hot flashes.'" (Brian Balfour, "Hot Flashes, Dead Bugs, And Cocaine For Monkeys: The 10 Worst Federal Stimulus Projects In North Carolina," Civitas Institute, 2/5/10)

\$71,623 To Study Cocaine Use By Monkeys. "Study of monkeys using cocaine: \$71,623. Wake Forest University was granted money to 'study the effects of self-administering cocaine on the glutamate system on monkeys.'" (Brian Balfour, "Hot Flashes, Dead Bugs, And Cocaine For Monkeys: The 10 Worst Federal Stimulus Projects In North Carolina," Civitas Institute, 2/5/10)

Stimulus Funds For A North Carolina Town To Hire Someone To "Procure More Stimulus Funds." "One town in North Carolina is using stimulus funds to hire an administrator whose job will be to procure more stimulus funds, according to the report." (Peter Nicholas, "Stimulus Program Fraught With Waste Report Says," The Los Angeles Times, 6/15/09)

NORTH DAKOTA

\$2 Million Toward \$27 Million Geothermal Project Plagued By Cost Overruns Which Seeks To Save Minot University Just \$100,000 Per Year In Energy Costs – Resulting In Savings Realized In 270 Years. "A project at Minot State University funded in part by federal stimulus dollars has gone millions of dollars over budget according to university officials blaming the overage on a 'poor bidding environment' caused by a labor shortage in the region. MSU Vice President Roger Kluck appeared before the legislature's budget section requesting almost \$10 million in additional funding for the project which has received \$16.2 million in combined state and federal funds so far. ... It's estimated by the university that the new geothermal system 'will reduce utility costs by approximately \$100,000 per year.' That's a level of cost savings that's not impressing some legislators." (North Dakota State Legislature, 9/15/11; "Stimulus Project At Minot State University Goes Millions Over Budget According To Officials," Plains Daily, 9/21/11)

\$1 Million For Standing Rock Airport, Which Sees Just 200 Total Takeoffs And Landings Per Year. "Under the stimulus package, the Standing Rock Airport in Fort Yates, N.D., about 60 miles south of Bismarck, will receive \$1 million to repave the runway, install lights and build a fence. The airport has about 200 takeoffs and landings a year, roughly the traffic Atlanta has every 90 minutes." (Michael Grabell, "Tiny Airports Take Off With Stimulus," Pro Publica, 7/13/09)

OHIO

\$267 Million For Weatherization Program “Fell Short Of Minimal Inspection Requirements And Did Not Stop Shoddy Work.” “Once praised as the ‘gold standard’ for moving quickly to weatherize thousands of homes with \$267 million in federal stimulus money, Ohio fell short of minimal inspection requirements and did not stop shoddy work, a government watchdog said yesterday. State Inspector General Randall Meyer faulted Department of Development officials for emphasizing the quantity of projects over quality.” (David Eggert and Doug Caruso, “Ohio Failed To Monitor Money To Weatherize Homes,” [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 11/30/11)

\$11 Million To Provide Rebates For Ohioans To Buy Energy-Efficient Appliances Sent To A Texas Company That Outsourced Work To A Call Center In El Salvador. “This spring, the state received \$11 million in federal stimulus money to provide rebates for Ohioans to buy energy-efficient appliances, including clothes washers, dishwashers and water heaters. Last week, the Ohio Department of Development revealed that federal stimulus money went to a Texas company, Parago Inc., that outsourced work to a call center in El Salvador. State officials learned of Parago’s arrangement the first day the appliance rebates began March when an Ohio customer had asked a call center employee where he lived and then complained to the state. Parago never told state officials that it would handle rebates from an offshore call center. But state officials also never asked. In actuality, the company has no domestic call centers.” (Editorial, “Ohio’s ‘Rebate-Gate’ Sorry Use Of Dubious Stimulus Spending,” [Morning Journal](#), 8/3/10)

\$11 Million In Grants And Awards To UltraCell Corp. Which Closed Down Its Fuel Cell Manufacturing Operations In Dayton, OH. (“Advanced Recipient Reported Data Search; UltraCell,” [Recovery.gov](#), Accessed 9/21/11; John Nolan, “UltraCell Has Closed Its Dayton Fuel Cell Plant, State Officials Say,” [Dayton Daily News](#), 8/16/10)

\$1 Million For Road Signs To Advertise Use Of Stimulus Funds On Road Projects. “A state senator from Ohio says his state is spending \$1 million on road signs to advertise the use of stimulus money for road projects. In other words, the state is using your money to tell you it's spending your money... Scott Varner, a spokesperson for the department said, ‘the president made a commitment to have these symbols of stimulus projects; we think it's important. What better way to let the taxpayer know where stimulus money is being spent?’” (Randi Kaye, “Signs Of Waste? \$1 Million Used To Tout Stimulus Funds At Work In Ohio,” [CNN](#), 1/25/10)

\$640,000 On Weatherization Funds To Agency Which The Ohio Department of Development Said “Failed To Ensure Program Compliance” Including Overbilling, Undocumented Work And Shoddy Bookkeeping. “The state of Ohio says a local social services agency wasted nearly \$640,000 in its weatherization program. The Ohio Department of Development said that the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency failed to account for the money as part of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program, a program created as part of the federal stimulus program. The state said that the CAA ‘failed to ensure program compliance,’ listing dozens of examples of overbilling, undocumented work and bookkeeping errors.” (“State Says Agency Wasted \$637K In Weatherization Funds,” [WLWT](#), 11/30/11)

\$450,950 To The Mahoning-Youngstown Community Action Partnership (MYCAP) Which Was Under Investigation For “Possible Misuse Of Funds, Nepotism, Conflict Of Interest And A Number Of Other Issues, Including Weatherization Work Done On The Executive Director’s Home.” (Elise McKeowon Skolnik, “Opening Of North Side Pool Makes Big Splash With Youths,” [The Vindicator](#), 6/17/10; William K. Alcorn, “State Investigates Nonprofit Agency,” [The Vindicator](#), 1/6/10)

\$14,000 To Weatherize A Vacant Home. “In one case, the state said the CAA spent more than \$14,000 weatherizing a vacant home that remains vacant currently.” (“State Says Agency Wasted \$637K In Weatherization Funds,” [WLWT](#), 11/30/11)

OKLAHOMA

\$1.8 Million For The Oklahoma River Cruise Boat Which Serves Less Than 12 Passengers Per Ride.

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“Next time you see an Oklahoma River Cruise boat heading down the river, you’ll know your tax dollars are at work. \$1.8 million federal stimulus dollars will pay for maintenance of the boats and a new maintenance facility. ... According to COTPA, less than 12 passengers ride on each of the cruise boats’ scheduled trips.” (Amy Lester, “Some Call Stimulus For OKC Ferry Boats Wasteful Spending,” [NewsOn6](#), 10/29/09)

\$1.1 Million To Study Alaskan Grandparents. “A professor at Oklahoma State University received \$1.1 million in stimulus to study Alaskan grandparents. The National Science Foundation made the grant possible through their pot of stimulus money. But some Oklahomans say this is just one more example of stimulus waste.” (Jennifer Loren, OSU Professor Gets \$1.1 Million In Stimulus To Study Alaskan Grandparents,” [NewsOn6](#), 9/29/09)

OREGON

\$7 Million For Central Oregon Forest Clean-Up That Led To The Hiring Of 254 Foreign Workers And No American Workers. “At least \$7 million in federal stimulus money intended to provide jobs to unemployed Oregonians instead paid wages to 254 foreign workers, federal investigators have concluded. The money was for forest clean-up jobs in central Oregon where thousands of experienced workers were idle. ... ‘Employers were not required to recruit U.S. workers in Oregon, and we were provided no evidence that they did,’ federal investigators said. ‘Workers in Oregon were likely unaware that these job opportunities were available.’ In fact, although 146 U.S. workers were contacted for possible employment, investigators found that none was hired.” (Charles Pope, “Federal Stimulus Money For Oregon Jobs Hired Foreign Workers,” [The Oregonian](#), 10/20/11)

\$700,000 To Collect Lost Crab Pots. “A federal stimulus grant of \$700,000 will go to hiring fishermen to recover about 4,000 pots - squat cylinders made of stainless steel mesh, rubber and iron to help it sink to the bottom.” (“Grant Aims To Retrieve Fishermens’ Lost Crab Pots,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/12/09)

PENNSYLVANIA

\$59.1 Million For A Wind Project Finished Before The Stimulus Passed. “In the coal country of eastern Pennsylvania, FAA records show, the last turbine on the 51-turbine Locust Ridge II wind farm in Mahanoy City, Pa., was erected on Jan. 1, 2009, the first day a project could be eligible for a stimulus grant. But the other 50 turbines were built in 2008 -- 31 of them before Obama was elected. The farm’s developer, Iberdrola Renewables, the subsidiary of a Spanish utility, collected \$59.1 million in stimulus money.” (Russ Choma, “Millions In Grants Went To Wind Farms Built Before Stimulus Passed,” [MSNBC/Investigative Reporting Workshop](#), 10/21/10)

\$9.7 Million In Stimulus Funds Spent On Train Station Which Has Been Vacant For More Than 30 Years. “Mr. Coburn’s report criticizes Pennsylvania for proposing to spend \$9.4 million to ‘renovate a 97-year-old train station that has sat vacant for more than 30 years.’” (Jonathan Weisman, “GOP Faults Some Stimulus Projects,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/16/09)

\$7.1 Million For Ramps In Areas “With No Sidewalks That Are Rarely, If Ever, Used By Pedestrians.” “More than a third of Chester County’s federal stimulus transportation package will fund new curbs - \$7.1 million - many on streets with no sidewalks that are rarely, if ever, used by pedestrians. The curbs are being fixed now because other projects the county desperately wants, such as widening six miles of Route 202 near Route 29 at the Great Valley Corporate Center, where 130,000 people are employed, can’t get permits and PennDot approval in the four to six months required by the stimulus guidelines...In Philadelphia, \$300 million will be spent to fix 20,000 curbs.” (Karen Heller, “Karen Heller: On Every Corner, A Federal Project At Your Expense,” [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 3/21/09)

\$1.57 Million To Search For Fossil Plants In Patagonia, Argentina. “Dinosaurs may be the focus of

much Cretaceous fossil hunting, but a Penn State researcher and his colleagues are hot on the trail of fossil plants in Patagonia, Argentina, thanks to a \$1.57 million grant from the National Science Foundation as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.” (“Grant To Fund Exploration Of Fossil Plants In Patagonia,” [Penn State Live](#), 10/28/09)

\$800,000 For A New Runway At The Murtha Airport Which Only Offers Three Commercial Flights. “Located outside a small Pennsylvania city, John Murtha airport may not see many passengers. But it's seen plenty of arrivals of tax dollars from Washington, most recently economic stimulus funds. The airport offers three commercial flights. In between the arrivals and departures, airport officials admit there are few faces around the facility. ... Earlier this year, the airport found a new revenue stream, receiving \$800,000 from the stimulus to repave a crosswind runway that's used as a backup to the facility's main landing runway.” (Jim Acosta and Janet Rodriguez, “Remote Murtha Airport Lands Big Bucks From Washington,” [CNN](#), 4/23/09)

\$60,000 For 30 Signs Advertising The Stimulus. “PennDOT has spent \$60,000 to create large green road signs telling motorists that funding was secured by the federal stimulus package ... The signs will cost about \$2,000 each ... Lori Irving, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Transportation, acknowledged the department strongly encouraged states to use stimulus funding to develop the signs.” (Salena Zito, “Road Signs Eat Up Part Of Stimulus,” [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#), 7/20/09)

RHODE ISLAND

\$352,667 To Collect Temperature Records From A Chinese Lake. “352,667 ... high-resolution, quantitative records of temperature and effective precipitation for the past 25kyr from Lake Qinghai...” (Mark Hollmer, “Stimulus Funding For Brown University Research Surpasses \$33M,” [Brown University](#), 2/17/10)

\$17,115 To Study The Effectiveness On Yoga For Women Quitting Smoking. “17,115 ... Yoga for women attempting smoking cessation: an initial investigation.” (Mark Hollmer, “Stimulus Funding For Brown University Research Surpasses \$33M,” [Brown University](#), 2/17/10)

SOUTH CAROLINA

\$135,000 Of Stimulus Money To Study The Stimulus. “Economists at O’Connell Center for Executive Development at the University of South Carolina Aiken partnered with Augusta State University and Claflin University to produce an analysis of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act spending and its impact on Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale counties in South Carolina and Richmond and Columbia counties in Georgia... The \$135,000 study, funded with stimulus dollars, was commissioned by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, the site’s primary contractor; and Savannah River Remediation, the site’s liquid waste contractor. (Bob Pavey, “Stimulus Money Helped Region, Study Says,” [The Augusta Chronicle](#), 4/26/11)

\$51,800 For 14 Signs To Tout The Stimulus. “In South Carolina, the state Department of Transportation manufactured 14 signs at a total cost of \$3,700, according to statement from S.C. Transportation Secretary H.B. Limehouse over the weekend. He cited national news coverage of other states’ expenditures on signs to identify roadway projects funded by Obama Administration’s American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009, a \$787 billion package aimed at job creation, tax cuts, social programs and public works projects. Congressional Republicans’ were quoted criticizing the signs, which also say, ‘Putting America Back to Work,’ as wasteful and politically motivated.” (Sarita Chourney, “SC May Curb Stimulus Signage,” [The Augusta Chronicle](#), 7/19/10)

SOUTH DAKOTA

\$1.7 Million For Lighting Upgrades Creating “0.37 Of A Job.” “The timing of the work affects how jobs

are reported, said Brad Kurtz, president of Dean Kurtz Construction Co. in Rapid City, which has a number of contracts through the stimulus. They include a joint project with FourFront Design, for lighting upgrades in Ellsworth Air Force Base buildings, worth \$1.7 million... That project is listed as creating .37 of a job. Other projects by Kurtz show similar job creation or none at all... 'It's pretty subjective, really, because you just have to give them a number if you've actually hired,' he said. 'Otherwise, you kind of estimate if you're keeping some of your existing shop busy.'" (Kevin Woster, "State Falls Short On Job Creation Goals," [Rapid City Journal](#), 12/6/09)

TENNESSEE

\$99 Million For Weatherization Program In Which 1 In 5 Homes Received Shoddy Work And Many Were Left With Higher Electricity Bills. "Last year Tennessee received more than \$99 million in federal stimulus money to weatherize homes across the state. ... But, NewsChannel 5 Investigates has found the weatherization program in Nashville isn't working for everyone. D'Andrea Oglesby lives near the fairgrounds. After she had her home weatherized, both her energy usage and her power bills went way up. ... But MDHA's own records show inspectors are finding problems 20 percent of the time." (Jennifer Kraus, "Did Millions Of Dollars For Weatherization Program Pay Off?" [NewsChannel5.com](#), 2/28/11)

\$424,000 For Tennessee Truck Stop "Despite Many Red Flags" That Would End Up Bankrupt. "In July, Tennessee's transportation commissioner applauded the opening of the state's first truck-stop electrification terminal at TR Auto Truck Plaza in Dandridge, a project taxpayers paid for with a \$424,000 federal stimulus fund grant. Thursday, the shiny new equipment languished uselessly as U.S. Bank took possession of the bankrupt business after an auction at the Jefferson County Courthouse failed to solicit a single bid. ... The Environmental Protection Agency and the Tennessee Department of Transportation approved the stimulus grant to Mountain Plaza Inc., the truck stop's owner, despite many red flags." (Barndon Gee, "E. Tenn. Truck Stop Got Stimulus Money Despite Bankruptcy," [The Tennessean](#), 10/3/11)

TEXAS

\$121.9 Million For A Wind Farm Finished Before The Stimulus Began. "High above the rolling plains southeast of Lubbock, Texas, the 166-turbine Pyron Wind Farm represents the new wave of American wind farm development. In the heart of the country's 'wind belt,' ... the project received \$121.9 million in stimulus money. FAA records show the last tower had been built on Dec. 11, 2008." (Russ Choma, "Millions In Grants Went To Wind Farms Built Before Stimulus Passed," [MSNBC/Investigative Reporting Workshop](#), 10/21/10)

\$22.3 Million To Weatherize Houston Homes With "Flaws In Workmanship So Serious That More Than 60 Percent Of The Jobs Will Have To Be Fixed." "Inspections done under the second biggest federal stimulus weatherization contract in Texas found flaws in workmanship so serious that more than 60 percent of the jobs will have to be fixed, documents obtained by Texas Watchdog showed. A report by the Department of Housing and Community Affairs criticized Sheltering Arms Senior Services of Houston for poor performance and for spending nearly half of its funding on administrative costs, while the legal limit is 5 percent. Sheltering Arms has a contract with the department to spend \$22.3 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money through March of 2012 to improve the energy efficiency of low-income homes in the Houston area." (Mark Lisher, "Shoddy Workmanship Found In \$22 Million Federal Stimulus Contract To Improve The Homes Of The Poor," [Texas Watchdog](#), 5/13/10)

\$100,000 To Study How People Feel About The Stimulus. "'It's one of those issues where neither side can really win,' said Rick Wilson, a professor of politics at Rice University. Wilson found out firsthand how taking stimulus money can make you a target for political criticism. His department got over \$100,000 in stimulus money to do a study on how people feel about the stimulus." (Dave Fehling, "Stimulus In Texas: Where Is The Money Going?" [KHOU.com](#), 9/15/10)

UTAH

\$1 Million To Give Students iPods. “In Utah, 1,600 students at a single high school will get iPod Touch devices — hand-held devices that play music and movies, allow Web surfing and have some educational applications — with \$1 million from the stimulus. The jobs created? Zero.” (Editorial, “Stimulus-Funded Cell Phones,” [The Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), 8/12/10)

VERMONT

\$800,000 To Study Ant Behavior In Seeking To Determine The Evolution Of Social Behavior.

“Salaries are very expensive, and you'd be surprised how fast \$800,000 gets eaten up,’ UVM professor Sara Helms Cahan said of her four-year NSF grant. ... Using ants as a model system, Cahan researches the evolution of social behavior, namely ‘what causes organisms to become social, and what are the consequences once they become social.’” (Patrick Dowd, “Federal Stimulus Spurs UVM Research,” [The Vermont Cynic](#), 9/21/09)

VIRGINIA

\$399,939 In Stimulus Funds To Study The Stimulus. “The University of Virginia has received a National Science Foundation grant to research the impact of federal stimulus dollars on hiring in science and engineering. The NSF announced on Friday that it will award \$399,939 to U.Va. and the University of Michigan to ‘advance understanding of the impact of science investments.’” (Marian Anderfuren, “U.Va. Researchers Lead The State With \$58.3 Million In Stimulus Funding” [UVA Today](#), 12/10/09)

\$246,000 For The Study Of Extrasolar Planets. “Astronomer Phil Arras won a stimulus grant of \$246,000 from the national science foundation for a study of extrasolar planets.” (Fariss Samarrai, “U.Va. Researchers Lead The State With \$58.3 Million In Stimulus Funding,” [UVA Today](#), 12/10/09)

\$10,000 For One 10' x 11' Sign Touting The Stimulus. “On the road leading to Dulles Airport outside Washington, DC there's a 10' x 11' road sign touting a runway improvement project funded by the federal stimulus... \$10,000. That's how much money the Washington Airports Authority tells ABC News it spent to make and install the sign – a single sign – announcing that the project is ‘Funded by The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act’ and is ‘Putting America Back to Work.’ The money for the sign was taken out of the budget for the runway improvement project.” (Jonathan Karl & Gregory Simmons, “Signs Of The Stimulus,” [ABC News](#), 7/14/10)

WASHINGTON

\$20 Million For Seattle Weatherization Program That Has Only Created 16 Jobs Out Of The 2,000 Predicted. “Nearly two years after Seattle announced an ambitious, \$20 million weatherization program to create 2,000 jobs, officials said Wednesday that reaching that goal was unlikely. ... The program's most recent quarterly report, ending in December, showed the program had created only 16 jobs. But Pickus said that number – based on full-time equivalent hours – didn't gauge the program's full effect. ‘That's a very abstract number,’ he said. ‘It really doesn't measure the local impact.’ Instead, he offered some other numbers: More than 20,000 hours had been worked, and 226 people had received a paycheck.” (Vanessa Ho, “Seattle Program To Create 2,000 Green Jobs? Not Likely,” [Seattle Post Intelligencer](#), 2/2/12)

\$2 Million For Snohomish County Green Jobs Training Program That “Has Come To A Near Standstill” After Helping Just 95 Find Jobs, Despite Promising To Place 25,000 In Jobs.

“Government-funded training for so-called green jobs has come to a near standstill in Snohomish County, having produced lackluster results. Over the past few years, about 500 residents in the county attended short-term training programs with the hope of landing one of 25,000 or more green jobs expected to be

needed in the state by 2020. So far, 95 of those 500 students have found jobs.” (Michelle Dunlop, “Green-Job Training Put On Hold After Program Produces Few Jobs,” [The Weekly Herald](#), 2/2/12)

\$1 Million To Replace Windows At Shuttered Visitor Center That “Has No Plans To Reopen.” “The U.S. Forest Service has no plans to reopen Coldwater Ridge as a visitor center, despite getting roughly \$1 million in federal stimulus money to replace the building’s signature windows.” (Barbara Laboe, “Forest Service Won’t Reopen Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center,” [Columbia Daily News](#), 7/22/09)

\$148,438 To Study The Effects Of Marijuana. “A WSU Vancouver research project analyzing the use of marijuana in conjunction with medications like morphine to control pain has received \$148,438 from the National Institutes of Health. ... The grant is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).” (Washington State University Vancouver, “Marijuana Study Receives Federal Stimulus Money,” [Press Release](#), 6/2/09)

\$122,000 Kennewick Columbia Park Fish Sculpture. “A fish sculpture in Kennewick, Washington, was funded by the stimulus legislation and designated as a transportation enhancement. The fish art can be seen in the median of a busy intersection and is part of \$122,000 allocated for the Columbia Park Overlook Project to improve sidewalks and bike paths.” (Sens. Tom Coburn and John McCain, “Stimulus Checkup: A Closer Look At 100 Projects Funded By The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act,” [coburn.senate.gov](#), 12/09, p. 22)

\$50,000 Grant For The Washington State Parks And Recreation Commission To Finance A Free Performance Of The Beijing Rod Puppet Theater. “The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Folk Arts in the Parks Program invites the public to attend a free performance of the Beijing rod puppet theater, Dragon Art Studio at Peace Arch State Park in Blaine. ... The artists’ fees for these events are paid for by an Arts and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ‘economic stimulus’ grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to Northwest Heritage Resources, of Lake Forest Park.” (National Endowment for the Arts, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grants, [www.arts.gov](#), Accessed 7/27/10; Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, “North America’s Only Professional Beijing Rod Puppet Theater To Perform At Peace Arch State Park,” [Press Release](#), 8/19/09)

\$50,000 For “Educational Interpreters” At A Museum Of Glass. “The Museum of Glass received a \$50,000 grant from the federal recovery act last year to retain two part-time ‘educational interpreters’ in the hot shop, the museum’s live glassmaking studio. Armed with a microphone and vast knowledge of the world of glass, Yuckert acts as an emcee, explaining the glassmaking process to museum visitors who come to watch the artists at work.” (Melissa Santos, “Federal Grant Keeps Museum Of Glass Worker Talking,” [The News Tribune](#), 3/14/10)

WEST VIRGINIA

\$2 Million For Airport That Carries An Average 12 Passengers Daily. “The Greenbrier Valley Airport, the gateway to the ritzy Greenbrier resort where rooms start at \$500 a night, is about to get more than \$2 million in federal stimulus funds to spruce up the terminal building. Only two commercial flights a day come in and out of the Lewisburg, W.Va., airport and, on average, each plane carries six passengers.” (Jonathan Karl, “U.S. Taxpayers Fund Empty ‘Airports To Nowhere,” [ABC News](#), 9/18/09)

Portions Of \$38 Million For Weatherization “For Lobbying, To Consultants Who Did Little Work And To Recipients With Connections To State Officials Who Are Doling Out The Fund.” “Federal audits are turning up misspent taxpayer dollars in a \$5 billion stimulus program aimed at lowering the utility bills of disabled, poor and older Americans by making their homes more energy-efficient. In West Virginia, which received \$38 million in weatherization funds, some of the money went for lobbying, to consultants who did little work and to recipients with connections to state officials who are doling out the funds, the Energy Department’s inspector general found.” (Evan Bush, “Stimulus Funds For W. Virginia’s Handicapped And Poor Instead Goes For Lobbying, Consulting,” [iWatch](#), 7/7/11)

\$25,000 To Weatherization Lobbyist For Writing Two Sentences. “In one case, West Virginia paid

\$25,000 to a lawyer for writing two sentences stating that weatherization contracts had been reviewed...
(Evan Bush, "Stimulus Funds For W. Virginia's Handicapped And Poor Instead Goes For Lobbying, Consulting," [iWatch](#), 7/7/11)

WISCONSIN

\$186,192 For Purchasing Eight Vans That Have Gone Unused. "Eight new Dodge Grand Caravans, purchased 10 months ago with \$186,192 in federal stimulus funds, are sitting unused in storage at a county park because Waukesha County has found no takers for its proposed workers' van pool program."
(Laurel Walker, "Waukesha Transit Pool Program Stalls," [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 10/4/11)

Stimulus Funds For 37 Bridges Which Receive Very Few Vehicles Daily. "In Wisconsin, 37 rural bridges carrying a little more than 500 vehicles a day -- some far fewer than that -- are on track to get stimulus dollars." (Jonathan Weisman, "GOP Faults Some Stimulus Projects," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/16/09)

WYOMING

\$586,581 To Collect Volcanic Ash Samples In Argentina. "Stimulus funds in Wyoming have paid for an array of projects, programs and capital improvements. ... Funds have also been used in Wyoming for such needs as ... field work in Argentina to collect volcanic ash samples." (Ruffin Prevost, "Wyoming Stimulus Spending Draws Mixed Reviews," [Billings Gazette](#), 9/14/11; [Recovery.gov](#) Website, Accessed 2/12/12)

\$326,140 To Travel To Antarctica For Atmospheric Research. "Stimulus funds in Wyoming have paid for an array of projects, programs and capital improvements. ... Funds have also been used in Wyoming for such needs as ... traveling to Antarctica for atmospheric research." (Ruffin Prevost, "Wyoming Stimulus Spending Draws Mixed Reviews," [Billings Gazette](#), 9/14/11; [Recovery.gov](#) Website, Accessed 2/12/12)