



A Recovery Act Update for Maine Nonprofits

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ARRA Webinar

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What We'll Cover

- Update on MANP's ARRA Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant – Brenda Peluso
- Overview of ARRA, Basics of Federal grant writing, implementation & reporting – Anne Gass, Owner, ABG Consulting
- Time for your questions

Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant

- Strengthening Communities Fund, State of Maine Designee
- Build the Capacity of NPOs to help constituents participate in the economic recovery
- Free to Eligible Participants
- Multiple Opportunities over the next 20 months

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What is ARRA?

- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**
- **Signed into law February 17, 2009**
- **\$224 billion for education, health care, entitlement**
- **\$275 billion for federal contracts, grants & loans**

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ARRA's 3 Goals

- **Create new jobs and save existing ones**
- **Spur economic activity and invest in long-term growth**
- **Foster unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency in government spending**




Are You Ready for ARRA?

- **Previous experience with federal grants?**
- **Reporting & audit capacity?**
- **Ability to meet tight deadlines?**
- **If not, consider a fiscal agent/other lead applicant**

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Get Set....

- **Understand the context**
 - **ARRA's 3 goals**
 - **Goals of federal administering agency**
- **Find out who else has been awarded in your field, & for what purpose(s)**
 - **Locally & nationally**



Get Set (continued)

- **Learn about upcoming deadlines**
- **Line up partners**
- **Research needs & opportunities**
- **Register with www.grants.gov (or update registration information)**
- **Do as much advance planning as possible**



GO!

- **Deadlines are immutable**
- **Bring together partners/stakeholders ASAP to read and interpret NOFA**
- **Review all grant requirements**
 - **Including reporting**
- **Assign responsibility for completion**



GO! (continued)

- **Write and review several drafts**
- **Follow the directions to the letter!**
- **Ask for clarification if you don't understand**
- **Plan to submit at least 48 hours before deadline**



Where to Find Information?

- Overall:

www.Recovery.gov

- Maine State Site:

www.maine.gov/recovery

- Grants → **www.grants.gov**



Where to Find Information?

- **Contracts** → www.fbo.gov
- **Other**
 - Trade associations
 - Peers



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Questions?

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