

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

appropriated new funding for programs under Parts B and C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Part B of the *IDEA* provides funds to state educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs) to help them ensure that children with disabilities, including children aged three through five have access to a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living.

Local school districts must submit an application to the Department of Education in order to receive the first 50% of their ARRA funds. You should anticipate that your local school district will be contacting you. A copy of the approximate funding amounts by district is attached. Recipients of these funds shall assume all assurances associated with IDEA regulations provided in 2008-09. Additional assurances under the ARRA will be required. We encourage you to work with district staff regarding ARRA funds for your charter school.

Additional information on ARRA can be found at the following link:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/idea.html>

View the [IDEA/ARRA Funds Draft](#).