

Recovery Act Notice of Rights

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)(also known as the Recovery Act) is designed to create new jobs as well as save existing ones, spur economic activity and invest in long-term research, and to foster high levels of accountability and transparency in government spending. Of the \$787 billion in stimulus funds, a significant portion have been allocated to expanding support for medical, science, and engineering research, including appropriations to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Defense (DoD), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and other federal agencies.

The Recovery Act also protects employees of institutions who receive stimulus funding from retaliation for reporting what they reasonably believe to be evidence of:

- Gross mismanagement of an agency contract or grant relating to recovery funds;
- A gross waste of recovery funds;
- A substantial and specific danger to public health or safety related to the implementation or use of recovery funds;
- An abuse of authority related to the implementation or use of recovery funds; or
- A violation of law, rule, or regulation related to an agency contract or grant awarded or issued relating to recovery funds.

For more information on these protections, including how to make a report, please visit <http://www.recovery.gov/Contact/ReportFraud/Pages/WhistleBlowerInformation.aspx>.

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