

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

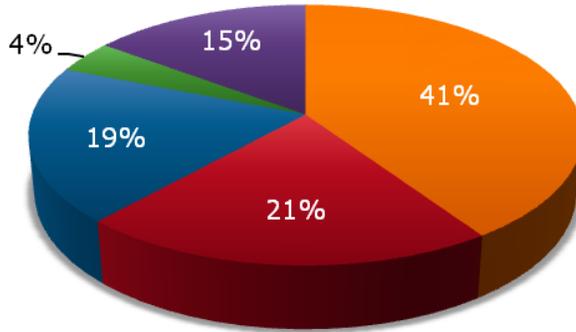
Buffalo County

+ \$42,439,000

## TAX CUTS

684,000 Nebraskans benefitted from the Making Work Pay tax cut, putting a total of \$346 million into Nebraskans' pockets in 2009 and \$327 million in 2010<sup>1,2</sup>. The Making Work Pay tax cut put **\$8,843,000** back into the economy of Buffalo County in 2009 and **\$8,353,000** in 2010<sup>3</sup>.

## Division of Funding in Buffalo County



- Making Work Pay tax cut
- Education
- Community Improvement
- Loan Assistance
- Roads

## EDUCATION

Buffalo County's school districts were saved from making further cuts to their budgets through the use of over **\$8,627,000** in Recovery Act funds, including over<sup>4</sup>:

Amherst Public Schools	\$269,000
Elm Creek Public Schools	\$472,000
Gibbon Public Schools	\$754,000
Kearney Public Schools	\$5,758,000
Kearney West High School	\$9,000
Pleasanton Public Schools	\$201,000
Ravenna Public Schools	\$394,000
Shelton Public Schools	\$507,000
Educational Service Unit #10*	\$263,000



## University of Nebraska - Kearney

- \$173,000 - Pell Grants and research<sup>5</sup>
- \$186,000 - INBRE Scholars Program<sup>6</sup>

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

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Over **\$8,239,000** in community improvement projects were funded through the Recovery Act, including over:



### ★ Housing

- \$286,000 - Kearney Housing Authority - new water heaters and HVAC units in elderly housing
- \$61,000 - Gibbon Housing Authority - gutter replacements<sup>8</sup>
- \$29,000 - Ravenna Housing Authority - site improvements
- \$26,000 - Shelton Housing Authority - window replacements<sup>9</sup>
- \$1,287,000 - PEDCOR Investments L.P. – Tax Credit Assistance Program to provide funding assistance for affordable rental housing projects<sup>10</sup>

### ★ Human Services

- \$50,000 - The Safe Center - prevent violence against women
- \$27,000 - South-Central Area Agency on Aging - meal delivery
- \$76,000 - Buffalo County – justice assistance
- \$5,075,000 - Mid Nebraska Community Action, Inc.<sup>11</sup>
  - \$207,000 - staff retention
  - \$2,424,000 - Weatherization Assistance Program
  - \$511,000 - Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program
  - \$889,000 - reduce poverty and assist low income families
  - \$502,000 - new transit vehicles
  - \$542,000 - Early Head Start

### ★ Community Facilities

- \$131,000 - City of Kearney - upgrade facility lighting
- \$865,000 - City of Kearney – water, sewer, and road extension to businesses in Kearney<sup>12</sup>
- \$326,000 - Pleasanton Village Office – Revolving loan fund for wastewater treatment facilities<sup>13</sup>



## LOAN ASSISTANCE

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Over **\$1,718,000** in loans were awarded to individuals in Buffalo County, including<sup>14</sup>:

- \$932,000 - Farm Service Agency Farm Operating Direct Loans
- \$786,000 - Rural Development Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loans



## FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER CREDIT

More than 22,000 Nebraskans benefited from the First Time Homebuyer tax credit, returning more than **\$155.8 million** to the Nebraska economy from 2008 to 2010<sup>15</sup>.

## ROADS

Many road projects were made possible through the Recovery Act. Buffalo County was given over **\$6,300,000** for road projects, including over<sup>16</sup>:

### ☆ Resurfacing

- \$2,318,000 - US-30 in Kearney
- \$1,321,000 - city-wide in Kearney

### ☆ Reconstruction

- \$2,418,000 - reconstruct 39<sup>th</sup> Street from Pony Express to Avenue M in Kearney

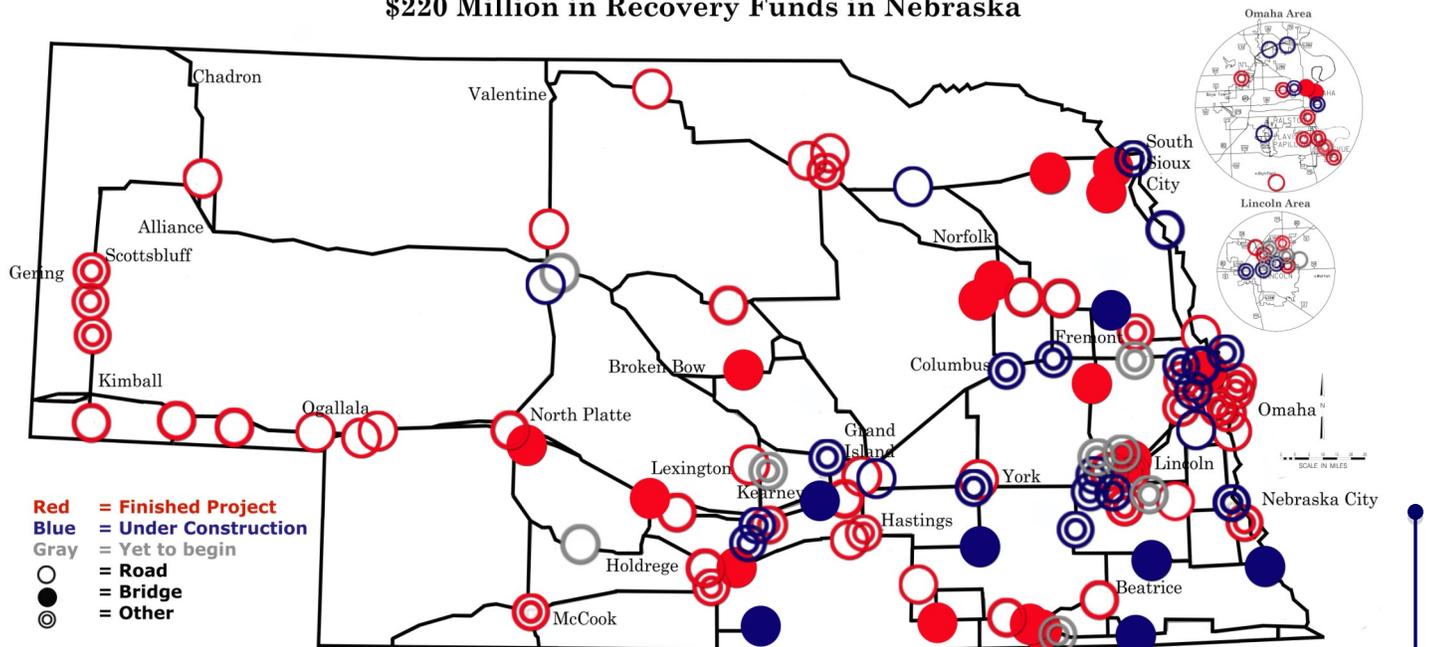


### ☆ Restoration

- \$243,000 - restoration of historic depot in Pleasanton's park

## Road Map to Recovery

\$220 Million in Recovery Funds in Nebraska



## Summary

Tax Cuts	\$17,196,000
Education	\$8,986,000
Loan Assistance	\$1,718,000
Community Improvement	\$8,239,000
Roads	\$6,300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,439,000</b>



[www.bennelson.senate.gov/upload/recovery/Buffalo.pdf](http://www.bennelson.senate.gov/upload/recovery/Buffalo.pdf)

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\* These school districts are located in multiple counties.

This information is accurate as of February 11, 2011.

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