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**Now the Hard Work Begins: Implementing  
Trillions of Dollars in Economic Recovery Funds  
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**Thank you for joining us.  
The session will begin momentarily.**



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# Timeline of US Coronavirus Relief Bills

## Phase 1

- Enacted on March 6, 2020
- \$8.3 billion to spur coronavirus research and development

## Phase 2

- Enacted on March 18, 2020
- \$104 billion for paid sick leave and enhanced unemployment benefits for workers and families

## Phase 3

- **Enacted on March 27, 2020**
- **\$2.3 trillion for economic recovery (CARES Act)**

## Phase 4

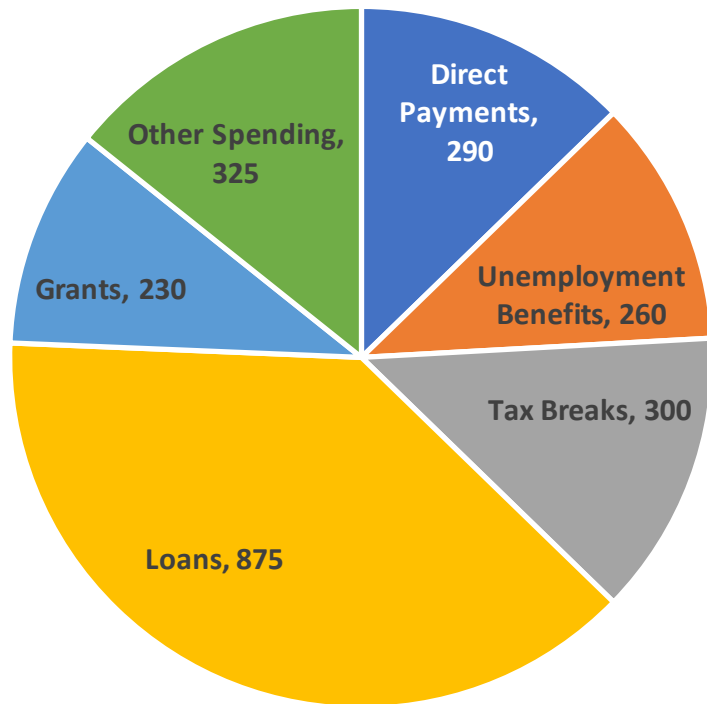
- Enacted on April 24, 2020
- \$484 billion for small businesses, testing and hospitals

## Phase 5?

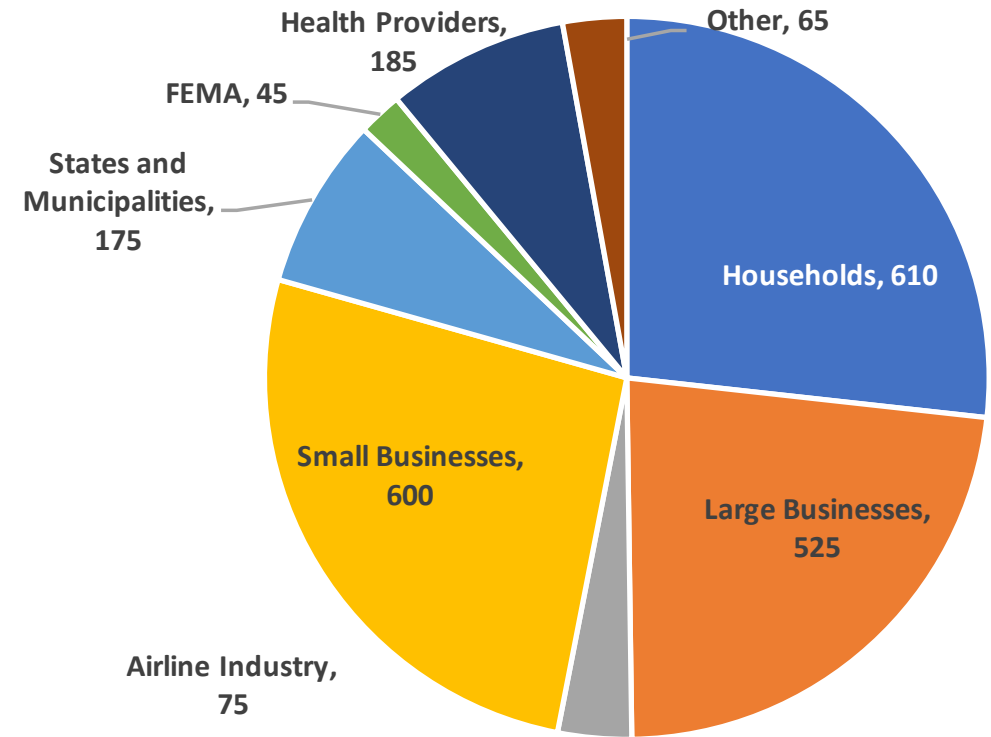
- **Significant additional aid for state and local governments?**
- **Long-discussed significant infusion of infrastructure funding?**

# The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

**CARES Act: Types of Funding** (in \$ billions)



**CARES Act: Recipients of Funding** (in \$ billions)

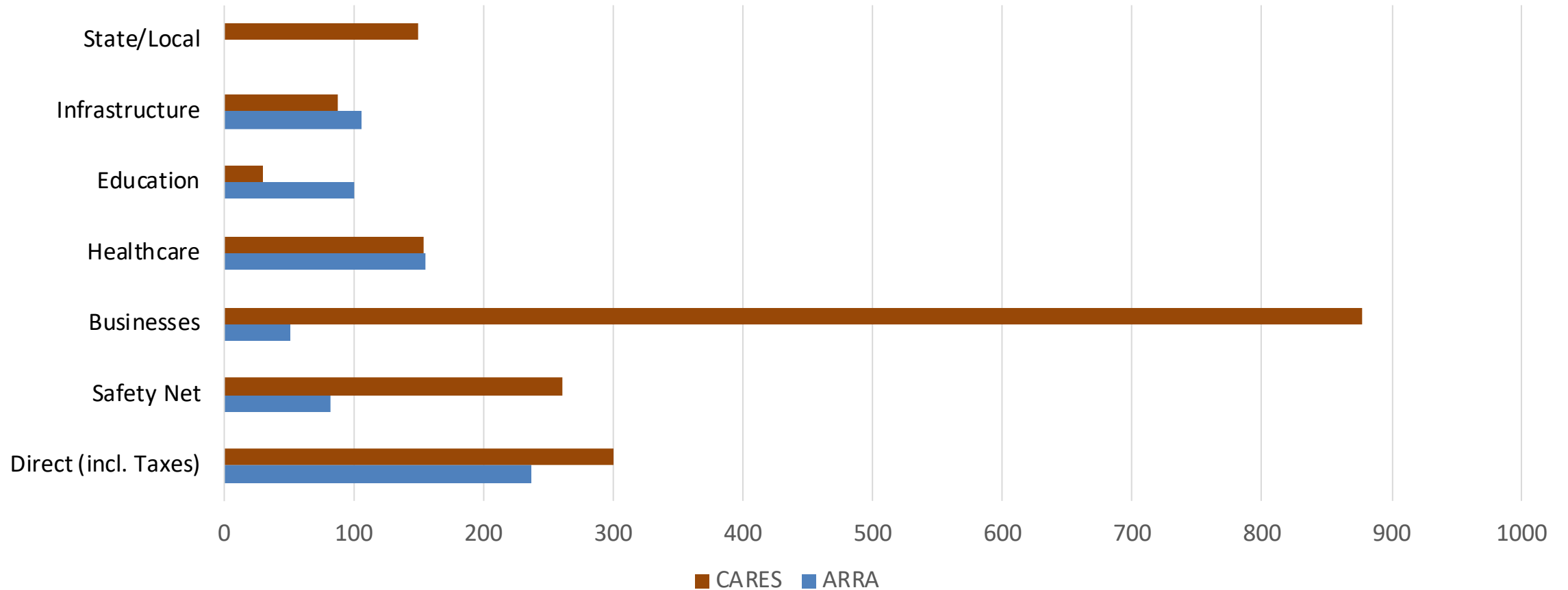


## American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) Act

- Enacted on February 17, 2009 as an economic stimulus response to the Great Recession
- \$831 billion in funding, representing at the time the largest economic recovery program in history
- Three major funding categories
  - \$288 billion in tax benefits
  - \$275 billion in grants, loans and contracts
  - \$224 billion in entitlements

# ARRA vs CARES

ARRA vs. CARES: Estimated Expenditures (in \$ billions)



Sources: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/02-22-ARRA.pdf>;  
[https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/docs/cea\\_arra\\_report.pdf](https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/docs/cea_arra_report.pdf);  
<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/26/821457551/whats-inside-the-senate-s-2-trillion-coronavirus-aid-package>

## Today's *LBJ In the Arena* Guest: G. Edward DeSeve

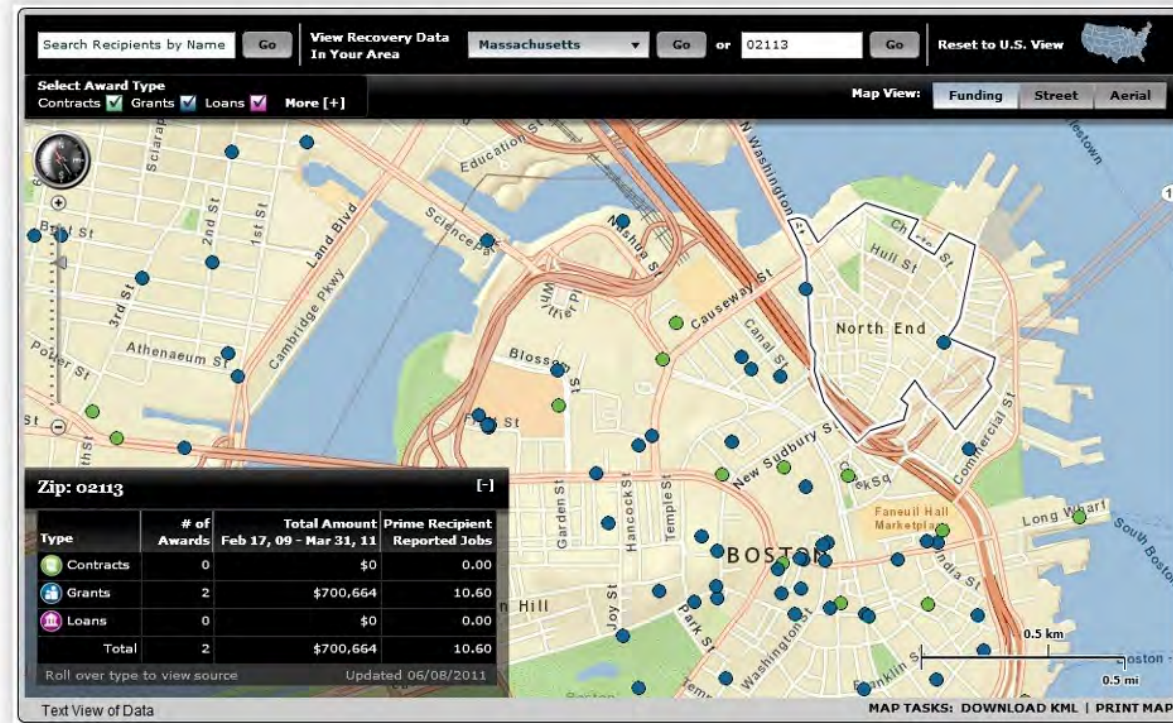
### Select career highlights:

- Merrill Lynch, Managing Director, Public Finance
- Chief Financial Officer, City of Philadelphia
- Special Advisor to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Founder and President of Public Financial Management (PFM), the nation's largest independent financial advisor to governments
- Controller and Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Chief Financial Officer, US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Tenured professor of public management and finance, University of Maryland School of Public Policy
  
- **ARRA Roles:** 1) Special Advisor to the President for Recovery Implementation, 2) Assistant to the Vice President and 3) Senior Advisor to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget

## Key Implementation Takeaways

1. Attention from the top matters
2. Transparency minimizes fraud (see next slide)
3. Financial information can be transmitted in an almost real-time environment
4. New technology enables direct reporting
5. Geospatial mapping makes data more understandable (see next slide)
6. Collaborations through networks is essential
7. ARRA provides a template for future recovery efforts like the CARES Act

# ARRA: GIS, Performance Management and Transparency



As part of its strategy to increase the transparency of the ARRA, as well as to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse, the Obama administration created a GIS system for mapping the location of projects down to the block level. It was notable for its focus of using real-time information to communicate about the program and for its use of geographic mapping of public programs, which was in its relative infancy at the time.



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Thank you for joining us today.

We hope to see you next Wednesday for *Pushing the Bounds of COVID-19 Testing & the Search for a Cure*. Dean Angela Evans in conversation with Mei Mei Hu, co-CEO of COVAXX and CEO of United Neuroscience, and a member of the executive committee of United Biomedical, Inc. UBI recently made big news when it provided their newly developed COVID-19 antibody test for all residents of San Miguel County, Colorado, where the company is based.