

Program Title: Unemployment Compensation Modernization: Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families –Sec. 2003

Short Description: Grants for the making of unemployment compensation modernization incentive payments – Changes in base period and eligibility requirements.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$7,000,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: \$33,000,000 Total;
\$11,000,000 base period;
\$22,000,000 eligibility requirements
(DES estimates).

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Managing Agency: N.H. Department of Labor

Status: **Dependent on Certification of State Law.**

Award Criteria:

- Use a base period that includes the most recently completed calendar quarter before the start of the benefit year for purposes of determining eligibility for unemployment compensation; or
- provides that, in the case of an individual who would not otherwise be eligible for unemployment compensation under the State law because of the use of a base period that does not include the most recently completed calendar quarter before the start of the benefit year, eligibility shall be determined
 - Part time work seekers are eligible
 - Workers who leave employment because of domestic violence are eligible (*N.H. Senate Bill 144, sponsored by Senator Hassen, meets this requirement*)
 - Workers who leave employment to care for immediate family members who are ill are eligible
 - Workers who move to accommodate a spouse's relocation are eligible
 - Workers who have exhausted employment benefits, but are enrolled in a State-approved job training program are eligible
 - Dependent allowances are provided of \$15 per week subject to State maximums

Time Line for use: State may submit application until April 27, 2009. Department of Labor has 30 days after submission to notify State of Findings.

All information is the best available as of 5/7/09 and is subject to change. Estimated funds may change significantly as federal agencies finalize allocations and/or competitive grants are awarded.