

Looking for Information on Community Roles in Economic Recovery?

Try the following resources for a start

Resources related specifically to the current economic downturn:

Recovery.gov is the U.S. government's official website related to federal stimulus funding. It includes information on opportunities for funding as well as details on where and on what funds are being spent. www.recovery.gov

For state news, The Pew Center for the States' **Stateline.org** has a section of its website devoted to "Recession and Recovery" at <http://www.stateline.org/live/sections/Recession+%26+Recovery>.

For specifics on state budget issues, see National Governors Association and National Association of State Budget Officers, *The Fiscal Survey of the States*, June 2009. Available online at <http://www.nasbo.org/Publications/PDFs/FSSpring2009.pdf>.

The **National League of Cities** has devoted a section of its website to "Cities and the Economy" at http://www.nlc.org/resources_for_cities/citiecon.aspx. Among the available resources are briefs on city fiscal conditions and strategies.

ICMA, the professional association for city and county managers, also has a number of relevant publications, including: *How It Plays in Peoria: The Impact of the Fiscal Crisis on Local Governments* (Sept. 2009) at <http://icma.org/upload/library/2009-09/%7BC7656689-B7C5-4894-9057-B88D0CAE487C%7D.pdf> and *Navigating the Fiscal Crisis: Tested Strategies for Local Leaders* (Jan. 2009) at [http://icma.org/documents/Navigating_Fiscal_Crisis_\(FINAL_Proofed\)_2-23-09.pdf](http://icma.org/documents/Navigating_Fiscal_Crisis_(FINAL_Proofed)_2-23-09.pdf).

For some specific ideas targeted to rural communities, see Jonathan Morgan, William Lambe and Allan Freyer, "**Homegrown Responses to Economic Uncertainty in Rural America**," *Rural Realities*, Volume 3, Issue 2, 2009. Available online at <http://ruralsociology.org/StaticContent/Publications/Ruralrealities/pubs/RuralRealities3-2.pdf>.

For ideas in metro areas, see the **Brookings Institution**'s "Implementing ARRA" website, at http://www.brookings.edu/metro/implementing_ARRA.aspx.

Resources related to asset-based community development:

The **Asset-Based Community Development Institute** at Northwestern University has a wide range of resources on its website, at <http://www.abcdinstitute.org>, to support asset-based community development work. This includes workbooks, articles, books, videos, asset-mapping tools, and community stories.

Mapping the Assets of Your Local Community, a workbook prepared by the **Southern Rural Development Center**, is available at http://srdc.msstate.edu/publications/227/227_asset_mapping.pdf.

The **Pew Partnership for Civic Change** has a number of publications that highlight successful strategies for building stronger communities from the inside out. See their resources page at <http://www.pew-partnership.org/resources/index.html>.

Wealth creation in rural communities is the focus of a number of recent publications from **Regional Technology Strategies**. Readers will also be interested in their work on growing creative economies. Go to <http://rtsinc.org/>.

The **Appalachian Regional Commission's** Asset-Based Development Initiative is described at <http://www.arc.gov/index.do?nodeId=17>. Included are a list of resources on asset-based development and profiles of award-winning community projects.

Breakthrough Solutions, a program of University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension, features a number of examples of communities that are working to capitalize on local assets. See <http://www.vworks.org/>.

Resources related to small town economic development:

Small Towns, Big Ideas, a report from the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, presents 50 case studies in small town economic development. Download the report at <http://www.sog.unc.edu/programs/cednc/stbi/>.

North Carolina Rising, a program of UNC Public TV, examines the successful revitalization of rural communities in North Carolina. View videos and related materials at <http://www.unctv.org/ncrising/index.html>.

Resources related to entrepreneurship:

The Kauffman Foundation maintains a comprehensive website with a wealth of resources related to entrepreneurship, from articles and reports to videos, blogs and podcasts. Go to <http://www.kauffman.org/>.

RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship's website, at <http://www.ruraleship.org/>, focuses specifically on entrepreneurship in rural areas and includes tools, success stories, research and other information.