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## GOVERNOR PATRICK ANNOUNCES \$1.9 MILLION TO BOOST JOB TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WORKERS ON THE CAPE AND ISLANDS

BOSTON -Thursday, April 30, 2009 -As part of his Massachusetts Recovery Plan to secure the state's economic future, Governor Deval Patrick today announced more than \$1.9 million in federal recovery fundsto make immediate investments in job training and support services for dislocated workers, low-income youths and adults on the Cape and Islands.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding will go to the Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board for the [Career Opportunities](#) centers in Falmouth, Hyannis, and Orleans. The board and the centers serve both employers and job-seekers throughout the Cape and the Islands. These resources are a portion of the \$67 million announced on Tuesday, and statewide, will assist all of the 37 One-Stop Career Centers throughout Massachusetts.

"These funds will help put people back to work, and give unemployed citizens the support and services they need to rejoin the workforce," said Governor Patrick, who met with unemployed workers today during job training courses at Career Opportunities - one of the state's 37 One-Stop Career Centers.

"During this difficult economic time, workforce training dollars will go a long way to help unemployed workers prepare for the jobs that Massachusetts organizations and businesses have to offer," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray. "We are grateful for the stimulus funding and are committed to using it to help as many people as possible."

The ARRA funding provides \$21.2 million to serve dislocated workers and more than \$10 million to help low-income adults find work. With these new resources, more people will be able to enroll in training for high demand jobs in careers such as healthcare.

With summer approaching, Governor Patrick plans to combine \$6.67 million from the state's YouthWorks summer jobs program with \$3.1 million in public safety funds and \$21.1 million for youth employment and educational programming provided under the federal recovery bill totaling \$30 million statewide to support summer employment and additional support services. The Governor's approach will maximize state and federal resources, helping to increase the number of jobs for low-income young people between the ages of 14-24 to an estimated 10,000. These resources will also help support youth disconnected from school and employment to access education and employment opportunities beyond the summer. The Cape and Islands will receive \$779,197 of these funds.

Cities and towns in the Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board include Aquinnah, Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Dennis, Eastham, Edgartown, Falmouth, Gay Head, Gosnold, Harwich, Mashpee, Nantucket, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Tisbury, Truro, Wellfleet, West Tisbury, Yarmouth.

"Our top priority is to allocate these federal recovery funds quickly and efficiently, working with our regions to connect people who have lost their jobs with new jobs that will come online as a result of the recovery funds, and as the economy rebounds. EOLWD will work with the Workforce Investment Boards to fully utilize these added resources to get our residents back to work," said Secretary Bump.

Investments to help get unemployed individuals back to work are critical components to Governor Patrick's [Massachusetts Recovery Plan](#), which combines state, federal and, where possible, private efforts to provide immediate and long-term relief and position the Commonwealth for recovery in the following ways:

- Deliver immediate reliefby investing in the road, bridge and rail projects that put people to work today and providing safety net services that sustain people who are especially vulnerable during an economic crisis;

- Build a better tomorrow through education and infrastructure investments that strengthen our economic competitiveness, prepare workers for the jobs of the future and support clean energy, broadband and technology projects that cut costs while growing the economy; and
- Reform state government by eliminating the pension and ethics loopholes that discredit the work of government and revitalize the transportation networks that have suffered from decades of neglect and inaction.

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