

## **Nonprofit Resources**

National Council of Nonprofits Special Reports on the ARRA  
<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/stimulus>

## **Federal Resources**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in PDF Form  
[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111\\_cong\\_bills&docid=f:h1enr.txt.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h1enr.txt.pdf)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Website and Updates  
<http://www.recovery.gov/>

Resources on Stimulus Funding  
[www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/LeadershipOffices/MinorityLeadership/MinorityLeader.aspx?CurrentPage=Resources](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/LeadershipOffices/MinorityLeadership/MinorityLeader.aspx?CurrentPage=Resources).

U.S. Government Website for Grant Opportunities  
<http://www.grants.gov/>

## **Federal Contacts**

U.S. Senator Mel Martinez Contact Information  
<http://martinez.senate.gov/public/>

U.S. Senator Bill Nelson Contact Information  
<http://billnelson.senate.gov/>

U.S. House of Representatives Contact Information  
<http://www.house.gov/>

## **Florida Resources**

Florida's Recovery (Stimulus Funds) Website  
[www.flarecovery.com](http://www.flarecovery.com)

Florida Budget Information  
<http://www.floridataxreform.org/>

<http://www.fcfep.org/index.htm>

## **Contact Our Governor and Legislators**

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Tallahassee Florida 32399-0001  
850-488-4441  
[Charlie.Crist@myflorida.com](mailto:Charlie.Crist@myflorida.com)  
<http://www.flgov.com/>

Florida Senate Members Contact Information  
<http://www.flsenate.gov/legislators/>

Florida House Members Contact Information  
<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>

## TAKE ACTION

1. Make sure you understand the legislative process. Even the most basic understanding will help you effectively express your ideas.
2. Call your legislator directly. Suggest a course of action and offer assistance. Don't make promises or threats.
3. Go through the legislator's aide but insist the legislator personally return your call - *remember that he or she works for you!*
4. Write a personal letter. Believe it or not, it is more effective than ever before.
5. If you really want to make a statement, travel to Tallahassee and insist on meeting with as many members as possible. Go to their office and persist for an appointment.
6. Ask that legislators call you after hours.
7. Find out where the legislator will be for the weekend. Go there and speak with them.
8. Don't accept dismissive responses such as, "He feels your pain" or "We'll look into it" as an appropriate response.
9. Remind yourself that the legislative process belongs to you. Legislators should respond to the will of the public! And they will if you're passionate, delivering your message with faith it will make a difference. And be prepared to be unapologetic; for there is no acceptable apology for their disregard of those in need!

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