

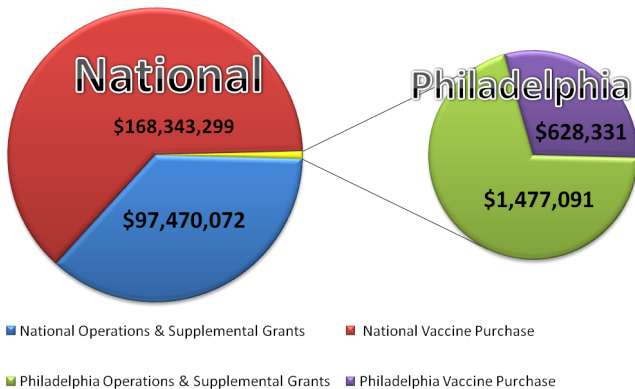
ARRA Funds for Immunizations

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ARRA Program Highlights

The Philadelphia Immunization Program received approximately **\$1.48 million** in America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to support immunization program operations, infrastructure (including demonstration projects) and more than **\$628,000** in ARRA funds for the purchase of vaccine.



ARRA immunization funds are being used to:

- Purchase and distribute nearly 35,000 doses of vaccine. (Table 1)
- Create or retain 2 full time information technology specialist positions to upgrade and provide maintenance to KIDS, the immunization registry.
- Enhance KIDS to include vaccination tracking for adults. This helps save money by assuring that each adult gets needed vaccines and improve provider office efficiency by reducing the time needed to gather and review immunization records.

- Purchase two new computer servers and desktop computers to handle the increased capacity required to capture adult vaccinations in KIDS.
- Provide free Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine vaccine to 90% of women delivering at birthing hospitals in Philadelphia. to reduce the incidence of pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough. Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory infection which is on the rise in the United States. In 2010 there were an estimated 21,291 cases of pertussis reported to the Centers for Disease Control.
- Provide Human papillomavirus (HPV) and Tdap vaccine to patients of the Philadelphia Public Health Department's eight District Health Centers and Philadelphia's correctional system.

Table 1. Vaccine Purchase Plan	
Doses ordered FY2009 and FY2010	
Data Source: Centers for disease Control and Prevention	
Vaccine	Doses
DTaP/Tdap	4,800
HPV	2,579
Influenza	27,420