



**Boston City Council**  
**Stephen J. Murphy**  
City Councillor At-Large

April 8, 2009

Rosaria Salerno  
City Clerk, City of Boston  
Boston City Hall, Room 601  
One City Hall Square  
Boston, MA 02201

**Re: Justice Assistance Grant/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

Dear Clerk Salerno:

Please find the attach letter from the Boston Police Department regarding the City of Boston's Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act outlining the department's allotment in the amount of \$3,907,221.00. This is the amount the City is eligible to receive if they are awarded the funding.

As you will note, as a prerequisite to the application process, the Boston Police Department must provide a copy of the proposed spending plan to the local body of government.

Please be so kind as to note the timeliness of this request as outlined in the attached letter (for Boston City Council review) from the Boston Police Department.

It is also important to note that once the grant is awarded, Councilors will have an additional opportunity to review and discuss the spending plan at the requisite accept and expend hearing which will be held by the Committee on Public Safety.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen J. Murphy  
Councillor-at-Large

# **BostonPolice**

DEPARTMENT

March 9, 2009

Public Safety Chairman Stephen J. Murphy  
Boston City Council  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilor Murphy,

We recently received notification that the Boston Police Department will receive \$3,907,221.00 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA): Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Formula Grant Program (JAG) from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. As a requirement of the grant application, we must provide a copy of the proposed spending plan to our local governing body for review, at the next available hearing opportunity. The award is dependent upon this requirement being completed.

I am requesting that you distribute this letter along with the attached spending plan to your fellow City Councilors, so that they can review at the next available hearing opportunity, and provide any comments back to me. Please note, that once this grant is awarded, City Councilors will have an additional opportunity to review and discuss this spending plan at the requisite Accept and Expend Hearing.

In summary, under this round of ARRA: Byrne/JAG funding, we plan to retain approximately fifty police officers for a period of 12 months.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 617-343-4859. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Hernali Gunaratne,  
Director,  
Research and Development

**Spending Plan: Byrne/JAG Recovery Act**

Retain a minimum approximately 50 sworn officers who are scheduled for lay off.

These Boston Police officers are assigned across the various neighborhoods of Boston – on foot, bicycles or as rapid response in emergency situations. These officers serve a critical function to the department in achieving its community policing mission in each of Boston's neighborhoods. Lay-offs will seriously impact proven effective programs at both the district and citywide level such as the Safe Street Teams Initiative and various District-based gang prevention collaborative efforts. Maintaining the current level of sworn strength will allow us to continue these critical programs that affect both clearance rates and violence reduction strategies.

***Boston Award Allocation: \$3,907,221.00***

- o Total Base Salary including fringe for Sworn Officer ranges between \$68,180.00 for days and \$69,502.44 for nights. A rough estimate is \$70,188.90 per officer.
- o The Quinn bill applies for 50% of the officers. The Quinn Bill is estimated at \$13,380.00 per officer. The City pays 50% (\$6,690.00) of this and the other 50% is paid for by the State.
- o The City of Boston requires a 5.9% Administrative fee on all Boston Police Department grants. The total fee to the City of Boston is \$230,526.03

50 Officers x \$70,188.90 per officer =	\$3,509,445.00
25 Officers (Quinn) x \$6,690.00 per officer =	\$167,250.00
0.59% Indirect fee to City of Boston =	\$230,526.00
 <b>Total Budget</b>	 <b>\$3,907,221.00</b>