



Boston City Council

Special Committee on Federal Stimulus Oversight And Committee on Public Safety

Report of Committee Chair

June 2, 2009

The Boston City Council's Special Committee on the Federal Stimulus Oversight and Committee on Public Safety held a joint public hearing on **June 4, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m.** The hearing was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber on the Fifth Floor of Boston City Hall. The subjects of the hearing were:

- 0549** Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$17,929.10 from the FY09 Avon Foundation "Not Seen, Not Heard: Helping Children of Domestic Violence" Award for the purpose of Family Justice Division Officers in multidisciplinary child witness to violence response training.
- 0581** Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$94,000.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, for the purpose of funding the Boston Police Department's FY08 Buffer Zone Project.
- 0719** Message and order authorizing the Police Department to accept and expend a grant of \$15,869,888.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Recovery Act, for the purpose of retaining the Boston Police Department Officers.
- 0720** Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$3,907,220.99 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program Recovery Act, for the purpose of retaining the Boston Police Department Officers.
- 0721** Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$1,293,194.47 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Recovery Act, for the purposes of retaining the Boston Police Department Officers.
- 0722** Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$1,255,620.15 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Recovery Act, for the purposes of retaining the Boston Police Department Officers.

0723 Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$17,064.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety, for the purpose of funding the Police Department Homicide Unit's Victim Services Advocate

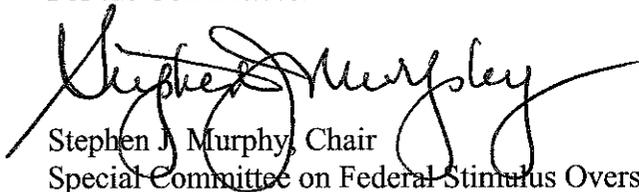
Docket #0549 was sponsored by Mayor Menino and referred to the Committee on Public Safety on April 15, 2009.

Docket #0581 was sponsored by Mayor Menino and referred to the Committee on Public Safety on April 29, 2009

Dockets # 0719-0723 were sponsored by Mayor Menino and jointly referred to the Special Committee on the Federal Stimulus Oversight and the Committee on Public Safety on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

The Chair recommends that the dockets OUGHT TO PASS

For the Committees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stephen J. Murphy, Chair
Special Committee on Federal Stimulus Oversight & Committee on Public Safety

FY09 Boston Police Department COPS Recovery Hiring

Grant Program: FY09 COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)
Funding Agency: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
Amount: \$15,869,888.00 (3 years) **Match:** (4th year)

Docket # 0719

Budget Items: **Personnel:** Retain 67 sworn officer positions.
 Fringe: Benefits associated with retaining 67 sworn officers

Description (Abstract):

The CHRP will support the base salary and benefit costs needed to retain 67 sworn officer positions that, as of the time of application, are currently scheduled to be laid off on 10/2/2009 as a result of recent economic conditions. These positions, including contractually guaranteed step-increases, will be supported by the CHRP for a period of three years. The City of Boston is responsible for maintaining CHRP funded positions for at least one additional year beyond the award period (year four).

Officers funded under the CHRP will allow the Department to continue, as well as expand, its data driven, collaborative community oriented initiatives on a citywide basis, so as to have the greatest impact on violence while also improving community trust. Our goal extends to the institutionalization of the principles of problem solving and community policing so that patrol officers embody these principles as part of their daily policing activities.

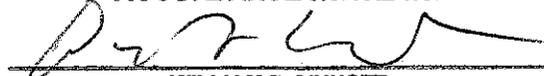
Future Funding: The BPD anticipates this to be a one time, ARA award.

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES RECOVERY ACT FUNDING FOR THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ORDERED: That the Police Commissioner, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the award of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Recovery Act funding, for the purposes of retaining Boston Police Department police officers, not to exceed the amount of Fifteen Million Eight Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$15,869,888.00).

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

May 18, 2009

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Recovery Act funding in the amount of \$15,869,888.00 for the Boston Police Department for the purposes of retaining Boston Police Department police officers.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them for the purposes for which these funds were granted.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston