



# **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

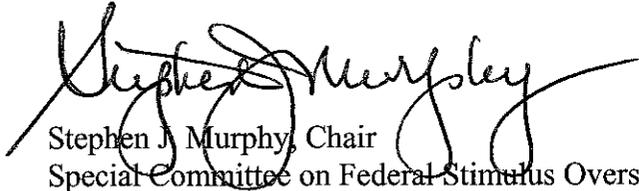
Docket #0549 was sponsored by Mayor Menino and referred to the Committee on Public Safety on April 15, 2009.

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

<b>FY09 Boston Police Department Recovery JAG Law Enforcement Programs</b>
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**Grant Program:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant  
**Funding Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance  
**Amount:** \$3,907,221.00                      **Match:** \$[0.00]

**Budget Items:**            **Personnel:** Officer retention salaries, including Quinn Bill portion  
**Fringe:** Officer retention benefits

**Description (Abstract):**

The main goals for under this proposal for funding are 1) To reduce youth violence and crime across City of Boston; and 2) Employ data-driven, collaborative, community oriented approaches to crime prevention, intervention and enforcement; and 3) Institutionalization of principles of problem solving and community policing. We will achieve our goals through the following objectives: 1) Maintain our current sworn strength for at least one year to allow us to 2) Continue critical enforcement, intervention and prevention programs throughout the City.

The Boston Police Department intends to utilize JAG funds to retain critical Boston Police Officer positions that will allow the department to continue law enforcement efforts and programming. JAG funds will retain 51 Boston Police Officers for at least one year, who would otherwise be scheduled for layoff. 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 as well as in driving down violence in the City through critical enforcement, intervention and prevention efforts. 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.

We will measure performance through the number of sworn positions we were able to retain through these funds, as well as through our ability to continue critical programming throughout the City. Ultimate outcome measures will be ongoing violence reduction in our City.

The BPD Office of Research and Development, Finance Unit, and Human Resources Division will coordinate to ensure goals and objectives are met and performance measure data are collected and reported, The City has instituted an online *City ARRA Grant Tracking and Reporting System* to code, track, and have the ability to report on all ARRA funding activity.

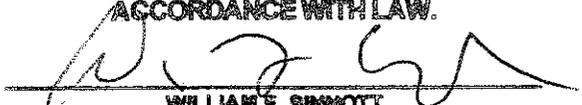
**Future Funding:** The BPD anticipates this to be a one-time ARRA funding award.

**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY09 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT RECOVERY ACT FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE 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 FY 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Recovery Act funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the purposes of retaining Boston Police Department police officers, not to exceed the amount of Three Million Nine Hundred Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$3,907,220.99).

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

  
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**WILLIAM F. SINNOTT  
CORPORATION COUNSEL** *SN*



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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 FY 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Recovery Act funding in the amount of \$3,907,220.99 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance 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