



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

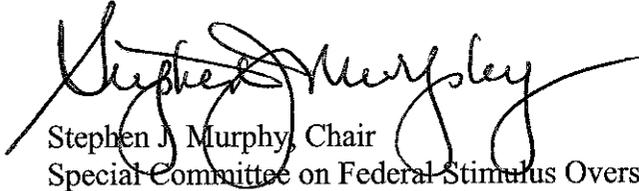
Docket #0549 was sponsored by Mayor Menino and referred to the Committee on Public Safety on April 15, 2009.

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 Civilian Hiring Initiative

Grant Program: ARRA Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive: Hiring of Civilian Staff in Law Enforcement Agencies Grant

Funding Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Amount: \$1,293,194.47 **Match:** \$[0.00]

Budget Items: **Personnel:** Civilian hiring of BRIC RTCC and SNA Analysts, ORD Research Analysts, Compositors, and Distance Learning Coordinator
Fringe: Benefits for new/retained hires
Travel: Travel for required DOJ Grant meetings
Equipment: Computers and software for distance learning program

Description (Abstract):

The Boston Police Department (Boston, MA), requests \$1,293,194.47 under Category IV: Hiring Civilian Staff in Law Enforcement of the ARRA BJA FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program to support its "Civilian Staff in Law Enforcement Hiring Initiative". The primary goals under this proposal for funding are to: 1) Increase the capacity and efficiency of sworn officers on the street to respond to and investigate crimes; 2) Maintain law enforcement critical functioning; and, 3) Reduce violent crime across the City of Boston. These goals will be achieved through the following objectives: 1) Create and retain critical civilian staff positions to increase the BPD's sworn capacity to reduce violent crime; 2) Deliver critical Real-Time intelligence to line officers and investigators to facilitate and improve police response, criminal investigation and officer safety; 3) Deliver critical in-service training to officers, minimizing off-street time; 4) Deliver critical research, analysis, and performance measurement to both Department command staff and district supervisor decision makers; and, 5) Provide line officers and investigators with critical investigative support and community outreach materials essential to incident response and successful investigation.

In response to critical gaps in service resulting from hiring freezes and pending lay-offs, the BPD proposes a critical civilian-staffing strategy to fill vacancies in order to reach minimum capacity, to include: Filling intelligence analysis gaps in *The Boston Regional Intelligence Center* (BRIC) by hiring 3 Real-Time Crime Center Intelligence Analysts and 2 Social Network Analysis Intelligence Analysts; Filling gaps in data driven program development, district-based crime analysis and performance measurement by hiring two Research Analysts in the Office of Research & Development; Maintaining investigative support, patrol outreach, and training by retaining two Compositors in the Multi-Media Unit; and, Filling in gaps in training delivery by hiring one Distance Learning Director in the Academy.

The initiative's major deliverables are: 1) Job creation - measured by the number of positions hired under this award; 2) Job retention - measured by the number of positions retained under this award; 3) Increased officer deployment - measured by the number of districts and specialized investigative units reporting a decrease in officer time spent on analytical duties, the number of districts and specialized investigative units reporting an increase in crime response and investigation efficiency, and the number of officers trained with reduction in replacement/backfill expenses; 3) Increased delivery of training, intelligence, and program analysis - measured by the number of strategic, evidence-based programs conducted, the number of officers receiving training, increase in data collection and analysis conducted, and the number of districts and specialized investigative units reporting improvements, efficiency increases, or savings that are attributed to these critical services; and, 4) Improved crime investigation and clearance - measured by increased arrests and clearances, and decrease in crime rate.

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

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND 2009 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE 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 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive 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 One Million Two Hundred Ninety Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Forty Seven Cents (\$1,293,194.47).

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



**WILLIAM F. SINNOTT
CORPORATION COUNSEL SPN**



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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 Competitive Grant Recovery Act funding in the amount of \$1,293,194.47 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