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NEW FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE INCREASES GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT



Fund Your Shooting Range Equipment with Money from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

This program is a nationwide partnership among federal, state, and local governments to create safer communities. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is authorized to award grants to states for use by states and units of local government to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system—with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenders.

Grants may be used to provide equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems for more widespread apprehension, prosecution, adjudication, detention, and rehabilitation of offenders who violate such state and local laws.

According to the Florida PBA Roll Call Publication (Feb 2009, Volume 37, Issue 1, pg. 9), US Senator Bill Nelson proclaimed, "Faced with the stark reality of rising crime and shrinking resources, state and local governments need help from the federal government. To combat these cuts to law enforcement, the Economic Stimulus legislation will award a total of up to **\$4 billion** to struggling state and local law enforcement agencies, so that they have the resources necessary to protect public safety and keep law enforcement officers on the job..."

The measure includes up to **\$3 billion for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program**, which gives grants to states and local governments for equipment purchases and operating costs. The Stimulus Package could provide state and local law enforcement in Florida as much as \$100 million in Byrne grant monies - a tenfold increase from last year.

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