

**T** Transportation Committee  
Meeting date: August 10, 2009  
For Metropolitan Council: August 26, 2009

<b>ADVISORY INFORMATION</b>	
Date:	August 5, 2009
Subject:	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Transit Security Grant
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	3-2-2 <a href="#">Income Grants Policy</a>
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb; General Manager 612-349-7510 Dave Indrehus; Chief of Police 612-349-7201 Edwin Petrie; Director Finance 612-349-7624 Susan Stensland, Grants Manager 612-349-7603
Division/Department:	Metro Transit, Police Department

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to approve the acceptance of the award of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to support the Transit Security Grant awarded by the Department of Homeland Security on July 31, 2009 to the Metropolitan Council Metro Transit Police.

**Background**

A competitive application was submitted by the Metropolitan Council (Council) on behalf of the Metro Transit Police Department requesting ARRA funding to support a specialized task force. As authorized by the Council in item 2009-146 approved May 13, 2009; the application was approved by the Regional Administrator for submission with the understanding that if funding was received, the award would be brought back to the Council for approval prior to accepting the funding. Council Item 2009-146 and the application approval form are attached to this request for approval.

**Rationale**

The acceptance of this award will fully fund five new police officers for a period of three years, requires no matching funds, and does not require continued employment after three years.

**Funding**

Federal Department of Homeland Security ARRA Grant 2009-RA-R1-0088

**Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition

**M** Management Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 13, 2009

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date Prepared:** April 22, 2009

**Subject:** American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Grant Applications

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue applications for competitive grant funds under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA).

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

**Management Committee – April 22, 2009**

Wes Kooistra, Chief Financial Officer, presented this action item reporting that a number of competitive grant opportunities are becoming available as federal agencies implement ARRA, but that the short timelines for grant application submissions are not conducive to Council and Committee meeting schedules. Prior to grant acceptance, all such agreements will be brought before the council for review and approval.

The amendment passed unanimously

# M Management Committee

**Meeting date: April 22, 2009**

**Metropolitan Council Meeting: May 13, 2009**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	April 17, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Grant Applications
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Council Policy 3-2-2 – Income Grants
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Wes Kooistra, Chief Financial Officer (651-602-1567)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Regional Administration

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue applications for competitive grant funds under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA).

### Background

Council Policy 3-2-2 requires grant applications exceeding \$500,000 be approved by the Council.

### Rationale

A number of competitive grant opportunities are becoming available as federal agencies implement the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). The timelines for grant submissions are very short and not conducive with the Council and Committee meeting schedules.

Prior to grant acceptance all such agreements will be brought before the Council for review and approval.

### Funding

Funding impacts will be determined on a case-by-case basis with each grant application.

### Known Support / Opposition

None.



**Council Policy 3-2-2 – Income Grants** authorizes the Regional Administrator to approve grant applications not exceeding \$500,000 and requires the Council to approve grant applications in excess of \$500,000.

**Instructions:** Department directors or managers who wish to apply for American Reinvestment and Recovery Act competitive grant funds complete this form to request authorization.

**Grant Information**

Program Title and Agency:	FY 2009 ARRA Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)
Application Deadline:	June 15, 2009

**Program Summary**

Enter a brief description of the federal program:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is an economic stimulus package that was designed to jumpstart the U.S. economy. The ARRA has provided \$150,000,000 in funding to the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP). Metro Transit has participated in the TSGP program for the past several years and has received grant awards in 2005 through 2009, funding various security enhancements and initiatives. The FY 2009 ARRA TSGP is accepting applications for the funding of personnel for the creation of anti-terrorism teams.

There is no local match requirement for this grant. Grant funding is based on a pre-approved fix cost/price per officer of \$85,000 per year for three years. This fixed cost will provide 100 percent funding for these additional full-time sworn officer positions including salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months). There is no requirement to continue to employ these officers upon completion of the 36 month grant funding cycle.

**Met Council Proposed Application**

Enter a brief description of the proposed grant application:

**Goal**

To hire up to 5 full time police officers, using the ARRA TSGP grant funding, for the creation of a Metro Transit anti-terrorism and crime suppression unit. This unit will be used to enhance and augment our current anti-terrorism and crime suppression capabilities and efforts. The anti-terrorism team initiative aligns with Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS’) risk-based strategy in confronting terrorist threats to public transportation systems.

**Objectives**

The creation of an 5 officer unit to specifically deal with:

I. Anti-Terrorism prevention efforts:

- Enhance and augment our partnership with TSA VIPR teams.
- Perform high visibility, unpredictable deterrence patrols
- Trained in behavior recognition

Additional benefits of this unit include:

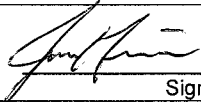
- Act as a crime suppression unit
- Handle Juvenile issues negatively affecting the transit system.
- Conduct School and community outreach as well as provide public awareness promoting appropriate conduct within the transit system.
- The unit will be readily available to be deployed to statistically proven problematic areas.
- The unit will be deployed in order to be responsive to areas of concern by citizens, management, and operators.

Describe any operating restrictions, commitments, savings, tails, or other conditions imposed as a result of accepting the grant funds:

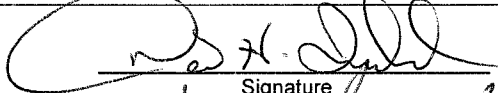
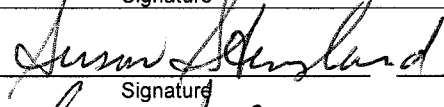
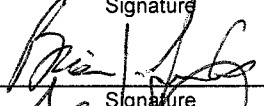

MTPD would benefit greatly from this funding opportunity. The fixed price/cost of \$85,000 per officer per year does effectively fully fund the cost of an FTE. Therefore, the organization does not incur any operational costs associated with this grant. However, if MTPD chooses to continue to employ these officers once the grant funding is exhausted, the total cost to the organization would be approximately \$440,000 (\$88,000 x 5 officers) per year beginning in the year 2013.

Through this grant opportunity, MTPD will gain the benefit of 5 additional officers to deploy towards anti-terrorism prevention efforts and as needed in the capacity of dealing with problem areas and concerns. MTPD has a demonstrable and significant need for this type of unit.

Additional Oper. (Costs)Savings: 0	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Operating Budget Impacted	CY2013	_XX_One-time -or- 3years__Annual
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Project Manager		Administrative LT.	06-07-09
	Signature	Title	Date

### Authorization

Division Director		Chief	6/8/09
	Signature	Title	Date
Grants Manager/Finance Director		Grants Mgr	6/8/09
	Signature	Title	Date
General Manager/Director			6/8/09
	Signature		Date
Regional Administrator			6-10-09
	Signature		Date