

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting
of August 26, 2009

Item: 2009-263

Date August 19, 2009

Prepared:

Subject: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Transit Security Grant

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.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions: Dave Indrehus presented the item and responded to Council Member questions. Recommendation was approved unanimously.

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

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
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 Income Grants Policy
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

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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