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**OAKLAND RECEIVES THE LARGEST STIMULUS
COPS GRANT AWARD IN THE NATION**
Oakland Receives \$19.7 million Over Three Years to Fund 41 Officers

OAKLAND – Mayor Ron Dellums today announced that Oakland will receive \$19.7 million over three years to fund 41 officers from President Barack Obama’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. Oakland received the largest stimulus COPS grant award in the nation.

“Given Oakland’s current budget situation, I’m very pleased with the outcome of this grant allocation,” said Mayor Dellums. “It shows that the Federal government understands that we are trying to take on a much bigger challenge in addressing both our overall public safety strategy and our current budget deficit. We made a very concerted effort to explain that Oakland is prepared to accept a much larger challenge by taking one-time stimulus dollars and leveraging that with other ongoing federal monies and resources, including philanthropy, to make Oakland the model city.”

The Department of Justice received nearly 7,300 applicants requesting over 39,000 officers and \$8.3 billion in funds. However, the DOJ could only fund 1,046 applications for 4,699 officers with \$1 billion in funds. Given the huge national need for the COPS program, DOJ decided to place a funding cap for the jurisdictions selected for an award, which includes the minimum of 5 percent of the actual sworn workforce, or the capped number of 50 officers for larger police forces. Given that Oakland was eligible for the first option, Oakland could receive funding for 41 officers, which was awarded today.

Acting Police Chief Howard Jordan said: “The Oakland Police Department is grateful for the grant funds given to us by the Federal government. This will help in saving police officer jobs and providing services needed to police our city. The City of Oakland will continue to work diligently in resolving the budget deficit. Public safety is still the number one priority for the Oakland Police Department especially in this economic climate.”

While the grant award does not fulfill the City’s entire need for OPD support, Mayor Dellums is playing a leadership role directly with the White House and through the US Conference of Mayors in advocating for additional funds this fiscal year. The Mayor believes

this potential allocation is necessary given the national need, shovel-readiness of funding officers, and direct connections between public safety and economic revitalization in urban centers.

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