

## PUBLIC SAFETY

The following information about funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was compiled by the Office of Congressman Peter Welch. This document is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information.

Please note: Not all applicable programs are included below; the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

### State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

*\$8.8 billion was included in State Fiscal Stabilization funds for other governments.*

- Administrator:** The Governor must submit applications to the Department of Education described below:  
Office of the Governor  
Office of Policy and Management (OPM)
- Purpose:** To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in other programs.
- Description:** The Governor may use 18.2% (\$80.7 million) of the state's allocation of stabilization funds.
- Website:** [www.ct.gov/governorrell](http://www.ct.gov/governorrell)  
[www.ct.gov/opm](http://www.ct.gov/opm)
- Phone:** (860) 566-4840 (Office of the Governor)  
(800) 406-1527  
(860) 418-6200 (OPM)  
(800) 286-2214

### Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

*\$210 million was included for the firefighter assistance grant program for fire stations.*

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
Department of Homeland Security

**Type:** Competitive Grant

**Purposes:** To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire departments

**Website:** [www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/](http://www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/)  
**Email:** [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov)  
**Phone:** 1-866-274-0960 (Help Desk)

### **SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant Program**

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
Department of Homeland Security

**Type:** Competitive Grant

**Provision:** The Recovery Act waives the cost-share requirement for SAFER grants awarded after September 8, 2008.

**Purpose:** To help fire departments increase the number of trained "front-line" firefighters

**Website:** [www.firegrantsupport.com/safer/](http://www.firegrantsupport.com/safer/)  
**Email:** [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov)  
**Phone:** 1-866-274-0960 (Help Desk)

### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants**

**Administrator:** Vermont Department of Public Safety

**Purpose:** Formula funding to state and local police forces to help prevent, fight, and prosecute crime

**Activities:** Programs for law enforcement programs; prosecution and courts; prevention and community relations

**VT Profile:** <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recjag/VT.xls>  
**Website:** <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

**Phone:** (802) 241-5419 (Vermont Department of Public Safety)

### **Byrne Competitive Grants Program**

*\$225 million to be used for the Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant Program*

**Office:** Office of Justice Assistance

**Agency:** Department of Justice

**Type:** Competitive Grants

**Purpose:** To prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims

**Description:** In order to stabilize state and local governments and fight crime, funds can be

**Website:** <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>

**Email:** [Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov](mailto:Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov)

**Phone:** 1-866-859-2687 (Bureau of Justice Assistance)

### **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants**

*\$1 billion included for the COPS Hiring Grants program.*

**Office:** Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

**Agency:** Department of Justice

**Type:** Competitive Grant

**Purposes:** For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers.

**VT Profile:** [http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/Cong\\_Conf\\_Calls/Quick\\_Facts/VTqf.p](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/Cong_Conf_Calls/Quick_Facts/VTqf.p)

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**Website:** [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov)

**Email:** [ask.Cops@usdoj.gov](mailto:ask.Cops@usdoj.gov)

**Phone:** 1-800-421-6770 (COPS Office Response Center)

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