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## **PENNSYLVANIA TO RECEIVE \$45 MILLION IN RECOVERY ACT GRANTS TO BENEFIT PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE- RELATED EFFORTS**

**HARRISBURG** – Pennsylvania will receive more than \$45 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or ARRA, funds to maintain and increase public safety statewide, while creating or retaining jobs within the law enforcement community, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency said today.

Announced by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funds are part of more than \$4 billion dollars in ARRA dollars available to assist state, local and tribal law enforcement. The funds can also be used to support criminal justice activities that work toward preventing crime and improving the criminal justice system.

“These federal funds represent a true investment in our public safety efforts,” said Commission on Crime and Delinquency Chairman Walter M. Phillips Jr. “These dollars will not only fight crime by assisting law enforcement and victim service providers, but they will also support alternatives to incarceration, such as problem-solving courts, services for at-risk youth and efforts to revitalize vacant and blighted properties across the state.”

JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, including crime prevention, victims' services and domestic violence programs, re-entry programs, and juvenile delinquency prevention programs and services.

The allocation of JAG grants is formula-driven, based on population and violent crime statistics from each state. The \$45 million represents sixty percent of the \$72 million total allocation awarded to Pennsylvania, with the other 40 percent of the funding set aside for local governments, including cities, counties and townships.

As the state's leading criminal justice planning agency, PCCD works to prevent and reduce crime in Pennsylvania and respond to the needs of victims. PCCD collaborates with the Governor's office, state and local elected officials, victim service agencies, juvenile and criminal justice agencies, community-based organizations and others to achieve those goals.

For more information about PCCD, visit [www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us). For information on how ARRA funds are being put to work in Pennsylvania, visit [www.recovery.pa.gov](http://www.recovery.pa.gov).

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