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As of February 18, 2009

This is the major economic stimulus package proposed in response to a worsening economic recession. H.R. 1 was approved by the House of Representatives Wednesday, Jan. 28th on a 244-188 vote. This first version of the bill presents an \$825 billion recovery package, developed by House Democratic leadership and the Obama Administration. The Senate considered its own version of H.R. 1, represented by the Collins-Nelson substitute. The Senate approved a motion for cloture for this substitute on Feb. 9th by a vote of 61-36. The Conference Report reconciling the House and Senate versions was passed in both the House (246 – 183) and Senate (60 – 38) on February 13th, 2009 and signed by the President on February 17th, 2009.

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	<i>H.R. 1 (House-passed)</i>	<i>H.R. 1 (Collins-Nelson Senate Substitute)</i>	<i>H.R. 1 (Signed by President)</i>
<i>Byrne/JAG</i>	\$3 billion – uses existing formula; special rules for Puerto Rico do not apply	\$1.2 billion to remain available until September 30, 2010 – uses existing formulas; special rules for Puerto Rico do not apply	\$2 billion; uses existing formula; special rules for Puerto Rico do not apply
<i>COPS</i>	\$1 billion under existing formulas; for hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers (Part Q of the 1968 Act) Peer-reviewed grants made with a 120 day time limitation. Waives the cap on the Federal contribution	\$1 billion; waives the cap on the Federal contribution of \$75,000 over 3 years. \$10 million for the Salaries and Expenses account within State and Local Law Enforcement Activities.	\$1 billion for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers; waives the cap on the Federal contribution of \$75,000 over 3 years. \$10 million for the Salaries and Expenses account within State and Local Law Enforcement Activities.
<i>Competitive Grants</i>		\$300 million	\$225 million, for competitive, peer-reviewed grants
<i>Southwest Border Project</i>		\$90 million for competitive grants available until September 30, 2010, \$10 million of which is for the ATFE Project Gunrunner	\$40 million for competitive grants along the Southern border and in High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas; \$10 million for ATFE Project Gunrunner
<i>Victims' Compensation</i>		\$100 million for formula grants through the Office for Victims of Crime	\$100 million for formula grants through the Office for Victims of Crime
<i>Tribal Law Enforcement</i>		\$300 million for grants. Of which, \$250 million for grants under Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, \$25 million for the Tribal Alcohol and Substance Abuse assistance and \$25 million for the Tribal Courts Assistance Program	\$225 million for Indian County grants
<i>Internet Crimes Against Children</i>		\$50 million	\$50 million
<i>VAWA</i>		\$300 million for grants to the Office on Violence Against Women, of which \$250 million is for the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program.	\$225 million for grants to the Office on Violence Against Women, of which \$175 million is for the STOP grants and \$50 million is for the transitional housing assistance grants
<i>Rural Law Enforcement</i>		\$150 million to remain available until September 30, 2010.	\$125 million for assistance to law enforcement in rural areas

*All funds are available until expended or September 30th, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

The relevant agencies to each of these programs are updating their pages frequently with guidance. Check back at these sites regularly for new information.

- COPS program: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/>
- Bureau of Justice Statistics: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>
- Violence Against Women Act: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/regulations.htm>
- NCSL Criminal Justice: <http://www.ncsl.org/standcomm/sclaw/sclaw.htm>
- H.R. 1 Bill and Report Text: http://www.rules.house.gov/bills_details.aspx?NewsID=4149