



Secretary Napolitano Announces \$78 Million in Recovery Act Funds for Transit Security Officers and Equipment

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Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano today announced nearly \$78 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) funding for approximately 240 new law enforcement officers at 15 transit systems across the country to enhance the nation's ability to guard against acts of terrorism.

"Securing our mass transit systems requires well-trained personnel on the ground to protect against those who seek to cause harm," said Secretary Napolitano. "This Recovery Act money will create critical law enforcement jobs that will help our nation prevent terrorist attacks."

Secretary Napolitano announced the funding at New York City's Grand Central Terminal, where hundreds of thousands of commuters and visitors travel each day. The grants will provide approximately \$35 million for approximately 125 new officers in the New York Police Department through the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority as well as additional resources in other urban transit systems across the nation.

The announcement reflects Secretary Napolitano's commitment to applying Recovery Act funds to projects and programs that create jobs for Americans while strengthening the security of the United States quickly and efficiently.

The funds, allocated by the Transportation Security Administration through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2009 Transit Security Grant Program, will be used by transit agencies to hire new law enforcement officers and by police departments with dedicated transit bureaus to hire anti-terrorism personnel, purchase anti-terrorism equipment and obtain and train explosive detection canines.

The three types of grants announced today include:

- Anti-Terrorism Teams, including overt and covert officers whose activities focus on terrorism prevention;
- Explosive Detection Canine Teams, which consist of an explosives detection canine and an officer/handler; and
- Mobile Explosives Detection Screening Teams, which deploy trained officers and explosives detection technology for random security screening in the transit environment.

Summary of Transit Security Grants announced today:

State	Urban Area	Agency	Recommended Funding
N/A	N/A	AMTRAK	\$6,343,500
DC	National Capital Region	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)	\$9,560,064
GA	Atlanta	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)	\$685,980
IL	Chicago	Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) for Chicago Police Department (CPD)	\$4,869,000
		Northeast Illinois Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra)	\$1,670,988
MN	Twin Cities	Metro Transit (Twin Cities)	\$1,328,700
NY	Buffalo	Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA)	\$2,234,070
	New York City	New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (for NYPD)	\$35,904,000
OH	Cleveland	The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	\$1,396,830
PA	Philadelphia	Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA)	\$2,085,000
		Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)	\$4,458,870
PR	San Juan	Puerto Rico Department of Transportation & Public Works	\$965,193
TX	Dallas	Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)	\$1,362,690
	Houston	Houston Metro	\$3,040,560
WA	Seattle	King County Department of Transportation	\$1,906,530
TOTAL			\$77,811,975

These ARRA grants supplement the \$388.6 million in FY 2009 Transit Security Grant Program funding announced by Secretary Napolitano in April.

In awarding ARRA funds, DHS prioritizes shovel-ready projects that infuse resources into local economies quickly while meeting critical security needs. DHS has obligated approximately 20 percent of its ARRA funds to date, and is on track to obligate more than 50 percent by the end of September 2009.

ARRA, signed into law by President Obama on Feb. 19, committed more than \$3 billion for homeland security projects through DHS and the General Services Administration (GSA).

Further information on DHS-FEMA grant programs is available at www.dhs.gov and www.fema.gov/grants. To learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects, visit www.dhs.gov/recovery.

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