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Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]* City Attorney *[Signature]* Finance *[Signature]* Other (Specify) _____

DATE: April 10, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: John Crombach, Chief of Police *[Signature]*
Police Department

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council authorize the City Manager or designee to execute and submit four proposals for U.S. Department of Justice grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,166,604 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program's "Hiring of Civilian Staff in Law Enforcement Agencies" category.

DISCUSSION

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 recently appropriated \$225 million nationwide to the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Memorial). Byrne Memorial grants are focused on ensuring job growth and job retention. The Bureau of Justice Assistance administers these funds through a competitive application process. Agencies may submit more than one proposal.

One of the program's solicitation categories funds the hiring of civilian staff in law enforcement agencies. Awardees in this category may hire staff whose employment supports the goal of making sworn law enforcement officers more available on the street in an effort to reduce and prevent crime. Applicants submit competitive proposals, and awardees can receive funding for a two-year period. No funding match is required during the two-year grant period. Sustainability of the positions beyond the two-year grant period is considered in proposal evaluations.

The grant's monies may not supplant or replace funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

The Oxnard Police Department has identified positions in which civilian staff could be employed to increase efficiency, create jobs, and to allow sworn personnel to be more available in the field

to address crime issues. This is consistent with the intent of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as well as the City Council's Vision Statement.

The Oxnard Police Department plans to submit four separate proposals for the following civilian support positions, which are listed below by proposal, along with their annual grant funding request amounts:

<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Annual Cost (Salary + Benefits)</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1)	Community Service Officer	\$78,100	5	\$390,500
	Crime Analysis Supervisor	\$123,965	1	\$123,965
	Victim Advocate	\$91,312	1	\$91,312
			Proposal 1 Total:	\$605,777
2)	Administrative Services Assistant	\$98,789	1	\$98,789
3)	Public Safety Dispatcher	\$84,578	2	\$169,156
4)	Computer Network Engineer	\$104,790	2	\$209,580
		Total of all four proposals:		\$1,083,302

Should all four proposals be awarded, the total award during the two-year period would be \$2,166,604.

The application deadline for this grant funding opportunity is April 27, 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this recommendation will have no effect on the General Fund Operating Reserve during the two-year grant period. At the conclusion of the second year, the annual costs to the City of Oxnard are estimated to be \$1,083,302 if all four proposals and all of their positions are sustained.

Upon notification of the grant award, the Police Department will request approval for appropriation of grant funds from the City Council.