

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



Contact: Peter Boylan/Lori Hamamoto 202-224-3934

HONOLULU POLICE TO RECEIVE MORE THAN \$5 MILLION FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO HIRE 21 OFFICERS

July 28, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON-The Honolulu Police Department will receive more than \$5 million to hire 21 officers through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today.

HPD will receive \$5,197,353 to fund the hiring and rehiring of law enforcement officers as part of a \$1 billion grant received by the U.S. Department of Justice through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

These funds will provide 100 percent of the approved salary and benefits for these officers for three years.

All police departments receiving the grants will then be required to retain the grant-funded positions for a fourth year.

“These funds come at a critical time for the Honolulu Police Department. Dwindling tax revenues and difficult economic times have prompted a city wide hiring freeze and have forced the department to alter their recruiting and retention strategies,” said Senator Inouye. “The safety of Honolulu’s residents and visitors is vital to the economy and the community.”

The grants will be awarded to 1,046 law enforcement agencies from all 50 states.

The Recovery Act grants, which will be administered by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) through the federal

agency's COPS Hiring Recovery Program, provide much needed financial support to state, local and tribal governments, and will help the nation's law enforcement agencies add and retain the manpower needed to fight crime more effectively through community policing.

The Department of Justice received over 7,200 applications for more than 39,000 officer positions, representing a total of \$8.3 billion in requested funding.

For more information about the COPS grants, or to learn which law enforcement agencies received funding, please visit www.cops.usdoj.gov.