



# CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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## **San Antonio receives funding for 50 new police officers**

*City's award is tops in Texas, among largest in nation*

Federal officials announced today more than \$1 billion in grants to add police officers to the streets of America, including a maximum award of 50 new positions to the San Antonio Police Department.

The city's successful application for \$10.35 million in federal stimulus funding was the highest in Texas and will provide a welcome boost to San Antonio's already strong community policing efforts, Mayor Julián Castro said.

"This is great news for our city," Castro said. "These will be officers on the street, working with neighborhoods to make San Antonio safer."

The mayor said San Antonio's award through the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is a tribute to the application put together by City staff and police officials, and signed off on by the City Council.

"I applaud the high priority the Obama administration has placed on making America's streets safer," Castro said. "This grant is one more step in making San Antonio the safest big city in America."

City Manager Sheryl Sculley said the funds will increase the police department's presence in neighborhoods around the city.

"We are grateful to be receiving the maximum amount of federal stimulus funding possible for critically needed police services," Sculley said. "We will utilize the one-time funds to add 50 police officers and strengthen neighborhood patrol."

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus said the funding will have a direct impact on the department's efforts to control crime.

"Funding for 50 new officers will bolster our pro-active, crime fighting efforts and support our community-oriented partnerships in San Antonio," said Police Chief William McManus

