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## **Basham Announces \$550,000 in Crime-Fighting Funds from Federal Recovery Act for Local Communities**

*Michigan eligible for an additional \$67 million to enhance law enforcement*

LANSING, Mich. — Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) today announced that several cities throughout Wayne County have been allotted funds directly from the Federal Recovery Act to enhance law enforcement efforts to fight drug-related and violent crimes. These funds may also be used for technology enhancements for law enforcement agencies, saving both time and money and increasing efficiency.

"These funds are key to helping our communities fight crime and keeping our streets safe for our families," said Basham. "By enhancing law enforcement through investing in new technology and additional resources, we can make sure our police officers concentrate their efforts on putting violent criminals behind bars and building law enforcement activity in high crime areas."

In addition to the \$94, 316 the County of Wayne will receive directly, Federal Recovery Act funds will be allocated to the following cities throughout the district:

- Allen Park City: \$18,796
- Lincoln Park City: \$72,667
- Melvindale City: \$14,097
- Taylor City: \$124,356
- Romulus City: \$80,890
- Wyandotte City: \$26,516
- Wayne City: \$68,807
- Southgate City: \$49,675

Another \$67 million in economic recovery funds will be coming to Michigan through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG). Sixty percent of these federal dollars, or more than \$41 million, will be administered by the Department of Community Health Office of Drug Control Policy and awarded to state and local criminal justice agencies by a competitive grant process. The remaining 40 percent of the total federal allocation – approximately \$25.8 million - will be awarded directly to units of local government to help prevent, fight, and prosecute drug-related and violent crime.

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