



# *City of Gilroy*

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### **City of Gilroy In Line to Receive Federal Stimulus Funds**

The City of Gilroy has applied for and been granted funding of \$2,162,270.00 under The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. More than \$783 billion dollars are designated for various programs throughout the nation. The stated purpose of the Recovery Act is to create and save jobs, jumpstart our economy, and build the foundation for long-term economic growth. The Act includes measures to modernize the nation's infrastructure, enhance America's energy independence, expand educational opportunities, increase access to health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

The stimulus funds in Gilroy will be used for the following items.

**Police Department** - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program Grant Award of \$1,160,418.00 over a 3 year period. This will cover the cost of 3 new police officers. This will bring the number of sworn officers in Gilroy from 53 to 56.

The City Council voted unanimously to accept these funds at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and authorized City Administrator Tom Haglund to execute the related documents.

**Sidewalks** –Gilroy will receive up to \$663,000 from federal highway stimulus funds for a project to repair sidewalks on 11 streets in the City.

**Gilroy Youth Center** - \$131,852. For demolishing the seismically unsafe Gilroy Youth Center and remediating hazards resulting from the demolition in preparation for replacement buildings. These funds must be spent no later than September 30, 2012.

**Signal Synchronization** - Gilroy will receive \$207,000 from federal energy stimulus funds for a traffic signal synchronization project and a climate action plan.

The City acted quickly to identify potential qualifying local uses for available funding and managed to successfully complete and submit applications in an extremely short timeline.

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