

WASHINGTON – Law enforcement agencies, crime prevention programs and drug treatment and enforcement efforts in and around Congressional District 5 will receive more than \$8 million in justice assistance grants to aid their efforts, U.S. Rep. Harry E. Mitchell announced on Friday.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Grants are administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance to help communities prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The justice assistance grants announced Friday were approved by Congress, with Rep. Mitchell's support, as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan.

“As we work our way through this incredibly difficult economic downturn, it is important to keep our communities and neighborhoods safe,” Mitchell said. “This funding will help provide more officers, more court personnel and more equipment, and it will provide more help for victims of domestic violence and other crimes.”

Under the Recovery Act's allocation formula, which is determined by a combination of population and crime statistics, Scottsdale would receive \$260,686 and Tempe would receive \$568,400. Congressman Mitchell also represents parts of Mesa, Chandler and Phoenix, which will receive a combined \$8 million in JAG funds.