

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Budget, Finance and Business Operations Committee
June 18, 2009

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information Only

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The SUS will be the recipient of \$159 million in education stimulus funds for 2009. The Legislature has allocated funds to each institution in the 2009 general appropriations act and included the following proviso:

The receipt of funds provided in Specific Appropriations 24 through 149 from federal stimulus grants authorized in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 by an eligible recipient are contingent upon the recipient's agreement to fully comply with the application and reporting requirements established by the Department of Education or the Board of Governors, as applicable.

Working with the Florida Department of Education and Governors Office, the Board General Office has developed initial reporting documentation and requirements. We are waiting on further guidance from the US Department of Education and Office of Management and Budget on data elements that will be necessary to meet the federal quarterly reporting requirements.

In addition to the direct appropriation of education stimulus funds, the universities are applying directly to other Florida state agencies and federal agencies, such as the National Science Foundation or National Institute of Health, to obtain other federal stimulus grants. The SUS institutions have been requested to inform the Board General Office of all proposals that have been submitted and awards that have been made from ARRA Funds. The attached spreadsheet is a summary of that information as reported on May 15, 2009. The funds include direct awards from a federal government agency to

the institution reporting or a subcontract with a non-Florida entity. The purpose of this data summary is to indicate ARRA funds being sought and awarded to public universities.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. State Appropriation of Federal Stimulus Funds by University
2. Summary of Funding Proposals Submitted by University
3. Request for Application Form
4. Project Application Form
5. Assurances Form

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