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## **Governor Jan Brewer Announces Award of Stimulus Funds for Universities**

*\$154 Million to Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University*

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced the award of stimulus funds to the State's three universities for FY 2009 funding from the first phase of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Just over \$154 million will be dispersed next week with the universities receiving the following amounts: ASU \$69,822,000, U of A \$60,824,000 and NAU \$23,491,000.

"From the early days of the package's approval in February, I committed to pursue Arizona's portion of federal funds to help avoid massive cuts to our higher education system," said Governor Brewer. "These important funds, coupled with my continued commitment to secure additional revenues through a temporary tax increase, should help Arizona and our critically important universities weather a massive state budget deficit."

In order to receive funding, the State's SFSF application provided assurances for Maintenance-Of-Effort (MOE) requirements set forth in Section 14005(d) of the ARRA that states in each of FYs 2009, 2010, and 2011, the State would maintain State support for public Institutes of Higher Education (IHEs) at least the level of such support in FY 2006. Per ARRA legislation, the Governor shall allocate funds to IHEs in proportion to the relative shortfall in State support.

The process for awarding funds to IHEs as set forth by the application for initial funding says the Governor's Office will evaluate the anticipated uses of funds using the following preliminary criteria: 1) Accountability, Transparency, and Reporting; 2) Limit Tuition and Fee Increases; 3) Prevent Personnel Reductions; 4) Drive Higher Education Reform; 5) Mitigate the Effects of One-time Funding; and 6) Create Jobs.

The mandated restoration amount for higher education for Phase I is \$183 million, with \$154 million going to the universities and \$29 million to community colleges. Funding for community colleges is scheduled to be available in August.

For more information, please visit the State of Arizona's stimulus funds website at [www.azrecovery.gov](http://www.azrecovery.gov).

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