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## **Governor Jan Brewer Announces First Release of Government Services Funds**

*\$50 million awarded to Department of Corrections for salary expenses of 1,305 officers*

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced the first distribution of the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) Government Services Fund (GSF) monies to the Arizona Department of Corrections through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). A total of \$50 million will be given to the Department to pay officer's salary expenses incurred during the first five (5) pay periods of FY2010 in order to support officers needed to staff required security posts throughout the state's prison system to ensure the safety of the public, staff and inmates.

"I have long emphasized that I will do everything in my power to see that public safety in the State of Arizona is not compromised," said Governor Jan Brewer. "By choosing to award the Arizona Department of Corrections \$50 million from the Government Services Fund, I have made good on my commitment to mitigate funding cuts to such vital services as public safety and support our dedicated correctional officers."

"The \$50 million will go to ensure our Department operates with a full complement of officers to protect Arizonans," said ADC Director Charles L. Ryan. "The money released by Governor Brewer pays the salaries of our brave and hard-working correctional officers in this difficult economic time."

"I am extremely pleased, and so will my officers be, to know that Governor Brewer and the Arizona Office of Economic Recovery care enough about our safety and well being to fund such an important public safety agency," said Michael Duran, State Executive President of the Arizona Correctional Peace Officers Association. "This stretches further than just safety for my officers - this helps us do our first and foremost job of protecting the public everyday."

The Government Services Funds are one portion of the SFSF, aimed at helping states to provide maximum flexibility in addressing budget shortfalls. Funds are to be allocated at the Governor's discretion as designed by federal law.

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

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