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To: Research Faculty, Deans, Chairs and Interested Campus Staff

From: David P. Earwicker, Assistant Vice President, Research Administration

Re: Federal Recovery Act and Stimulus Funds

As you no doubt are keenly aware, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as the federal stimulus package, will be upon us shortly. It is an unprecedented and very short term injection of resources into the national economy. Of the \$787 billion in capital flows, approximately 2.7%, or \$21.5 billion, is set aside for a 19-month (expensed by 9/30/2010) supplement to the national research enterprise. This is a window that we may never see again, as these one-time funds will most likely be followed by a period of relative austerity as fiscal realities are addressed. These funds are about short-term economic stimulus and job creation, and many faculty have education, research and community engagement projects in progress or contemplated which meet these criteria.

Our capacity to participate is to some extent limited, as for many of the agencies the need to introduce the funding quickly means that large allocations will go to expand existing grants and resuscitate proposals which were scored as fundable but were rejected over the last 9 months due to limited resources. **FACULTY, PLEASE NOTE:** if you have an existing federal grant or were recently rejected, do not hesitate to contact your program officer. You are encouraged to discuss either a supplement to your existing award or ways of quickly amending a proposed project to get it into the funded scoring range. Your sponsored research officer will help you with this process if you are unclear as to how to proceed.

A careful reading of the distribution patterns shows that the STEM fields will be most broadly supported, but the range of funding is extensive. Please bear in mind that the U.S. Department of Education will distribute in excess of \$50 billion, largely for K-12 to the states, but about \$5 billion will be distributed by Secretary Duncan with a focus on educational equity and achievement gap reduction. The Humanities, regrettably, are not supported proportionally by the stimulus, with \$50 million allocated currently to the National Endowment for the Arts.

Next Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, we will hold two special open sessions to discuss the federal agencies allocating funds and the distribution criteria as they are currently known. Faculty interested in pursuing any of these funds, alone or in collaboration with others, are encouraged to attend. Please reserve a spot by emailing Jan Burnaugh at [janb@csus.edu](mailto:janb@csus.edu).

## Federal Recovery/Stimulus Forums

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

11:30 - 12:30 p.m., California Suite, University Union

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Lobby Suite, University Union

Our website ([www.csus.edu/research](http://www.csus.edu/research)), the Funding Alert ([www.csus.edu/research/funding/alert/0309/spotlight.htm](http://www.csus.edu/research/funding/alert/0309/spotlight.htm)), the CA site ([www.recovery.ca.gov](http://www.recovery.ca.gov)) and the federal coordinating site ([www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)) contain a great deal of useful information that you are encouraged to review carefully. A brief summary of the allocations and some potential areas of campus connection are noted below. More information will be posted to our website shortly.

I look forward to seeing you next week. In the interim, please contact your Sponsored Research Officer if you need assistance or clarification.

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### **A Snapshot: Anticipated Federal Research Spending: 2009-10 Stimulus**

National Institutes of Health: \$10.4 billion

Nursing, allied health sciences, wellness, nutrition, early childhood development, special needs populations, etc.

US Department of Energy: \$4.1 billion

Office of Science, renewable energy, biomass research, weatherizing, alternative energies, smart grid systems, worker training

National Science Foundation: \$3.0 billion

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): \$1.2 billion

NASA: \$1.0 billion

Health and Human Services (non-NIH funding): \$700 million

National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST): \$600 million

Department of Defense (Science Initiatives): \$200 million

US Dept of Agriculture: \$200 million

US Geological Survey: \$100-140 million

National Endowment for the Arts: \$50 million