

ACTION ITEM

Governing Board Agenda

Meeting Date: September 22, 2009

Item Number	Item Title	Responsible Agents
VI.A.1	Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Governor’s Office of Economic Recovery and The Maricopa Community College District	Ms. Debra Thompson

Recommendation

The Governor’s Office of Economic Recovery (“GOER”) was established by Governor Brewer to oversee and discharge funds granted under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Recovery Act). It is recommended that the Governing Board approve this intergovernmental agreement, which will facilitate the release of \$15,093,592 for those items contained in the Maricopa Community College District Request for Reimbursement of Pre Award Costs which has been reviewed and approved by GOER. The IGA also will provide for the release of additional Recovery act funds that may be provided through FY2009-2010.

Justification

Governor’s office staff met with community college representatives in late July and followed up with communication in early August. The main focus of the discussion was the FY08-09 distribution of funds to community colleges. The Governor’s Office asked the districts to look at FY08-09 expenditures and reclassify appropriate eligible expenditures to Recovery Act funding. We were provided with a form to do so and asked to submit by the third week of August.

All districts followed the direction of the Governor’s Office and all have submitted a reimbursement claim, as directed by the Governor’s Office. The net effect is that this will free up \$15,093,592 in General Fund dollars at the Maricopa Community Colleges in FY08-9. As discussed at the August Governing Board retreat, we propose to use this to the extent necessary to help us phase in budget reductions likely to be needed due to future State aid cuts that are expected. We hope this will better enable us to more thoughtfully put permanent reductions in place, with limited service disruption.

According to the Governor’s Office, this IGA will be in effect through FY2009-2010, and provide for the distribution of additional Recovery Act funds that may be distributed.

Funding	Approvals/Certifications
<u>Source:</u> ARRA—Restricted Fund/Fund Balance- General Fund <u>Account Identification:</u>	Chancellor _____ Academic & Student Affairs _____ Business Services _____ Human Resources _____ ITS_ _____ Res Dev & Cmty Relations _____ College President _____