Mississippi’s Public Community and Junior Colleges
Plan for the Use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF)
CFDA #84.397 SFSF Government Services
CFDA #84.394 SFSF Education State Grant Recovery Act

Name of College: ___Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College___

SECTION I.
Provide a narrative describing how your college plans to use the ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF):
Narrative must include:

- A description of the way your college intends to expend ARRA-SFSF Government Services Funds and SFSF Education Funds (Multiple uses may be indicated - your college is not restricted to one use),
- A reference to the projected number of jobs that will be saved or created (http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_fy2009/m09-21.pdf, p. 35-37), and
- An estimated percentage of tuition increase mitigated due to receipt of SFSF funds.

According to a factsheet found on the website of the United States Department of Education, the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) program is a one-time appropriation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). It was created to provide funds that “will help stabilize state and local government budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential public services.” It is further stated in this factsheet that Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) may use program funds for education and general expenditures in such a way as to mitigate the need to raise tuition and fees for in-state students. With this in mind, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC) will use funds provided through the SFSF program to assist in paying for utilities at its campuses and centers.

As in every case, the most basic, fundamental need of operating an educational institution is the provision of utilities in buildings. Funds expended by the college to pay these utility costs result in the loss of funds that can be spent to respond adequately to the educational needs of our community, which is defined as the district of George, Harrison, Jackson and Stone counties. Using the SFSF in this manner will allow the college to spend state and local appropriations on educational programs and services that are vital to accomplishing the mission of the college. These programs and services include, but are not limited to, quality instruction, state-of-the-art instructional technology in the classroom, facility repairs and maintenance, student life enrichment, and economic and cultural development activities.
The rise in the costs of providing natural gas, electricity, and water to college facilities is detailed below:

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<tr>
<th>Fiscal Year</th>
<th>Utility Costs</th>
<th>%-age Increase Compared to FY2005</th>
<th>%-age of Total Operating Expenditures</th>
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<td>FY2005*</td>
<td>$1,678,997</td>
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<td>$2,233,409</td>
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<td>$2,723,504</td>
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<td>$2,941,322</td>
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<td>$3,054,626</td>
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<td>$2,945,941</td>
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*NOTE: These figures are taken from the college’s annual audits as detailed in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets.

In the last two years, MGCCC was forced to raise tuition for full-time students from $790 per semester in FY 2009 to $1,150 per semester in FY 2011 (45.57% increase). This increase was required to offset a loss of revenue from a Community Disaster Loan awarded to the college immediately following Hurricane Katrina, decreasing state appropriations and double digit enrollment increases. Without the availability of ARRA funding through the SFSF in FY 2011, it is anticipated that the college would have been forced to raise tuition an additional $100 for full-time students, or an additional 10.5 percent, to retain the ability to meet obligations related to utility costs at the college facilities. As utility costs are constant and ever-rising each year, these costs would have been passed on to the student through a further increase in tuition. Allowing MGCCC to utilize funds made available through the ARRA-SFSF to partially offset expenses related to utility costs will benefit both the college and its students.
SECTION II.

Please provide a Budget below for the intended Use or Use(s) of your FY 2011 allocated funds as they relate to your Plan for expending ARRA-SFSF funds.

**Budget for FY 2011 SFSF Education and Government Services Funds:**

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<tr>
<th>Provide Name of Use in Box</th>
<th>Use 1</th>
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*Grand Total for All Uses must not exceed the ARRA- SFSF FY 2011 Allocation for SFSF Government Services and SFSF Education funds for your college.*

SECTION III.

Institution’s Designated Point of Contact for State Fiscal Stabilization Funds:

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Dr. Billy W. Stewart, Jr.</th>
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SECTION IV.

GENERAL ASSURANCES FOR STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUNDS

I hereby certify, on behalf of the community or junior college identified below, all of the following with respect to amounts received by the community or junior college under the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) program:

1. The community or junior college may use State Fiscal Stabilization Funds for education and general expenditures, in such a way as to mitigate the need to raise tuition and fees for in-state residents;
2. The community or junior college may use the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds for modernization, renovation, or repair of public institutions of higher education (IHE) facilities that are primarily used for instruction, research, or student housing, including modernization, renovation, and repairs that are consistent with a recognized green-building rating system;
3. The community or junior college must pay any laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors on modernization, renovation or repair projects assisted in whole or in part with ARRA funds in accordance with the prevailing wage requirements as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40 of the United States Code (commonly called “Davis-Bacon and related acts”);
4. The community or junior college using State Fiscal Stabilization Funds must give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously. In addition, community and junior colleges must use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit;
5. The community or junior college may use State Fiscal Stabilization Funds to provide support for salaries related to classroom and laboratory instruction and instructional technology;
6. The community or junior college may use State Fiscal Stabilization Funds to provide academic support for libraries, laboratories, and other academic facilities;
7. The community or junior college may use State Fiscal Stabilization funds to provide institutional support for activities related to personnel, payroll, security, environmental health and safety, and administrative offices;
8. The community or junior college may use State Fiscal Stabilization Funds to provide student services that promote a student’s emotional and physical well-being outside the context of the formal instructional program;
9. The community or junior college may use State Fiscal Stabilization Funds to provide student aid, such as IHE-sponsored grants and scholarships;
10. The community or junior college will not use State Fiscal Stabilization Funds to increase its endowment;
11. The community or junior college will not transfer State Fiscal Stabilization Funds to a “rainy day” fund. The community or junior college must actually obligate the funds for specific allowable activities during the period of fund availability;
12. The community or junior college will not use State Fiscal Stabilization funds for maintenance of systems, equipment, or facilities;
13. The community or junior college will not use State Fiscal Stabilization Funds for modernization, renovation, or repair of stadiums or other facilities primarily used for athletic contests or exhibitions or other events for which admission is charged to the general public;
14. The community or junior college will not use State Fiscal Stabilization funds for modernization, renovation, or repair of facilities used for sectarian instruction or religious worship or in which a substantial portion of the functions of the facilities are subsumed in a religious mission;
15. The community or junior college will not use State Fiscal Stabilization Funds to support new construction; and
16. The community or junior college will not use State Fiscal Stabilization Funds for any prohibited actions as outlined in the requirements in Titles XIV, XV, and XVI of Division A of the ARRA relating to the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.
ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND REPORTING ASSURANCES
The community or junior college will comply with all of the accountability, transparency, and reporting requirements that apply to the Stabilization funds, including the following:

1. The community or junior college that receives recovery funds shall submit a report to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges that provides information required under Section 1512(c) in Title XIV of the ARRA after the end of each calendar quarter that contains:
   A. the total amount of stabilization funds received;
   B. the amount of stabilization funds received that were expended or obligated to projects or activities;
   C. a detailed list of all projects or activities for which stabilization funds were expended or obligated, including:
      1. the name of the project or activity;
      2. a description of the project or activity;
      3. an evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity;
      4. an estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity; and
      5. detailed information on any subcontracts or sub grants awarded by the recipient to include the data elements required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-282), allowing aggregate reporting on awards below $25,000 or to individuals, as prescribed by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
   D. the tuition and fee increases for in-state students imposed by the community or junior college and a description of any actions taken by the college to limit the increases.

2. The community or junior college agrees to obligate funds in accordance with the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 C.F.R 76.707 provision, which defines when an obligation is made; and

3. The community or junior college may obligate State Fiscal Stabilization Funds through September 30, 2011.

I certify on behalf of, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, that these funds will be administered in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations (including assurances in section 442 of the General Education Provisions Act, GEPA, 20 U.S.C. 1232e; guidance on the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund program issued by the U.S. Department of Education on April 1, 2009) applicable to the use of these funds. In addition, the college will offer its full cooperation and assistance in providing data necessary to satisfy ARRA reporting requirements to the SBCJC, to the State of Mississippi and to the Federal Government.

Typed Name of the Community or Junior College President:  Willis H. Lott, Ed.D.

Signature of the Community or Junior College President: 

Signature Date 07/30/10