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**The University of the State of New York**  
**The State Education Department**  
**Education Building, 5 North Mezzanine**  
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Dear Mr. Connell,

The State University of New York community colleges have been awarded funding under the U.S. Department of Education State Fiscal Stabilization Fund grant programs for the 2009-10 fiscal year. We have communicated to each of the community colleges that these funds should be used in accordance with the purpose for which the funds were appropriated by the Legislature. The State University and the community colleges have the appropriate procedures, controls, and oversight mechanisms in place to ensure these funds are used in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 443-5463.

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey J. McGrath**  
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September 30, 2009

**To:** Byron P. Connell  
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New York State Education Department

**From:** Matthew Sapienza *MS*  
University Budget Director  
City University of New York

**Subject:** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Program Summary

The City University of New York is using the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds by keeping tuition levels as low as possible at its community colleges. Had these funds not been received, the recent \$350 annual tuition increase at the CUNY community colleges would have been \$600. The FY2010 State Adopted Budget included \$13.7 million in education stabilization funds for CUNY, and the University is administering these funds to its campuses using a formula based on enrollment. Based on the University's fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30, the ARRA funds will enable CUNY to fill an \$18 million budget gap in FY2010 at its community colleges. CUNY's community colleges will have an additional \$270 to spend on each student due to Recovery Act funds.

The community colleges serve a broad range of constituents—recent high school graduates, immigrant workers needing language and basic skills, and native New Yorkers seeking a second chance or a new career. As New Yorkers grapple with the effects of a national recession, more and more of them are turning to CUNY's community colleges for educational and career preparation opportunities. CUNY's community college students are enrolled in programs preparing them for transfer into senior colleges and in career-training programs that have been developed in response to the workforce needs of New York employers and major industry groups.

CUNY is using the ARRA funds for the purpose appropriated by the State Legislature and in accordance with applicable Federal laws, including reporting requirements. If you have any questions or need any additional information, you may contact me at (646)746-4275.

cc: Executive Vice Chancellor Allan Dobrin  
Vice Chancellor Ernesto Malave  
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October 1, 2009

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Dear Mr. Connell:

I am writing to inform you that the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) has utilized funds received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the amount of \$49.9 million to supplement the state's Tuition Assistance program (TAP).

During the 2008-09 academic year, TAP awarded approximately \$813 million to over 375,000 students. Without the benefit of the ARRA funds, thousands of students need based awards would have been reduced or denied. All funds received were disbursed to eligible institutions of Higher Education on behalf of New York State students in August 2009.

If you have any additional questions relative to HESC's use of ARRA funds or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Warren Wallin'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Warren Wallin  
Administrative Officer