



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

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The Honorable Eddie Calvo
Office of the Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

Dear Governor Calvo:

I am writing in response to Guam's request to amend its approved State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) application. On August 12, 2011, the State submitted amendment requests and documentation in support of these requests to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) in order to ensure that all funds are obligated by the September 30, 2011 deadline. Through additional correspondence this past week, the Governor's office as well as officials from Guam Community College and the University of Guam provided clarification and documentation requested by the Department which support the amendment requests.

Based on the documentation provided, I am pleased to approve the following amendments to the SFSF Government Services Fund:

In the University of Guam (UOG) plan, \$480,000 will shift from the "UOG jobs program" to the "IT strengthening program." Through correspondence with the Office of the Governor, the Department understands that UOG may not have sufficient expenditures to have all funds currently allocated to the jobs program obligated by September 30, 2011. Given that UOG will not be able to provide the Department the precise amount to shift until days before the end of the obligation period, the Department will allow UOG to shift up to \$4,000 from the "UOG jobs program" activity into the "capital improvements program." UOG will notify the Department by September 30, 2011, as to whether and to what extent this shift took place.

In the Guam Community College (GCC) plan, \$285,000 will shift from the "VoIP systems" project to various capital improvement projects that are already part of GCC's plan and the "SunGard higher education software" project.

In the Bureau of Budget and Management (BBMR) plan, the total \$400,000 oversight activity budget remains. BBMR will make adjustments within personnel and operations categories to redistribute funds based on obligations to date and to add additional funding to purchase anti-virus licenses and to replace air conditioning units. The Department also understands that BBMR will shift all funds in "equipment maintenance" to support the development of a local Government of Guam website.

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It is the Department's understanding that these amendments do not change the total amount allocated to the University of Guam, Guam Community College, or the Bureau of Budget and Management Research in the Governor's office, only the amounts allocated to the sub-projects contained therein. Additionally, Guam has assured that Department that these changes will ensure all SFSF funds are obligated by the September 30, 2011 deadline. Therefore, the Department approves the above amendments because all proposed uses are allowable and demonstrate Guam's continued commitment to the assurances made in its approved SFSF application.

Please note that this letter and Guam's amendment request will be posted on the Department's website as a record of the amendment.

If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, please do not hesitate to contact Guam's Program Officer, Jessie Levin, at 202-453-6651 or Jessie.Levin@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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