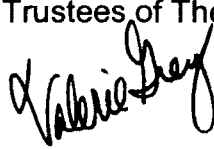




THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
Acting in their Capacity as Trustees of The University of  
the State of New York

**FROM:** Valerie Grey, Fiscal Agent 


**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a \$500,000 grant from the Tortora Sillcox  
Family Foundation

**DATE:** March 28, 2011

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 5

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

Issue for Decision



Approval of a \$500,000 grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from the Tortora Sillcox Family Foundation. The mission of the Tortora Sillcox Family Foundation is to contribute to the steadily growing number of young people in New York City who overcome barriers to graduate from public high school - and then from college - prepared for meaningful employment and robust civic participation. The foundation achieves its mission through support of non-profit organizations that: educate and guide underserved young people, thus helping them to live civically responsible and financially secure lives; provide intellectual connectivity, organizational capacity, human capital development, and opportunities for efficiency to schools that effectively serve young people living in poverty; and communicate the needs of low-income students and effective urban schools to the public and policy makers.

Reason(s) for Consideration

This grant from the Tortora Sillcox Family Foundation is awarded to support the Regents Research Fund Fellowship Program. The Fellowship will provide supplemental expert personnel to assist in the design and implementation of the initiatives essential to the Board of Regents and NYSED Reform Agenda. This critical Reform Agenda support will enable identification and retention of Regents Research Fellows who will be responsible for critical research and analysis to advise the Board of Regents and Department on policy and subsequent implementation.

Proposed Handling

Approval

Recommendation

That the Board of Regents accepts the sum of \$500,000 from the Tortora Sillcox Family Foundation to support the work of the USNY Regents Research Fellowship Program.