



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 *Valerie Grey*

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a \$600,000 grant from the Robin Hood  
Foundation

**DATE:** November 10, 2011

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

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Issue for Decision

Approval of a \$600,000 grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from the Robin Hood Foundation. Since 1988, Robin Hood has targeted poverty in New York City. In its education giving, Robin Hood supports programs that prevent students from falling behind, reinvigorate teaching, and provide students with needed mental and social services.

Reason(s) for Consideration

This grant from the Robin Hood 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

I recommend that the Board of Regents accept the sum of \$600,000 from the Robin Hood Foundation to support the work of the USNY Regents Research Fellowship Program.