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**TO:** Jason Mistlebauer  
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**FROM:** Michael A. Pastor, Chairman  
Gila County Board of Supervisors

**RE:** State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) Distribution to Rural Counties

**DATE:** July 30, 2010

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Gila County submits the following proposal in accordance with the guidelines for distribution of Arizona's State Fiscal Stabilization Funds in the allowable area of Public Safety:

Background:

The Gila County Sheriff's Department is experiencing a crisis in overcrowding in its existing detention facility, resulting in a severe health and safety issue for employees and inmates. The most pressing area of concern is the 18-bed women's facility which must accommodate an average daily census in excess of 33 female inmates. None of the Federal Jail Standards of adequate housing, recreation, medical, classification, segregation, program or religious practice space are being met.

In an effort to address some of these problems Gila County has commenced construction of a new 40-bed women's detention facility. The addition of six permanent employees needed to staff the new facility has increased the burden on the County's General Fund by nearly \$300,000 annually. Gila County proposes to utilize an award of \$230,769 SFSF for salary and fringe benefit costs, as follows:

Budget: ***Additional Permanent Positions:***

1 Detention Nurse  
1 Detention Sergeant  
4 Detention officers

Outcomes/Performance Measures:

Gila County will have a 40-bed detention facility for women inmates that meets Federal Jail Standards. The SFSF will fund 1 Detention nurse for 11 months, and 1 Detention Sergeant and 4 Detention officers for 9 months – a total of 7,000 bed days.