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AGENDA ITEM: Amendments for First Things First Grant Awards

BACKGROUND: The Board of First Things First and Regional Councils approve grant awards and other procurement agreements throughout the year. At various times during a grant award period there is a need for a change in the agreement that requires formal notification of that change.

RECOMMENDATION: The recommendation from staff is for approval of the amendments that are being proposed. First Things First staff have reviewed and discussed the proposed amendments and feel that the changes being requested represent opportunities for continued program success.

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Amendments Recommended for First Things First Board Approval

Regional Partnership Council or Statewide	*Grantee*	*Background/Rationale for Amendment*	*Impact/Action of Amendment*
Inclusive of: • State/Quality First	Valley of the Sun United Way • FTF-STATE-10-0002-01-Y3	This amendment is to allow for a deliverable based payment schedule. This will allow the grantee to maintain timely payments to numerous subgrantees and partners who are actively continuing First Things First statewide Quality First! Initiative.	The amendment reflects the ability of the grantee to set in place, a deliverable based payment system where payment is based on deliverables that provide expenditure reporting for deliverables that provide expenditure reporting for deliverable payments monthly. These deliverable payments are also contingent upon regular narrative and data reporting requirements of First Things First. Expenditure reporting will be monitored to ensure that deliverable payments are being made according to the approved line item budget. The deliverable payments are established to provide funding to the grantee for funds needed during a reporting period and through continued monthly expenditure reporting First Things First would be able to monitor expenditures according to the approved budget. There is no increase of funding to the grantee.
Inclusive of: State/Quality First	Southwest Human Development • FTF-STATE-10-0001-02-Y3	This amendment will serve several purposes, including the following: • Addition of up to $180,000 to allow the grantee to purchase the FTF prescribed program incentives for those child care centers and homes participating in the	Award information is as follows: Increase Southwest Human Development Grant by up to $180,000 from $4,162,337.26 up to $4,342,337.26

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		Pilot Rating Project as described in the grant application for the SAC grant, which FTF received to implement this project.	
Pinal	American Academy of Pediatric Physician Outreach FTF-STATE-10-0230-02-Y2	This amendment will allow the grantee to carry out a scholarship program for medical professionals and pediatric physicians in the region to attend a nationally recognized local conference for medical professionals.	The conferene is utilized to discuss obesity prevention, early childhood intervention services, and care coordination. The conference also provides an opportunity for pediatricians, other pediatric healthcare providers and child health experts, state government officials and child health advocates to review, discuss and debate important child health issues. Approximately 50 medical professionals in the Pinal region will benefit from this training. The grantee's contract will increase from $849,000 to $899,000 with this $50,000 amendment.
Navajo/Apache	Northland Pioneer College IGA-RC015-11-0102-01	Reduce award due to timing issues that impacted implementation. This amendment changes the implementation to recruit six Navajo and Apache county early childhood directors into the Emergent Leaders Program.	FY2012 will recruit four early childhood directors instead of six. The grantee's contract will reduce $85,000 to $28,928 with this $56,072 amendment.