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Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board
First Things First
4000 N. Central Avenue, Suite 800
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Central Pima Regional Partnership Council, we are respectfully requesting a change to the Fiscal Year 2013 Regional Funding Plan.

New and Revised Strategies:

For Fiscal Year 2013, the Central Pima Regional Partnership Council has committed to providing scholarships through the Quality First Child Care Scholarships strategy to early care and education providers who are currently on the Quality First Waitlist and who are currently participating in the regionally implemented Economic Stabilization of Families Child Care Scholarships Strategy.

The Regional Council allotted \$876,000 for SFY13 to Quality First Child Care Scholarships specifically for Quality First Waitlisted providers, which was approved by the Board in January 2012. Recently, the Regional Council worked in partnership with their current scholarship administrator, the City of Tucson to ensure a clearer projection of the actual number of scholarships needed to continue supporting providers currently involved in the City of Tucson scholarship program in SFY13. At the January 11, 2012 Regional Council meeting, members approved amending the Child Care Scholarships strategy after the City of Tucson staff determined the number of scholarships designated for was slightly over-estimated by approximately 13 scholarships, which amounts to \$78,000.

The Regional Council is respectfully requesting the Board's approval of the updated projection, which is 133 scholarships, from the original number of 146 scholarships originally proposed in the approved SFY13 regional funding plan. The modification of the target service number also changes the funding amount designated to the Quality First Child Care Scholarships for Quality First Waitlisted Providers, from \$876,000 to \$798,000. In total, the allotment for Quality First Child Care Scholarships Strategy will shift from the original allotment of \$3,411,511 to \$3,333,511. The difference, \$78,000, would move to unallotted.

Also at the January 11, 2012 Regional Council meeting, members approved a modification to the Stipend/Loan Forgiveness Strategy implemented by the Arizona Department of Health Services. The Central Pima Regional Council initiated this strategy in SFY12, providing loan forgiveness to Speech and Language Pathologists. The Regional Council approved \$11,500 from unexpended carry forward funds to support the staffing and administrative costs for SFY13 and is requesting your approval of this amendment to the regional funding plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marguerite "Peg" Harmon, Chair

Central Pima Regional Partnership Council